

SUPERIOR COURT

(Class Action)

CANADA
PROVINCE OF QUEBEC
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL

No: 500-06-000504-106

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BY: THE HONOURABLE THOMAS M. DAVIS, J.S.C.

CARLOS FOGELMAN
Petitioner

v.

SONY CORPORATION
and
SONY OF CANADA LTD.
and
SONY CORPORATION OF AMERICA
and
SONY OPTIARC, INC.
and
SONY OPTIARC AMERICA INC.
and
SONY NEC OPTIARC, INC.
and
TOSHIBA CORPORATION
and
TOSHIBA AMERICA CONSUMER PRODUCTS, LLC
and
TOSHIBA OF CANADA LIMITED
and
SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS COMPANY, LTD.
and
SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS AMERICA INC.

and
SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC.
and
TOSHIBA SAMSUNG STORAGE TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION
and
HITACHI, LTD.
and
HITACHI CANADA, LTD.
and
HITACHI AMERICA LTD.
and
LG ELECTRONICS, INC.
and
LG ELECTRONICS CANADA
and
LG ELECTRONICS USA, INC.
and
HITACHI-LG DATA STORAGE, INC.
and
KONINKLIJKE PHILIPS ELECTRONICS N.V.
and
PHILIPS ELECTRONICS NORTH AMERICA CORPORATION
and
PHILIPS CANADA LTD.
and
LITE-ON IT CORPORATION
and
PHILIPS & LITE-ON DIGITAL SOLUTION CORPORATION
and
PHILIPS & LITE-ON DIGITAL SOLUTIONS USA, INC.
and
NEC CORPORATION
and
NEC ELECTRONICS AMERICA, INC.
and
TEAC CORPORATION
and
TEAC AMERICA, INC.
and
TEAC CANADA LTD.
Respondents

JUDGMENT

[1] The Petitioner commenced the Quebec Class Action on April 7, 2010, alleging that the Respondents conspired to fix prices in the market for optical disc drives (“ODD”) and products containing ODDs (“ODD Products”).

[2] Parallel class actions were commenced in Ontario¹ on June 11, 2010 and in British Columbia² on September 27, 2010 (together with the Quebec Action, the “Canadian Proceedings”).³ Class Counsel⁴ in the Canadian Proceedings are working cooperatively with each other.

[3] An agreement dated October 24, 2018 (the “Settlement Agreement”), providing for a settlement in the amount of \$ \$4,400,000 CDN, has been reached in the Canadian Proceedings between the Petitioner in the Quebec Action and the plaintiffs in the Ontario Action and the B.C. Action and Sony Corporation, Sony Optiarc, Inc., Sony Optiarc America Inc., Sony of Canada Ltd., Sony Electronics, Inc., Sony Corporation of America, and Sony NEC Optiarc, Inc. (together “Sony” or the “Settling Respondents”).

[4] The Petitioner is now seeking to:

- (i) Authorize the class action for the sole purpose of approving the settlement in this file with the Settling Respondents;
- (ii) Approve the publication,⁵ short-form⁶ and long-form⁷ notices of authorization and settlement approval hearing (collectively, the “Pre-Approval Notice”);
- (iii) Obtain permission to distribute the Pre-approval Notice in accordance with the “Plan of Dissemination”.⁸

[5] The Petitioner and the Settling Respondents have agreed to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the whole subject to the approval of this Court, without any admission of liability whatsoever by the Settling Respondents and for the sole purpose of resolving the dispute between these parties.

[6] Previous settlements were reached and approved by the Courts in Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia in the following amounts and with the following parties:

- (a) TEAC Corporation, TEAC America, Inc. and TEAC Canada, Ltd. (together “TEAC”) in the amount of \$500,000 USD;

¹ *The Fanshawe College of Applied Arts and Technology v. Sony Optiarc et al.*, 2013 ONSC 1477, Commenced at London, Court File No. 1501/10CP (the “Ontario Action”).

² *Neil Godfrey v. Sony Corporation et al.*, Supreme Court of British Columbia, Vancouver Registry, Court File No. S-106462 (the “B.C. Action”).

³ Another action was commenced in Manitoba relating to similar allegations. Class Counsel is not working with counsel in the Manitoba action and is not aware of any active steps being taken in that action.

⁴ Class Counsel means the following law firms: Camp Fiorante Matthews Mogerman LLP, Branch MacMaster LLP, and Consumer Law Group Inc.

⁵ Exhibit R-2.

⁶ Exhibit R-3.

⁷ Exhibit R-4.

⁸ Exhibit R-5.

- (b) NEC Corporation and NEC Canada, Inc. (together "NEC") in the amount of \$730,000 CDN; and
- (c) Hitachi-LG Data Storage Inc. and Hitachi-LG Data Storage Korea, Inc. (together Hitachi-LG") in the amount of \$8,123,940 CDN.

[7] As part of the notice published in relation to the above settlements, putative settlement class members were advised of their right to opt-out of the respective litigation and that no additional right to opt-out would be provided. There were no opt-outs.

[8] In 2016, the B.C. Action was certified on behalf of residents of British Columbia with two subclasses, namely "Non-Umbrella Purchasers⁹" and "Umbrella Purchasers¹⁰". The certification decision was upheld by the British Columbia Court of Appeal. Defendants obtained leave to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada. The Supreme Court of Canada heard the Defendants' appeal on December 11, 2018. The decision is currently under reserve.

[9] Certification of the Ontario Action was scheduled to take place on February 27, 28, and March 1, 2019. Due to the forthcoming decision from the Supreme Court in the BC Action, the parties agreed to focus on the litigation in British Columbia and dispense with a separate and duplicative process in Ontario. Specifically, the parties agreed that:

- (i) The Ontario Action would be permanently stayed immediately;
- (ii) Once the form of the B.C. Action was known, if one remained, the parties would consent to a motion in the B.C. Action to expand the class to include all Canadians;
- (iii) At this time the Quebec action remains active.

[10] The litigation is continuing against the remaining Respondents (the "Non-Settling Respondents").

AUTHORIZATION

[11] The Settling Respondents consent to the present Application to authorize a class action for the purposes of settlement only, which consent shall be withdrawn should the Settlement Agreement not be approved by the Court.¹¹

[12] The present judgment, including the authorization of the class action against the Settling Respondents and the definition of the Quebec Settlement Class, the Class Period, and the Common Issue shall not affect any position a Non-Settling Respondent

⁹ ODDs that were manufactured or supplied by the defendants in this action or ODD Products in which the ODD was manufactured or supplied by the defendants in this action.

¹⁰ ODDs that were not manufactured or supplied by the defendants in this action or ODD Products in which the ODD was not manufactured or supplied by the defendants in this action.

¹¹ *Communication Méga-Sat inc. c. LG Philips LCD Co. Ltd.*, 2013 QCCS 5592; *Lavoie c. Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec*, 2013 QCCS 866; *Option Consommateurs c. Infineon Technologies, a.g.*, 2012 QCCS 6405; *9085-4886 Québec inc. c. Visa Canada Corporation*, 2014 QCCS 6701.

may take in this or in any other proceeding on any issue, including the issue of whether the Quebec Action should be authorized as a class action as against the Non-Settling Respondents. For greater certainty, this judgment is not binding on and shall have no effect on the continuing proceedings as against the Non-Settling Respondents.

[13] Where a respondent consents to the authorization of a class action for settlement purposes only, the analysis of the criteria set forth at article 575 C.C.P. must still be met, but is flexible and takes into account the fact of the settlement.¹²

[14] The allegations of the Motion for Authorization dated April 7, 2010, the Exhibits in support thereof and the Affidavit of the Petitioner dated January 23, 2018, justify granting the present Application in accordance with the criteria set forth at article 575 C.C.P. for settlement purposes only.

[15] The Petitioner and the Settling Respondents have agreed to seek authorization for the following Quebec Settlement Class defined as:

All Persons in Quebec who purchased ODD* and/or ODD Products** during the Class Period***, except Excluded Persons****.

* ODD means any device which reads and/or writes data from and to an optical disk, including but not limited to, CD-ROMs, CD-recordable/rewritable, DVD-ROM, DVD recordable/rewritable, Blu-Ray, Blu-Ray-recordable/rewritable, and HD DVD, as well as Super Multi-Drives, other combination drives, and optical disk drives designed to be attached externally to computers or other devices.

** ODD Products means products incorporating ODD, including but not limited to desktop computers, mobile/laptop computers, videogame consoles, CD players/recorders, DVD players/recorders and Blu-Ray disc players/recorders.

*** Class Period means January 1, 2000 through to December 31, 2010.

**** Excluded Persons means each Defendant, the directors and officers of each Defendant, the subsidiaries or affiliates of each Defendant, the entities in which each Defendant or any of that Defendant's subsidiaries or affiliates have a controlling interest and the legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns of each of the foregoing, and those Persons who validly and timely opt-out of the Proceedings in accordance with orders of the applicable Court.

[16] The Petitioner and the Settling Respondents have agreed to seek authorization for the following identical, similar or related issue of law or fact, namely:

¹² *Vallée c. Hyundai Auto Canada Corp.*, 2014 QCCS 3778; *Schachter c. Toyota Canada inc.*, 2014 QCCS 802; *Markus c. Reebok Canada inc.*, 2012 QCCS 3562; *Richard c. Volkswagen Group Canada inc.*, 2012 QCCS 5534; *9085-4886 Québec inc. c. Visa Canada Corporation*, 2015 QCCS 5914.

Did the Settling Defendants conspire to fix, raise, maintain and/or stabilize the prices of ODD directly or indirectly in Canada during the Class Period? If so, what damages, if any, did Settlement Class Members suffer?

[17] The facts alleged appear to justify the conclusions sought.¹³

[18] The proposed common issue differs slightly from the common issue previously certified by this Court for the purposes of settlement. The proposed common issue excludes the issue of allocating markets and rephrases a portion of the previously certified common issue pertaining to damages payable by the Settling Defendants to Settlement Class Members. Below is a blackline comparison of the previously certified common issue with the proposed common issue.

~~Did the Settling Defendants, or any of them, conspire to fix, raise, maintain, and/or stabilize the prices of, or allocate markets and customers for, ODD price of ODD and ODD Products~~ directly or indirectly in Canada during the Class Period? If so, what damages, if any, ~~are payable by the Settling Defendants, or any of them to the~~ did Settlement Class Members suffer?

[19] The composition of the class makes it difficult or impracticable to apply the rules for mandates to sue on behalf of others or for consolidation of proceedings because:

- a) Potential Quebec Settlement Class Members are dispersed across the province;
- b) Given the costs and risks inherent in instituting an action before the courts, people could hesitate to institute individual actions against the Settling Respondents; and
- c) Individual litigation of the factual and legal issues raised would increase delay and expenses to all parties and would place an unjustifiable burden on the court system.

[20] The Petitioner, who is requesting to obtain the status of representative, will fairly, properly, and adequately protect and represent the interest of the Quebec Settlement Class Members since he:

- a) Is a settlement class member;
- b) Was instrumental in instituting this class action and in engaging counsel with extensive experience in class actions;
- c) Provided his attorneys with relevant information and instructed them to proceed with the present proceedings;
- d) Ensured that settlement class members would be kept up-to-date through his attorneys' website;

¹³ Articles 7 and 1457 of the *Civil Code of Québec*, RLRQ, c. CCQ-1991, and sections 36, 45, and 46 (1) of the *Competition Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-34.

- e) Participated in the settlement negotiations by providing input to his attorneys, ultimately instructing its attorneys to sign the Settlement Agreement;
- f) Has a good understanding of what this class action is about and what the settlement provides to settlement class members;
- g) Has performed his responsibilities as the representative of the class and he will continue to do so insofar as the proposed settlement is concerned;
- h) Has always acted in the best interests of the settlement class members; and
- i) Has not indicated any possible conflict of interest with the settlement class members.

CLASS NOTICE

[21] The Petitioner and plaintiffs in the Canadian Proceedings and the Settling Respondents have agreed on the form and content of the Pre-Approval Notice. The Pre-Approval Notice will advise settlement class members of the basic terms of the Settlement Agreement and their right to participate in the settlement approval hearings.

[22] The Petitioner and plaintiffs in the Canadian Proceedings and the Settling Respondents have agreed on the Plan of Dissemination, namely:

Publication Notice (Newspaper Publication)

- a) A publication notice designed with minimal text. Its purpose is to draw the attention of settlement class members and direct them to the settlement website for more information. The publication notice will be published once in the following Canadian newspapers with the following average daily circulations¹⁴ (subject to each having reasonable publication deadlines and costs):

Newspaper	Average Daily Circulation (2015)
The Globe and Mail (National Edition)	336,487
Le Journal de Montréal (French)	232,332
The Vancouver Sun	136,787
Le Soleil (French)	78,455

Short-Form Notice (Sent by Email or Direct Mail)

¹⁴ Newspapers Canada's *Circulation Report: Daily Newspapers 2015*, https://nmc-mic.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/2015-Daily-Newspaper-Circulation-Report-REPORT_FINAL.pdf.

- b) Sent to the Settling and Settled Respondents' direct purchaser customers of ODD or ODD Products during the relevant period, to the extent that such information has been provided to class counsel;
- c) Sent to anyone who has registered with class counsel to receive updates on the status of the ODD class action; and
- d) Sent to the following industry associations for voluntary distribution to their membership:
 - i. Retail Council of Canada;¹⁵ and
 - ii. *Conseil québécois du commerce de détail* (Quebec Retail Council);¹⁶

Long-Form Notice (Posted or Upon Request)

- e) Posted on class counsel's respective websites; and
- f) Provided by class counsel to any person who requests it.

[23] The proposed Plan of Dissemination is similar to the Plan of Dissemination that was most recently approved by this Honourable Court. Some changes were made with respect to the distribution of the publication and short-form notice. Most notably, the number of newspapers publications was reduced to account for the fact that the opt-out has run and the Information Technology Association of Canada was dropped from the list of trade organizations, as it was learned that this organization does not distribute class action legal notices to its members.

POUR CES MOTIFS, LE TRIBUNAL : WHEREFORE, THE COURT:

[24] **ACCUEILLE** la présente demande; [24] **GRANTS** the present application;

[25] **ORDONNE** que, pour l'application du présent jugement, les définitions énoncées dans la Convention de règlement, pièce R-1, s'appliquent et y sont incorporées par renvoi; [25] **ORDERS** that for the purposes of this judgment, the definitions contained in the Settlement Agreement, Exhibit R-1 shall apply and are incorporated by reference;

[26] **AUTORISE** l'exercice de cette action collective contre Sony Corporation, Sony [26] **AUTHORIZES** the bringing of a class action against Sony Corporation, Sony of

¹⁵ According to its website, the Retail Council of Canada is the "voice of retail in Canada" and represents more than 45,000 store fronts of all retail formats across Canada, including department, specialty, discount, and independent stores, and online merchants.

¹⁶ According to its website, the *Conseil québécois du commerce de détail* is the "voice of retail in Quebec" and is an association of more than "5,000 commercial establishments, representing nearly 70% of retail-related economic activity in Quebec".

of Canada Ltd., Sony Corporation of America, Sony Optiarc, Inc., Sony Optiarc America Inc., et Sony NEC Optiarc, Inc. à des fins de règlement seulement;

[27] **ATTRIBUE** au Requéranant le statut de représentante des Membres du Groupe Québécois de Règlement ci-après décrit :

« Tous les résidents du Québec qui ont acheté des lecteurs de disques optiques et / ou un produit muni d'un lecteur de disque optique au cours de la Période du Recours, à l'exception des Personnes Exclues. »

[28] **IDENTIFIE** aux fins de règlement, la question commune comme étant la suivante :

« Est-ce que les Défenderesses qui règlent ont comploté avec d'autres pour fixer, augmenter, maintenir, et/ou stabiliser les prix des LDO et les Produits contenant des LDO directement ou indirectement au Canada pendant la Période visée? Dans l'affirmative, quels dommages, le cas échéant, les Membres du groupe visé par le règlement ont-ils subis ? »

[29] **DÉCLARE** que l'autorisation de l'Action du Québec contre les Intimées Réglantes à des fins de règlement, y compris la définition des Membres du Groupe Québécois de Règlement et de la Question Commune, est sans préjudice des droits et moyens de défense des Intimées Non-Réglantes relativement à l'Action du Québec en cours;

Canada Ltd., Sony Corporation of America, Sony Optiarc, Inc., Sony Optiarc America Inc., et Sony NEC Optiarc, Inc. for the purposes of settlement only;

[27] **APPOINTS** the Petitioner as representative of the Quebec Settlement Class herein described as:

“All Persons resident in Quebec who purchased ODD and/or an ODD Product during the Class Period, except Excluded Persons.”

[28] **IDENTIFIES** for the purposes of settlement, the common issue as follows:

“Did the Settling Defendants conspire to fix, raise, maintain and/or stabilize the prices of ODD directly or indirectly in Canada during the Class Period? If so, what damages, if any, did Settlement Class Members suffer?”

[29] **DECLARES** that the authorization of the Quebec Action as against the Settling Respondents for settlement purposes, including the definition of the Quebec Settlement Class and the Common Issue, is without prejudice to the rights and defences of the Non-Settling Respondents in connection with the ongoing Quebec Action;

- [30] **APPROUVE** la forme et le contenu des Avis de pré-approbation ci-joints comme pièces R-2, R-3, et R-4;
- [30] **APPROVES** the form and content of the Pre-Approval Notices attached hereto as Exhibits R-2, R-3, and R-4;
- [31] **ORDONNE** que les Avis de pré-approbation soient publiés et diffusés en conformité avec le Plan de Diffusion ci-joint comme pièce R-5;
- [31] **ORDERS** that the Pre-Approval Notices shall be published and disseminated in accordance with the Plan of Dissemination attached hereto as Exhibit R-5;
- [32] **ORDONNE** que les frais de diffusion des Avis de pré-approbation soient acquittés suivant les termes de la Convention de règlement;
- [32] **ORDERS** that the costs of disseminating the Pre-Approval Notices will be paid for in accordance with the Settlement Agreement;
- [33] **DÉCLARE** que la période d'exclusion prévue au jugement de cette Cour du 29 janvier 2018, ayant expiré le 15 avril 2018, est maintenue et qu'aucune période d'exclusion additionnelle n'est nécessaire;
- [33] **DECLARES** that the opt-out period provided pursuant to the Judgment of this Court dated January 29, 2018, having expired on April 15, 2018, stands and that no further opt-out period is necessary;
- [34] **ORDONNE** que le présent jugement soit conditionnel à ce que des ordonnances parallèles soient rendues par le tribunal de la Colombie-Britannique et le tribunal de l'Ontario, et que le présent jugement n'aura aucun effet tant que le tribunal de la Colombie-Britannique et le tribunal de l'Ontario n'auront pas rendu leur ordonnance respective;
- [34] **ORDERS** that this judgment is contingent upon parallel orders being made by the B.C. Court and the Ontario Court, and the terms of those orders shall not be effective unless and until such orders are made by the B.C. Court and the Ontario Court;
- [35] **ORDONNE** que l'audition de la requête pour approuver la Convention du règlement aura lieu le 29 mai 2019 à 14 h en salle 2.08 [ou toute autre salle d'audience, qui sera indiquée par avis affiché à l'extérieur de la salle d'audience 2.08] au palais de justice de Montréal, 1, rue Notre-Dame Est (l'« Audience d'approbation du Règlement »);
- [35] **ORDERS** that the hearing to approve the Settlement Agreement will be held on May 29, 2019 at 2 p.m. in room 2.08 [or any other courtroom, which will be indicated by the posting of a sign outside of courtroom 2.08] at the Montreal Courthouse, 1, Notre-Dame Street East (the "Settlement Approval Hearing");
- [36] **ORDONNE** que la date et l'heure pour la tenue de l'Audience d'Approbation du Règlement soient indiquées dans les Avis de pré-approbation, bien qu'elles
- [36] **ORDERS** that the date and time of the Settlement Approval Hearing shall be set forth in the Pre-Approval Notices, but may be subject to adjournment by the Court without

puissent être reportées par la Cour sans further publication notice to the Class
autre avis signifié aux Membres du Members, other than such notice which will be
Groupe, exception faite de l'avis qui sera posted on the settlement website at
affiché sur le site web du Règlement <http://www.siskinds.com/odd/>;
<http://www.siskinds.com/odd/>;

LE TOUT, sans frais de justice.

THE WHOLE, without legal costs.



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**CANADIAN ODD CLASS ACTION
NATIONAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

Made as of October 24, 2018

Between

NEIL GODFREY, THE FANSHAWE COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS AND
TECHNOLOGY and C. FOGELMAN

(the "Plaintiffs")

and

SONY CORPORATION, SONY OPTIARC, INC., SONY OPTIARC AMERICA INC.,
SONY OF CANADA LTD., SONY ELECTRONICS, INC., SONY CORPORATION OF
AMERICA and SONY NEC OPTIARC, INC.

(the "Settling Defendants")

**CANADIAN ODD CLASS ACTION
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**CANADIAN ODD CLASS ACTION
NATIONAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

RECITALS

A. WHEREAS the Proceedings have been commenced by the BC Plaintiff in British Columbia, the Quebec Plaintiff in Quebec and the Ontario Plaintiff in Ontario;

B. AND WHEREAS the Proceedings allege that the Settling Defendants participated in an unlawful conspiracy to fix, raise, maintain, and/or stabilize the price of ODD and ODD Products in Canada from at least January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2010, contrary to Part VI of the *Competition Act* and the common law;

C. AND WHEREAS the BC Proceeding was certified as a class proceeding by order of the BC Court dated November 1, 2016, which certification was affirmed by the BC Court of Appeal on August 18, 2017;

D. AND WHEREAS the Settling Defendants do not admit, through the execution of this Settlement Agreement, any allegation of unlawful conduct alleged in the Proceedings or otherwise;

E. AND WHEREAS despite their belief that they are not liable in respect of the claims as alleged in the Proceedings and have good and reasonable defences in respect of jurisdiction and the merits, the Settling Defendants are entering into this Settlement Agreement in order to achieve a final and nationwide resolution of all claims asserted or which could have been asserted against the Settling Defendants by the Plaintiffs in the Proceedings, and to avoid further expense, inconvenience, the distraction of burdensome and protracted litigation, and the risks associated with trials and appeals;

F. AND WHEREAS counsel for the Settling Defendants and Class Counsel have engaged in arms-length settlement discussions and negotiations, resulting in this Settlement Agreement with respect to the Proceedings;

G. AND WHEREAS the Plaintiffs and Class Counsel have reviewed and fully understand the terms of this Settlement Agreement and, based on their analyses of the facts and law applicable to the Plaintiffs' claims, and having regard to the burdens and expense in prosecuting

the Proceedings, including the risks and uncertainties associated with trials and appeals, the Plaintiffs and Class Counsel have concluded that this Settlement Agreement is fair, reasonable and in the best interests of the Plaintiffs and the classes the Plaintiffs seek to represent;

H. AND WHEREAS the Plaintiffs, Class Counsel and the Settling Defendants agree that neither this Settlement Agreement nor any statement made in the negotiation thereof shall be deemed or construed to be an admission by or evidence against the Settling Defendants or evidence of the truth of any of the Plaintiffs' allegations against the Settling Defendants, which the Settling Defendants expressly deny;

I. AND WHEREAS the Parties therefore wish to, and hereby do, finally resolve on a national basis, without admission of liability, all of the Proceedings as against the Settling Defendants;

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

K. AND WHEREAS the Settling Defendants do not hereby attorn to the jurisdiction of the Courts or any other court or tribunal in respect of any civil, criminal or administrative process except to the extent they have previously done so in the Proceedings and as is expressly provided in this Settlement Agreement with respect to the Proceedings;

L. AND WHEREAS the Parties consent to certification or authorization of (i) the Proceedings as class proceedings, (ii) the Settlement Classes and (iii) the Common Issue in respect of each of the Proceedings as against the Settling Defendants for the sole purpose of implementing this Settlement Agreement and contingent on approvals by the Courts as provided for in this Settlement Agreement, on the express understanding that such certification or authorization shall not derogate from the respective rights of the Parties in the event that this Settlement Agreement is not approved, is terminated or otherwise fails to take effect for any reason;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants, agreements and releases set forth herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby

acknowledged, it is agreed by the Parties that the Ontario Proceeding and BC Proceeding be settled and dismissed as to the Settling Defendants only, and the Quebec Proceeding be declared settled out of court as against the Settling Defendants, all without costs as to the Plaintiffs, the classes the Plaintiffs seek to represent and the Settling Defendants, subject to the approval of the Courts, on the following terms and conditions:

SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Settlement Agreement only, including the recitals and schedules hereto:

- (1) **Administration Expenses** means all fees, disbursements, expenses, costs, taxes and any other amounts incurred or payable by the Plaintiffs, Class Counsel or otherwise for the approval, implementation and operation of this Settlement Agreement, including the costs of notices and the costs of claims administration, but excluding Class Counsel Fees.
- (2) **Approval Hearings** means the hearings for the Courts' approval of the settlement provided for in this Settlement Agreement.
- (3) **BC Counsel** means Camp Fiorante Matthews Mogerman LLP.
- (4) **BC Court** means the Supreme Court of British Columbia.
- (5) **BC Plaintiff** means Neil Godfrey.
- (6) **BC Proceeding** means the proceeding commenced by the BC Plaintiff before the BC Court that is identified in Schedule "A" to this Settlement Agreement.
- (7) **BC Settlement Class** means the settlement class in respect of the BC Proceeding that is identified in Schedule "A" to this Settlement Agreement.
- (8) **Claims Administrator** means the firm proposed by Class Counsel and appointed by the Courts to administer the Settlement Amount in accordance with the provisions of this Settlement Agreement and the Distribution Protocol, and any employees of such firm.
- (9) **Class Counsel** means BC Counsel, Ontario Counsel and Quebec Counsel.

(10) ***Class Counsel Disbursements*** include the disbursements and applicable taxes incurred by Class Counsel in the prosecution of the Proceedings, as well as any adverse costs awards issued against the Plaintiffs in any of the Proceedings.

(11) ***Class Counsel Fees*** means the fees of Class Counsel, and any applicable taxes or charges thereon, including any amounts payable by Class Counsel or the Settlement Class Members to any other body or Person, including the Fonds d'aide aux actions collectives in Quebec, as a result of this Settlement Agreement.

(12) ***Class Period*** means January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2010.

(13) ***Common Issue*** means: Did the Settling Defendants conspire to fix, raise, maintain, and/or stabilize the price of ODD and ODD Products directly or indirectly in Canada during the Class Period? If so, what damages, if any, did Settlement Class Members suffer?

(14) ***Counsel for the Settling Defendants*** means McCarthy Tetrault LLP.

(15) ***Courts*** means the BC Court, Ontario Court and the Quebec Court.

(16) ***Defendants*** means the entities named as defendants in the Proceedings as set out in Schedule "A" to this Settlement Agreement, and any Persons added as defendants in the Proceedings and/or in the future. For greater certainty, for the purpose of this Settlement Agreement, Defendants includes, without limitation, the Settling Defendants and Settled Defendants.

(17) ***Distribution Protocol*** means the plan for distributing the Settlement Amount and accrued interest, in whole or in part, as proposed by Class Counsel and as approved by the Courts.

(18) ***Documents*** means all papers, computer or electronic records, or other materials within the scope of Rule 1-1(1) of the British Columbia *Supreme Court Civil Rules* and any copies, reproductions or summaries of the foregoing, including microfilm copies and computer images.

(19) ***Effective Date*** means the date all Final Orders are obtained.

(20) **Execution Date** means the date on the cover page as of which the Parties have fully executed this Settlement Agreement.

(21) **Excluded Person** means each Defendant, the directors and officers of each Defendant, the subsidiaries or affiliates of each Defendant, the entities in which each Defendant or any of that Defendant's subsidiaries or affiliates have a controlling interest and the legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns of each of the foregoing, and those Persons who validly and timely opt-out of the Proceedings in accordance with the orders of the applicable Court.

(22) **Final Orders** means the final order issued and entered by each of the Courts in respect of the approval of this Settlement Agreement.

(23) **Non-Settling Defendant** means a Defendant that is not the Settling Defendants or a Settled Defendant, and includes any Defendant that terminates its own settlement agreement in accordance with its terms or whose settlement otherwise fails to take effect for any reason, whether or not such settlement agreement is in existence at the Execution Date.

(24) **Notice of Hearing** means the form or forms of notice, agreed to by the Plaintiffs and the Settling Defendants, or such other form or forms of notice as may be approved by the Courts, which informs the Settlement Class of: (i) the certification or authorization of the Proceedings as class proceedings; (ii) the dates and locations of the Approval Hearings; (iii) the principal elements of the Settlement Agreement; and (iv) the process by which Settlement Class Members may object to and/or opt-out of the settlement.

(25) **ODD** means any device which reads and/or writes data from and to an optical disk, including but not limited to, CD-ROMs, CD-recordable/rewritable, DVD-ROM, DVDrecordable/rewritable, Blu-Ray, Blu-Ray-recordable/rewritable, and HD DVD, as well as Super Multi-Drives, other combination drives, and optical disk drives designed to be attached externally to computers or other devices.

(26) **ODD Product** means products incorporating ODD, including but not limited to desktop computers, mobile/laptop computers, videogame consoles, CD players/recorders, DVD players/recorders and Blu-Ray disc players/recorders.

- (27) **Ontario Counsel** means Siskinds LLP.
- (28) **Ontario Court** means the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.
- (29) **Ontario Plaintiff** means The Fanshawe College of Applied Arts and Technology.
- (30) **Ontario Proceeding** means the proceeding commenced by the Ontario Plaintiff before the Ontario Court as identified in Schedule “A” to this Settlement Agreement.
- (31) **Ontario Settlement Class** means the settlement class in respect of the Ontario Proceeding that is defined in Schedule “A” to this Settlement Agreement.
- (32) **Other Actions** means actions or proceedings, other than the Proceedings, relating to Released Claims commenced by a Settlement Class Member either before or after the Effective Date.
- (33) **Party and Parties** means the Plaintiffs, Settlement Class Members (where appropriate) and the Settling Defendants.
- (34) **Person** means an individual, corporation, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company, association, joint stock company, estate, legal representative, trust, trustee, executor, beneficiary, unincorporated association, government or any political subdivision or agency thereof, and any other business or legal entity and their heirs, predecessors, successors, representatives, or assignees.
- (35) **Plaintiffs** means the BC Plaintiff, the Ontario Plaintiff, and the Quebec Plaintiff.
- (36) **Proceeding and Proceedings** means the BC Proceeding, Ontario Proceeding and the Quebec Proceeding as defined in Schedule “A” to this Settlement Agreement.
- (37) **Proportionate Liability** means that proportion of any judgment that, had the Settling Defendants not settled, the BC Court or Ontario Court, would have apportioned to the Releasees.
- (38) **Purchase Price** means the sale price paid by Settlement Class Members for ODD and ODD Products purchased in Canada during the Class Period, less any rebates, delivery or shipping charges, taxes and any other form of discounts.

- (39) *Quebec Counsel* means Consumer Law Group LLP.
- (40) *Quebec Court* means the Superior Court of Quebec.
- (41) *Quebec Plaintiff* means C. Fogelman.
- (42) *Quebec Proceeding* means the proceeding commenced by the Quebec Plaintiff before the Quebec Court identified in Schedule “A” to this Settlement Agreement.
- (43) *Quebec Settlement Class* means the settlement class in respect of the Quebec Proceeding that is identified in Schedule “A” to this Settlement Agreement.
- (44) *Released Claims* means any and all manner of claims, demands, actions, suits, causes of action, whether class, individual or otherwise in nature, whether personal or subrogated, including any claims for consequential, subsequent or follow-on harm that arises after the Class Period, damages of any kind (including compensatory, punitive or other damages) whenever incurred, liabilities of any nature whatsoever, including interest, costs, expenses, class administration expenses (including Administration Expenses), penalties, and lawyers’ fees (including Class Counsel Fees), known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, suspected or unsuspected, actual or contingent, asserted or unasserted, accrued or unaccrued and liquidated or unliquidated, in law, under statute or in equity, that any of the Releasors ever had, now have or hereafter can, shall or may have arising from or relating in any way to the purchase, pricing or sale of ODD and/or ODD Products, during the Class Period, including, but not limited to, those claims that: (1)(a) are based on, arise under or relate to allegations of an unlawful or anticompetitive conspiracy to fix, raise, maintain, and/or stabilize the price of ODD and/or ODD Products in Canada during the Class Period, and, also (b) relating to or arising from the purchase, sale or pricing of ODD and/or ODD Products during the Class Period; or (2) relating to any conduct that could have been or is alleged in the Proceedings. However, nothing herein shall be construed to release: (a) any claims involving any negligence, personal injury, breach of contract, bailment, failure to deliver lost goods, damaged or delayed goods, product defect, securities, or other similar claim relating to ODD and/or ODD Products; and (b) claims brought (whether before or after the Effective Date) relating to purchases of ODD and/or ODD Products outside of Canada.

(45) **Releasees** means, jointly and severally, individually and collectively, the Sony Companies and Sony of Canada Ltd., and all of their respective present and former, direct and indirect, parents, subsidiaries, divisions, affiliates, partners, insurers, and all other Persons, partnerships or corporations with whom any of the former have been, or are now, affiliated, and all of their respective past, present and future officers, directors, employees, supervisors, agents, principals, contractor, insurers, shareholders, attorneys, trustees, servants, and representatives of any kind, and the predecessors, successors, purchasers, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns of each of the foregoing, excluding always the Non-Settling Defendants and any affiliates of the Non-Settling Defendants.

(46) **Releasers** means, jointly and severally, individually and collectively, the Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class Members, on behalf of themselves and any Person or entity claiming by or through them as a parent, subsidiary, affiliate, predecessor, successor, shareholder, partner, director, owner of any kind, agent, principal, employee, contractor, attorney, heir, executor, administrator, insurer, devisee, assignee, or representative of any kind.

(47) **Settled Defendants** means:

- (a) subject to approval of the Courts, TEAC Corporation, TEAC America, Inc., TEAC Canada, Ltd., NEC Corporation, NEC Canada, Inc. Hitachi-LG Data Storage, Inc., Hitachi-LG Data Storage Korea, Inc., Hitachi, Ltd., Hitachi Canada, Ltd., Hitachi America Ltd., LG Electronics Inc., LG Electronics Canada, Inc., and LG Electronics USA, Inc.; and
- (b) any Defendant that executes its own settlement agreement whether before or after this Settlement Agreement, which settlement agreement is finally approved by the necessary Courts and becomes effective in accordance with its terms.

(48) **Settlement Agreement** means this agreement, including the recitals and schedules.

(49) **Settlement Amount** means the sum of four million four hundred thousand Canadian dollars (CDN \$4,400,000).

(50) **Settlement Class** means, in respect of each of the Proceedings, the settlement class defined in Schedule A.

(51) **Settlement Class Member** means a member of a Settlement Class.

(52) **Settling Defendants** means the Sony Companies, in their capacity as Defendants to the Proceedings, and Sony of Canada Ltd.

(53) **Sony Disclosure** means the Documents produced by the Sony Companies to the Plaintiffs in the U.S. Litigation (including transactional sales data and costs data, transactional sales data for Sony of Canada Ltd. for the years 2004-2010, responses to written interrogatories served by the Sony Companies in the U.S. Litigation, transcripts of all past and future depositions and live testimony of current or former employees, officers or directors of the Sony Companies, including all exhibits thereto, taken in the U.S. Litigation, and Documents and related translations produced by the Sony Companies to the United States Department of Justice concerning the allegations raised in the Proceedings. These material will be withheld or redacted as necessary to comply with the protective order entered in the US Litigation and any applicable non-disclosure agreements.

(54) **Sony Companies** means Sony Corporation, Sony Optiarc Inc., Sony Optiarc America Inc., Sony Electronics Inc., Sony Corporation of America, and Sony NEC Optiarc Inc.

(55) **Trust Account** means a guaranteed investment vehicle, liquid money market account or equivalent security with a rating equivalent to or better than that of a Canadian Schedule I bank (a bank listed in Schedule I of the *Bank Act*, SC 1991, c 46) held at a Canadian financial institution under the control of Camp Fiorante Matthews Mogerma LLP or the Claims Administrator, once appointed, for the benefit of the Settlement Class Members or the Settling Defendants, as provided for in this Settlement Agreement.

(56) **U.S. Litigation** means the class action proceeding pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, under the caption In Re: Optical Disk Drive Products Antitrust Litigation 3:10-md-02143-RS, and includes all actions transferred by the Judicial Panel for Multidistrict Litigation for coordination involving similar allegations relating to ODD and ODD Products.

(57) *U.S. Settlement Agreements* means any settlement reached with the Sony Companies in the U.S. Litigation.

SECTION 2 - SETTLEMENT APPROVAL

2.1 Best Efforts

(1) The Parties shall use their best efforts to implement this settlement and to secure the dismissal with prejudice of the BC Proceeding and Ontario Proceeding as against the Settling Defendants and a declaration of settlement out of court of the Quebec Proceeding as against the Settling Defendants.

2.2 Motions for Approval

(1) As soon as practical after the Settlement Agreement is executed, the BC and Ontario Plaintiffs shall bring motions before the BC and Ontario Courts for an order certifying the BC and Ontario Proceedings as a class proceeding (for settlement purposes) as against the Settling Defendants, and then approving this Settlement Agreement.

(2) As soon as practical after the Settlement Agreement is executed, and after the BC and Ontario Plaintiffs bring the first motion required by section 2.2(1), the Quebec Plaintiff shall bring a motion before the Quebec Court for an order authorizing the Quebec Proceeding as a class proceeding (for settlement purposes) as against the Settling Defendants, and after the BC and Ontario Plaintiffs bring the second motion required by section 2.2(1), the Quebec Plaintiff shall bring a motion before the Quebec Court for an order approving the Settlement Agreement.

(3) The form of orders referred to in section 2.2(1) and (2) shall be as agreed to by the Plaintiffs and Settling Defendants or in such form or manner as approved by the Courts.

(4) This Settlement Agreement shall only become final on the Effective Date.

2.3 Pre-Motion Confidentiality

(1) Until the first of the motions required by section 2.2 is brought, the Parties shall keep all of the terms of the Settlement Agreement confidential and shall not disclose them without the prior consent of Counsel for the Settling Defendants and Class Counsel, as the case may be, except as required for the purposes of financial reporting or the preparation of financial records

(including tax returns and financial statements), as otherwise required by law, or as otherwise required to give effect to the terms of this Settlement Agreement.

SECTION 3- SETTLEMENT BENEFITS

3.1 Payment of Settlement Amount

(1) Within thirty (30) days of the Execution Date, the Settling Defendants shall pay the Settlement Amount to Camp Fiorante Matthews Mogerma LLP for deposit into the Trust Account.

(2) The Settling Defendants shall deposit the Settlement Amount into the Trust Account by wire transfer. Camp Fiorante Matthews Mogerma LLP shall provide the necessary wire transfer information to Counsel for the Settling Defendants with reasonable advance notice so that the Settling Defendants have a reasonable period of time to comply with section 3.1(1) of this Settlement Agreement.

(3) The Settlement Amount and other consideration to be provided in accordance with the terms of this Settlement Agreement shall be provided in full satisfaction of the Released Claims against the Releasees.

(4) The Settling Defendants shall have no obligation to pay any amount in addition to the Settlement Amount, for any reason, pursuant to or in furtherance of this Settlement Agreement.

(5) Once a Claims Administrator has been appointed, Camp Fiorante Matthews Mogerma LLP may transfer all funds in the Trust Account to the Claims Administrator.

(6) Camp Fiorante Matthews Mogerma LLP and the Claims Administrator shall maintain the Trust Account as provided for in this Settlement Agreement. While in control of the Trust Account, Camp Fiorante Matthews Mogerma LLP and the Claims Administrator shall not pay out all or part of the monies in the Trust Account, except in accordance with this Settlement Agreement, or in accordance with an order of the Courts obtained after notice to the Parties.

3.2 Taxes and Interest

(1) Except as hereinafter provided, all interest earned on the Settlement Amount shall accrue to the benefit of the Settlement Classes and shall become and remain part of the Trust Account.

(2) Subject to section 3.2(3), all Canadian taxes payable on any interest which accrues on the Settlement Amount in the Trust Account or otherwise in relation to the Settlement Amount shall be paid from the Trust Account. Class Counsel or the Claims Administrator shall be solely responsible to fulfill all tax reporting and payment requirements arising from the Settlement Amount in the Trust Account, including any obligation to report taxable income and make tax payments. All taxes (including interest and penalties) due with respect to the income earned by the Settlement Amount shall be paid from the Trust Account.

(3) The Settling Defendants shall have no responsibility to make any filings relating to the Trust Account and will have no responsibility to pay tax on any income earned by the Settlement Amount or pay any taxes on the monies in the Trust Account, unless this Settlement Agreement terminated, in which case the interest earned on the Settlement Amount in the Trust Account shall be paid to the Settling Defendants who, in such case, shall be responsible for the payment of all taxes on such interest.

SECTION 4- COOPERATION

4.1 Extent of Cooperation

(1) Within sixty (60) days of the Effective Date, or at a time mutually agreed upon by the Parties, subject to the other provisions of this Settlement Agreement, the Settling Defendants will use reasonable efforts to:

- (a) Produce the Sony Disclosure. To the extent that Plaintiffs later wish to obtain video recordings of past and/or future depositions and live testimony, the Plaintiffs agree that the Settling Defendants may edit (or retain a third party to edit) such video recordings before disclosing them in order to comply with the Settling Defendants' confidentiality and disclosure obligations. Plaintiffs further agree that the Settling Defendants shall have control over that editing process, and Plaintiffs agree to promptly reimburse the Settling Defendants for the

reasonable costs of such editing;

- (b) Identify by way of Bates stamp numbers, if such numbering already exists, any specific Documents within the Sony Disclosure that the Settling Defendants believe may support the Plaintiffs' claims;
- (c) provide the same letters of assistance to Class Counsel as were provided to US Class Counsel in the US Litigation in understanding the transactional, production and cost data produced by the Settling Defendants; and
- (d) provide electronic copies of any Documents relating to Canadian sales which were considered by the Settling Defendants in the negotiation of this Settlement Agreement, and that are not included in the Sony Disclosure.

(2) Subject to the rules of evidence, any Court order with regard to confidentiality and the other provisions of this Settlement Agreement, and upon at least eight (8) weeks' notice to the Settling Defendants, the Settling Defendants agree to use reasonable efforts to provide affidavits for use at trial or otherwise in the Proceedings for the purpose of supporting the submission into evidence in the Proceedings of the Sony Disclosure provided by the Settling Defendants in accordance with this Settlement Agreement and/or any Documents produced by the Parties in the Proceedings that were created by, sent to, or received by the Settling Defendants. If, and only if, a Court should determine that affidavits are inadequate for the purpose of submitting into evidence of such information or documents, the Settling Defendants agree to use reasonable efforts to make available for testimony at trial or otherwise appropriate current employees of the Settling Defendants, as is reasonably necessary for the prosecution of the Proceedings and, specifically, for the purpose of admitting into evidence such information and/or Documents. The Settling Defendants shall be responsible for all associated costs incurred by such representatives in connection with fulfilling the Settling Defendants' obligations under this section.

(3) Documents provided to Class Counsel in accordance with this section 4.1(1) will be provided in the format in which they were produced in the U.S. Litigation, and will include any pre-existing and non-privileged metadata. In addition, where the Documents previously produced in the U.S. Litigation contain Bates stamps on their face, a field will be produced containing the

corresponding Bates stamps of the first page of each Document.

(4) Nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall be construed to require the Settling Defendants to perform any act, including the transmittal or disclosure of any information, which would violate the law of this or any jurisdiction or applicable non-disclosure agreements.

(5) Nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall require, or shall be construed to require, the Settling Defendants or any representative or employee of the Settling Defendants to disclose or produce any Documents or information prepared by or for counsel for the Settling Defendants, or that is not within the possession, custody or control of the Settling Defendants, or to disclose or produce any Documents or information in breach of any order, regulatory directive, rule or law of this or any jurisdiction, or subject to solicitor-client privilege, litigation privilege, or any other privilege, or to disclose or produce any information or Documents they obtained on a privileged or co-operative basis from any party to any action or proceeding who is not a Releasee or to disclose or produce any Documents or information protected by applicable non-disclosure agreements. To the extent the Settling Defendants are required to disclose or produce Documents or information pursuant to this Settlement Agreement, the Settling Defendants will be allowed a reasonable amount of time to conduct a review that ensures they receive the benefit of this section. The Settling Defendants shall, prior to disclosure or production, review the Documents or information to determine if they are protected by applicable non-disclosure agreements.

(6) The Settling Defendants will use reasonable best efforts to contact, within 30 days of the Effective Date, the contractual counterparties to non-disclosure agreements that apply to the Sony Disclosure to obtain consent to produce, as part of the Sony Disclosure, information or Documents protected by each such non-disclosure agreement. If consent of a counterparty is not obtained, the Settling Defendants shall be entitled to remove all affected documents from the Sony Disclosure. The Settling Defendants shall produce the remaining, unaffected documents of the Sony Disclosure.

(7) If any Documents protected by any privilege and/or any privacy law or other rule or law of this or any applicable jurisdiction are accidentally or inadvertently produced, such Documents shall be promptly returned to the Settling Defendants and the Documents and the information

contained therein shall not be disclosed or used directly or indirectly, except with the express written permission of the Settling Defendants, and the production of such Documents shall in no way be construed to have waived in any manner any privilege or protection attached to such Documents.

(8) The Settling Defendants' obligations to cooperate as particularized in this section shall not be affected by section 8 of this Settlement Agreement. Unless this Settlement Agreement is not approved, is terminated or otherwise fails to take effect for any reasons, the Settling Defendants' obligations to cooperate shall cease at the date of final judgment in the Proceedings against all Defendants.

(9) In the event that the Settling Defendants materially breach this section 4.1, the Plaintiffs may move before the appropriate Court to enforce the terms of this Settlement Agreement, seek an order setting aside section 4.1(11) and allowing the Plaintiffs to obtain discovery or information from the Settling Defendants as if the Settling Defendants remained parties to the applicable Proceeding, set aside the approval of this Settlement Agreement, or seek such other remedy that is available at law.

(10) The Plaintiffs may exercise any rights they have to seek to obtain discovery in the Proceedings as against knowledgeable officers, directors and/or employees of the Settling Defendants, if the employee of the Settling Defendants fails to cooperate in accordance with subsections 4.1(1), 4.1(2) and the provisions of this Settlement Agreement.

(11) Subject to sections 4.1(9), the provisions set forth in section 4.1 are the exclusive means by which the Plaintiffs, the Settlement Class Members and Class Counsel may obtain discovery, information, or Documents from the Settling Defendants or their current or former officers, directors or employees, and the Plaintiffs, the Settlement Class Members and Class Counsel agree that they shall not pursue any other means of discovery against, or seek to compel the evidence of, the Settling Defendants or their current or former officers, directors, employees, agents, or counsel, whether in Canada or elsewhere and whether under the rules or laws of this or any other Canadian or foreign jurisdiction.

(12) A material factor influencing the Settling Defendants' decision to execute this Settlement

Agreement is their desire to limit the burden and expense of this litigation. Accordingly, the Plaintiffs and Class Counsel agree to exercise good faith in seeking cooperation from the Settling Defendants, agree not to seek information that is unnecessary, cumulative or duplicative and agree otherwise to avoid imposing undue or unreasonable burden or expense on the Settling Defendants.

4.2 Limits on Use of Documents

(1) It is understood and agreed that all Documents and information made available or provided by the Settling Defendants to the Plaintiffs and Class Counsel under this Settlement Agreement shall be used only in connection with the prosecution of the claims in the Proceedings, and shall not be used directly or indirectly for any other purpose, except to the extent that the Documents or information are or become publicly available.

(2) In the event that a Person applies for an order requiring the Plaintiffs or Class Counsel to disclose or produce any Documents or other information provided by the Settling Defendants as cooperation under this Settlement Agreement, Class Counsel shall notify the Settling Defendants of such application promptly upon becoming aware of it in order that the Settling Defendants may intervene to oppose such disclosure or production. In no circumstances shall the Plaintiffs or Class Counsel apply for or consent to such an application for disclosure or production.

SECTION 5- NON-APPROVAL OR TERMINATION OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

5.1 Right of Termination

(1) In the event that:

- (a) any Court declines to certify or authorize Proceedings for settlement purposes as against the Settling Defendants or does so in a materially modified form;
- (b) the BC Court declines to dismiss the BC Proceeding, as against the Settling Defendants;
- (c) the Ontario Court declines to dismiss the Ontario Proceeding, against the Settling Defendants;

- (d) the Quebec Court declines to declare settled out of court the Quebec Proceeding against the Settling Defendants;
- (e) any Court declines to approve this Settlement Agreement or any material part hereof;
- (f) any Court approves this Settlement Agreement in a materially modified form;
- (g) any Court issues a settlement approval order that is materially inconsistent with the terms of the Settlement Agreement, including that the BC or Ontario settlement approval order does not include the following language:
 - (i) THIS COURT ORDERS that, upon the Effective Date, each member of the BC or Ontario Settlement Class shall be deemed to have consented to the dismissal as against the Releasees of any Other Actions he, she or it has commenced, without costs and with prejudice; and
 - (ii) THIS COURT ORDERS that, upon the Effective Date, each Other Action commenced in BC or Ontario by any member of the BC or Ontario Settlement Class shall be and is hereby dismissed against the Releasees, without costs and with prejudice;
- (h) any orders approving this Settlement Agreement made by the Courts do not become Final Orders; or
- (i) the Settlement Amount is not paid in accordance with section 3.1(1),

the Plaintiffs and the Settling Defendants shall have the right to terminate this Settlement Agreement (except that only the Settling Defendants shall have the right to terminate under subsection (b), (c) and (d) above and only the Plaintiffs shall have the right to terminate under subsection (i) above) by delivering a written notice pursuant to section 13.17, within thirty (30) days following an event described above.

(2) Except as provided for in section 5.3, if the Settling Defendants or the Plaintiffs exercise their right to terminate, the Settlement Agreement shall be null and void and have no further

force or effect, shall not be binding on the Parties, and shall not be used as evidence or otherwise in any litigation.

- (3) Any order, ruling or determination made (or rejected) by any Court with respect to
 - (a) the opt-out process for class members; or
 - (b) Class Counsel Fees or Class Counsel Disbursements,

shall not be deemed to be a material modification of all, or a part, of this Settlement Agreement and shall not provide any basis for the termination of this Settlement Agreement.

5.2 If Settlement Agreement is Terminated

- (1) If this Settlement Agreement is not approved, is terminated in accordance with its terms or otherwise fails to take effect for any reason:
 - (a) no motion to certify or authorize any of the Proceedings as a class proceeding on the basis of this Settlement Agreement, or to approve this Settlement Agreement, which has not been decided, shall proceed;
 - (b) the Parties will cooperate in seeking to have any issued order certifying or authorizing a Proceeding as a class proceeding on the basis of the Settlement Agreement or approving this Settlement Agreement set aside and declared null and void and of no force or effect, and any Party shall be estopped from asserting otherwise;
 - (c) any prior certification or authorization of a Proceeding as a class proceeding on the basis of this Settlement Agreement, including the definitions of the Settlement Class and the Common Issue pursuant to this Settlement Agreement, shall be without prejudice to any position that any of the Parties may later take on any issue in the Proceedings or any other litigation; and
 - (d) within ten (10) days of such termination having occurred, Class Counsel shall destroy all Documents or other materials provided by the Settling Defendants pursuant to this Settlement Agreement or containing or reflecting information

derived from such Documents or other materials received from the Settling Defendants and, to the extent Class Counsel has disclosed any Documents or information provided by the Settling Defendants to any other Person, shall endeavour to recover and destroy such Documents or information. Class Counsel shall provide Counsel for the Settling Defendants with a written certification by Class Counsel of such destruction. Nothing contained in this section 5.2 shall be construed to require Class Counsel to destroy any of their work product. However, any Documents or information provided by the Settling Defendants, or received from the Settling Defendants in connection with this Settlement Agreement, may not be disclosed to any Person in any manner or used, directly or indirectly, by Class Counsel or any other Person in any way for any reason, without the express prior written permission of the Settling Defendants. Class Counsel shall take appropriate steps and precautions to ensure and maintain the confidentiality of such Documents, information and any work product of Class Counsel derived from such Documents or information.

(2) If the Settlement Agreement is terminated, Camp Fiorante Matthews Mogerman LLP shall, within thirty (30) business days of the written notice advising that the Settlement Agreement has been terminated in accordance with its terms, return to the Settling Defendants the Settlement Amount, plus all accrued interest thereon and less taxes paid on interest, any costs actually incurred or payable with respect to the notices required by section 10.1, and any costs of translation required by section 13.11 that have actually been incurred or are payable.

5.3 Survival of Provisions After Non-Approval of Settlement Agreement

(1) If this Settlement Agreement is terminated or otherwise fails to take effect for any reason, the provisions of sections 3.2(3), 5.1(2), 5.2, 8.1, 8.2, 10.1, 11.3(3)(a) and 11.3(4), and the definitions and schedules applicable thereto shall survive the termination and continue in full force and effect. The definitions and schedules shall survive only for the limited purpose of the interpretation of sections 3.2(3), 5.1(2), 5.2, 8.1, 8.2, 10.1, 11.3(3)(a) and 11.3(4) within the meaning of this Settlement Agreement, but for no other purposes. All other provisions of this Settlement Agreement and all other obligations pursuant to this Settlement Agreement shall cease immediately.

SECTION 6- RELEASES AND DISMISSALS

6.1 Release of Releasees

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

6.2 Covenant Not To Sue

(1) Notwithstanding section 6.1, upon the Effective Date, for any Settlement Class Members resident in any province or territory where the release of one tortfeasor is a release of all other tortfeasors, the Releasers do not release the Releasees, but instead covenant and undertake not to make any claim in any way or to threaten, commence, institute, prosecute, participate in, maintain or continue any proceeding in any jurisdiction against the Releasees in respect of or in relation to the Released Claims, whether on their own behalf or as part of any putative, purported or certified class of purchasers or consumers.

6.3 No Further Claims

(1) Upon the Effective Date, the Releasers shall not now or hereafter institute, continue, maintain or assert, either directly or indirectly, whether in Canada or elsewhere, on their own behalf or on behalf of any class or any other Person, any action, suit, cause of action, claim or demand against the Sony Companies and/or Sony of Canada Ltd. or any other Person who may claim contribution or indemnity or other claims over relief from the Sony Companies and/or Sony of Canada Ltd., in respect of any Released Claim, except for the continuation of the Proceedings against the Non-Settling Defendants or unnamed co-conspirators that are not Releasees or, if the Proceedings are not certified or authorized, the continuation of the claims asserted in the Proceedings on an individual basis or otherwise against any Non-Settling Defendants or unnamed co-conspirator that is not a Releasee.

6.4 Dismissal of the Proceedings

- (1) Upon the Effective Date, the BC Proceeding and the Ontario Proceeding shall be dismissed, with prejudice and without costs, as against the Settling Defendants.
- (2) Upon the Effective Date, the Quebec Proceeding shall be declared settled out of court without costs as against the Settling Defendants.

6.5 Dismissal of Other Actions

- (1) Upon the Effective Date, each member of the BC and Ontario Settlement Classes shall be deemed to irrevocably consent to the dismissal, without costs and with prejudice, of his, her or its Other Actions against the Releasees.
- (2) Upon the Effective Date, all Other Actions commenced in British Columbia or Ontario by any Settlement Class Member shall be dismissed against the Releasees, without costs and with prejudice.

6.6 Claims Against Other Entities Reserved

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

6.7 Material Term

- (1) For the avoidance of doubt and without in any way limiting the ability of the Parties to assert that other terms in this Settlement Agreement are material terms (subject to section 5.1(3)), the releases and reservation of rights contemplated in this SECTION 6 shall be considered a material term of the Settlement Agreement and the failure of any Court to approve the releases and/or and reservation of rights contemplated herein shall give rise to a right of termination pursuant to section 5.1 of the Settlement Agreement.

SECTION 7 - BAR ORDER AND OTHER CLAIMS

7.1 British Columbia and Ontario Bar Orders

(1) Class Counsel shall seek a bar order from the BC and Ontario Courts providing for the following:

- (a) all claims for contribution, indemnity or other claims over, whether asserted, unasserted or asserted in a representative capacity, inclusive of interest, taxes and costs, relating to the Released Claims, which were or could have been brought in the Proceedings or any Other Actions, or otherwise, by any Non-Settling Defendant, any named or unnamed co-conspirator that is not a Releasee, any Settled Defendant or any other Person or party against a Releasee, or by a Releasee against any Non-Settling Defendant, any named or unnamed co-conspirator that is not a Releasee, any Settled Defendant, or any other Person or party, are barred, prohibited and enjoined in accordance with the terms of this section (unless such claim is made in respect of a claim by a Person who has validly opted out of the Proceedings);
- (b) if the BC or Ontario Courts, as applicable, ultimately determines that a claim for contribution and indemnity or other claim over, whether in equity or in law, by statute or otherwise is a legally recognized claim:
 - (i) the BC and Ontario Plaintiffs and Settlement Class Members shall not be entitled to claim or recover from the Non-Settling Defendants and/or named or unnamed co-conspirators and/or any other Person or party that is not a Releasee that portion of any damages (including punitive damages, if any), restitutionary award, disgorgement of profits, interest and costs (including investigative costs claimed pursuant to section 36 of the Competition Act) that corresponds to the Proportionate Liability of the Releasees proven at trial or otherwise;
 - (ii) the BC and Ontario Plaintiffs and Settlement Class Members shall limit their claims against the Non-Settling Defendants and/or named or

unnamed co-conspirators and/or any other Person or party that is not a Releasee to include only, and shall only seek to recover from the Non-Settling Defendants and/or named or unnamed co-conspirators and/or any other Person or party that is not a Releasee, those claims for damages (including punitive damages, if any), restitutionary award, disgorgement of profits, costs, and interest attributable to the aggregate of the several liability of the Non-Settling Defendants and/or named or unnamed co-conspirators and/or any other Person or party that is not a Releasee to the BC Settlement Class Members or the Ontario Settlement Class Members, if any, and, for greater certainty, the BC Settlement Class Members and the Ontario Settlement Class Members shall be entitled to claim and seek to recover on a joint and several basis as between the Non-Settling Defendants and/or named or unnamed co-conspirators and/or any other Person or party that is not a Releasee, if permitted by law; and

- (iii) the BC and Ontario Courts shall have full authority to determine the Proportionate Liability of the Releasees at the trial or other disposition of the British Columbia Proceeding or the Ontario Proceeding, as the case may be, whether or not the Releasees remain in the relevant Proceeding or appear at the trial or other disposition, and the Proportionate Liability of the Releasees shall be determined as if the Releasees are parties to the relevant Proceeding and any determination by the Court, in respect of the Proportionate Liability of the Releasees shall only apply in the relevant Proceeding and shall not be binding on the Releasees in any other proceeding;
- (c) a Non-Settling Defendant may, on application to the BC or the Ontario Court, as appropriate, and on at least ten (10) days notice to Counsel for the Settling Defendants, and not to be brought unless and until the relevant Proceeding against the Non-Settling Defendants has been certified and all appeals or times to appeal certification have been exhausted, seek orders for the following:

- (i) documentary discovery and a list of documents from the Settling Defendants in accordance with the British Columbia *Supreme Court Civil Rules*;
 - (ii) oral discovery of a representative of the Settling Defendants, the transcript of which may be read in at trial;
 - (iii) leave to serve a notice to admit on the Settling Defendants in respect of factual matters; and/or
 - (iv) the production of a representative of the Settling Defendants to testify at trial, with such witness to be subject to cross-examination by counsel for the Non-Settling Defendants.
- (d) the Settling Defendants retain all rights to oppose any application brought pursuant to section 7.1(1)(c), including any such application brought at trial seeking an order requiring the Settling Defendants to produce a representative to testify at trial;
- (e) on any application brought pursuant to section 7.1(1)(c), the BC or Ontario Court, as applicable, may make such orders as to costs and other terms as it considers appropriate;
- (f) to the extent that such an order is granted and discovery is provided to a Non-Settling Defendant, a copy of all discovery provided, whether oral or documentary in nature, shall be provided by the Settling Defendants to Class Counsel within ten (10) days of such discovery being provided to a Non-Settling Defendant;
- (g) the BC and Ontario Court will retain an ongoing supervisory role over the discovery process and the Settling Defendants will attorn to the jurisdiction of the BC and Ontario Courts for these purposes; and
- (h) a Non-Settling Defendant may effect service of the application(s) referred to in section 7.1(1)(c) on a Settling Defendant by service on Counsel for the Settling

Defendants.

7.2 Quebec Declaration of Renunciation of Benefit of Solidarity

(1) Class Counsel shall seek a declaration by the Quebec Court that the Quebec Plaintiff and the Quebec Settlement Class Members have renounced the benefit of solidarity. The declaration sought will provide the following:

- (a) the Quebec Plaintiff and Settlement Class Members expressly waive and renounce the benefit of solidarity against the Non-Settling Defendants with respect to the facts, deeds or other conduct of the Releasees relating to the Released Claims;
- (b) the Quebec Plaintiff and Settlement Class Members shall henceforth only be able to claim and recover damages, including punitive damages, interests and costs (including investigative costs claimed pursuant to s. 36 of the *Competition Act*) attributable to the conduct of the Non-Settling Defendants, the sales by the Non-Settling Defendants, and/or other applicable measure of proportionate liability of the Non-Settling Defendants;
- (c) any claims in warranty or any other claim or joinder of parties to obtain any contribution or indemnity from the Releasees or relating to the Released Claims shall be inadmissible and void in the context of the Quebec Proceeding; and
- (d) the ability of Non-Settling Defendants to seek discovery from the Settling Defendants shall be determined according to the provisions of the *Code of Civil Procedure of Quebec*, and the Settling Defendants shall retain and reserve all of their rights to oppose such discovery under the *Code of Civil Procedure of Quebec*.

7.3 Material Term

(1) For the avoidance of doubt and without in any way limiting the ability of the Parties to assert that other terms in this Settlement Agreement are material terms (subject to section 5.1(3)), the Parties acknowledge that the bar orders and the declaration of renunciation of the benefit of solidarity contemplated herein shall be considered a material term of the Settlement Agreement

and the failure of any Court to approve the bar orders or to declare the renunciation of the benefit of solidarity contemplated herein shall give rise to a right to termination pursuant to section 5.1 of the Settlement Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, section 7.1(1)(c) shall not be considered a material term of this Settlement Agreement and the failure of the Ontario Court to approve a bar order corresponding to section 7.1(1)(c) shall not give rise to a right to termination pursuant to section 5.1 of the Settlement Agreement.

SECTION 8- EFFECT OF SETTLEMENT

8.1 No Admission of Liability

(1) The Plaintiffs and the Settling Defendants expressly reserve all of their rights if this Settlement Agreement is not approved, is terminated or otherwise fails to take effect for any reason. Further, whether or not this Settlement Agreement is finally approved, is terminated, or otherwise fails to take effect for any reason, this Settlement Agreement and anything contained herein, and any and all negotiations, Documents, discussions and proceedings associated with this Settlement Agreement, and any action taken to carry out this Settlement Agreement, shall not be deemed, construed or interpreted to be an admission of any violation of any statute or law, or of any wrongdoing or liability by the Settling Defendants, or of the truth of any of the claims or allegations contained in the Proceedings, or any other pleading filed by the Plaintiffs.

8.2 Agreement Not Evidence

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

8.3 No Further Litigation

(1) No Class Counsel, nor anyone currently or hereafter employed by, or a partner with Class Counsel, may directly or indirectly participate or be involved in or in any way assist with respect

to any claim made or action commenced by any Person against the Sony Companies and/or Sony of Canada Ltd. that relates to or arises from the Released Claims, except in relation to the continued prosecution of the Proceedings against any Non-Settling Defendant or unnamed co-conspirators that are not Releasees or, if the Proceedings are not certified or authorized, the continuation of the claims asserted in the Proceedings on an individual basis or otherwise against any Non-Settling Defendant or unnamed co-conspirator that is not a Releasee. Moreover, neither Class Counsel, nor anyone currently or hereafter employed by, or a partner with Class Counsel, may divulge to anyone for any purpose, or use for any purpose, any information obtained in the course of the Proceedings or the negotiation and preparation of this Settlement Agreement, except to the extent that such information is or becomes otherwise publicly available or unless ordered to do so by a court in Canada, or in the case of information obtained in the course of the Proceedings, for the purposes of the continued prosecution of the Proceedings against any Non-Settling Defendant or unnamed co-conspirators that are not Releasees or, if the Proceedings are not certified or authorized, the continuation of the claims asserted in the Proceedings on an individual basis or otherwise against any Non-Settling Defendant or unnamed co-conspirator that is not a Releasee.

(2) For greater certainty, section 8.3(1) shall be inoperative to the extent that it requires any lawyer who is a member of the Law Society of British Columbia to breach his or her obligations under section 3.2-10 of the Law Society of British Columbia's *Code of Professional Conduct for British Columbia* by refraining from participation or involvement in any claim or action in a British Columbia court.

SECTION 9 - CERTIFICATION OR AUTHORIZATION FOR SETTLEMENT ONLY

9.1 Settlement Class and Common Issue

(1) The Parties agree that the Proceedings shall be certified or authorized as class proceedings as against the Settling Defendants solely for purposes of settlement of the Proceedings and the approval of this Settlement Agreement by the Courts.

(2) The Plaintiffs agree that, in the motions for certification or authorization of the Proceedings as class proceedings for settlement purposes and for the approval of this Settlement

Agreement, the only common issue that they will seek to define is the Common Issue and the only classes that they will assert are the Settlement Classes.

(3) The Parties agree that the certification or authorization of the Proceedings as against the Settling Defendants for the purpose of implementing the Settlement Agreement, shall not derogate in any way from the rights of the Plaintiffs as against the Non-Settling Defendants or any other Person that is not a Releasee, except as expressly set out in this Settlement Agreement.

SECTION 10 - NOTICE TO SETTLEMENT CLASSES

10.1 Notices Required

(1) The proposed Settlement Classes shall be given the following notices: (i) the Notice of Hearing; (ii) notice if this Settlement Agreement is not approved, is terminated, or otherwise fails to take effect; and (iii) such further notice as may be directed by the Courts.

10.2 Form and Distribution of Notices

(1) The form of notices referred to in section 10.1 and the manner and extent of publication and distribution shall be as agreed to by the Plaintiffs and Settling Defendants or in such form or manner as approved by the Courts.

SECTION 11 – ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

11.1 Mechanics of Administration

(1) Except to the extent provided for in this Settlement Agreement, the mechanics of the implementation and administration of this Settlement Agreement and the Distribution Protocol shall be determined by the Courts on motions brought by Class Counsel.

(2) The Settling Defendants shall not have any responsibility, financial obligations or liability whatsoever with respect to the investment, distribution or administration of monies in the Trust Account including, but not limited to, Administration Expenses and Class Counsel Fees.

11.2 Distribution Protocol

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

(2) The Distribution Protocol shall require Settlement Class Members seeking compensation to give credit for any compensation received through other proceedings or in private out-of-class settlements, unless by such proceedings or private out-of-class settlements the Settlement Class Member's claim was released in its entirety, in which case the Settlement Class Member shall be deemed ineligible for any further compensation.

11.3 Information and Assistance

(1) The Settling Defendants will make reasonable best efforts to compile a list of the names and addresses (including any relevant email addresses) of those Persons in Canada who purchased ODD and/or ODD Products from them during the Class Period and the Purchase Price paid by each such Person for such purchases. The information shall be delivered in Microsoft Excel or such other format as may be agreed upon by Counsel for the Settling Defendants and Class Counsel, and shall be delivered as a separate production from the Sony Disclosure to be delivered pursuant to section 4.1(1) or identified by Bates number as part of the production of Documents to be delivered pursuant to section 4.1(1).

(2) The name and address information required by section 11.3(1) shall be delivered to Class Counsel within thirty (30) days of the Execution Date. The Purchase Price information required by section 11.3(1) shall be delivered to Class Counsel within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date.

(3) Class Counsel may use the information provided under section 11.3(1):

- (a) to facilitate the dissemination of the notices required in section 10.1;
- (b) to advise Persons in Canada who purchased ODD and/or ODD Products from the Settling Defendants during the Class Period of any subsequent settlement agreement reached in the Proceedings, any related approval hearings, and any

other major steps in the Proceedings;

- (c) to facilitate the claims administration process with respect to this Settlement Agreement and any other settlement agreement and/or court award achieved in the Proceedings; and
- (d) as otherwise authorized in SECTION 4.

(4) All information provided by the Settling Defendants pursuant to section 11.3(1) shall be dealt with in accordance with SECTION 4, except that Class Counsel may disclose all information provided by the Settling Defendants pursuant to section 11.3(1) to any Court-appointed notice provider and/or the Claims Administrator, to the extent reasonably necessary for the purposes enumerated in section 11.3(1). Any Court-appointed notice provider and/or any the Claims Administrator shall be bound by the same confidentiality obligations set out in SECTION 4. If this Settlement Agreement is terminated, all information provided by the Settling Defendants pursuant to section 11.3(1) shall be dealt with in accordance with section 5.2(1)(d) and no record of the information so provided shall be retained by Class Counsel in any form whatsoever.

(5) The Settling Defendants will make themselves reasonably available to respond to questions respecting the information provided pursuant to section 11.3(1) from Class Counsel or any Court-appointed notice provider and/or the Claims Administrator. The Settling Defendants' obligations to make themselves reasonably available to respond to questions as particularized in this Section shall not be affected by the release provisions contained in SECTION 6 of this Settlement Agreement. Unless this Settlement Agreement is not approved, is terminated or otherwise fails to take effect for any reason, the Settling Defendants' obligations to cooperate pursuant to this section 11.3 shall cease when the Proceedings are resolved as against all Defendants and all settlement funds or court awards have been distributed.

**SECTION 12 - CLASS COUNSEL FEES, DISBURSEMENTS
AND ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES**

12.1 Court Approval for Class Counsel Fees and Disbursements

(1) Class Counsel may seek the Courts' approval to pay Class Counsel Disbursements and Class Counsel Fees contemporaneous with seeking approval of this Settlement Agreement. Class Counsel Disbursements and Class Counsel Fees shall be reimbursed and paid solely out of the Trust Account after the Effective Date.

(2) In the event that some of the funds remain in the Trust Account after payment of Class Counsel Disbursements, Class Counsel Fees, Administrative Expenses, and implementation of the Distribution Protocol, Class Counsel shall seek direction from the Courts regarding the distribution of the remaining funds.

(3) Class Counsel reserve the right to bring motions to the Courts for reimbursement out of the Trust Account for any future Class Counsel Disbursements.

12.2 Responsibility for Fees, Disbursements and Taxes

(1) The Settling Defendants shall not be liable for any Class Counsel Fees, Class Counsel Disbursements or taxes of any of the lawyers, experts, advisors, agents, or representatives retained by Class Counsel, the Plaintiffs or the Settlement Class Members, any amounts to which the Fonds d'aide aux actions collectives in Quebec may be entitled, or any lien of any Person on any payment to any Settlement Class Member from the Settlement Amount.

12.3 Administration Expenses

(1) Except as provided herein, Administration Expenses may only be paid out of the Trust Account after the Effective Date.

(2) Notwithstanding section 12.3(1), Class Counsel shall pay the costs of the notices required by section 10.1 and any costs of translation required by section 13.11 from the Trust Account, as they become due and such payments may be made before the Effective Date. Subject to section 5.2(2), the Settling Defendants shall not have any responsibility for the costs of the notices or translation.

SECTION 13- MISCELLANEOUS

13.1 Motions for Directions

(1) Class Counsel or the Settling Defendants may apply to the BC Court and/or such other Courts as may be required for directions in respect of the interpretation, implementation and administration of this Settlement Agreement. Unless a Court orders otherwise, motions for directions that do not relate solely to matters affecting the Ontario Proceeding or the Quebec Proceeding shall be determined by the BC Court.

(2) All motions contemplated by this Settlement Agreement shall be on notice to the Parties, except for those applications concerned solely with the implementation and administration of the Distribution Protocol.

13.2 Headings, etc.

(1) In this Settlement Agreement:

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

13.3 Computation of Time

(1) In the computation of time in this Settlement Agreement, except where a contrary intention appears,

- (a) where there is a reference to a number of days between two events, the number of days shall be counted by excluding the day on which the first event happens and including the day on which the second event happens, including all calendar days; and
- (b) only in the case where the time for doing an act expires on a holiday as “holiday”

is defined in the British Columbia *Supreme Court Civil Rules*, the act may be done on the next day that is not a holiday.

13.4 Ongoing Jurisdiction

- (1) Each of the Courts shall retain exclusive jurisdiction over each Proceeding commenced in its jurisdiction, the Parties and Class Counsel Fees in that Proceeding.
- (2) No Party shall ask a Court to make any order or give any direction in respect of any matter of shared jurisdiction unless that order or direction is conditional upon a complementary order or direction being made or given by the other Court(s) with which it shares jurisdiction over that matter.
- (3) Notwithstanding sections 13.4(1) and (2), the BC Court shall exercise jurisdiction with respect to implementation, administration, interpretation and enforcement of the terms of this Settlement Agreement, and the Plaintiffs, Settlement Class Members and Settling Defendants attorn to the jurisdiction of the BC Court for such purposes. Issues related to the administration of the Settlement Agreement, the Trust Account, and other matters not specifically related to the claim of a Ontario or Quebec Settlement Class Member shall be determined by the BC Court.

13.5 Governing Law

- (1) Subject to section 13.5(2), this Settlement Agreement shall be governed by and construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia and the laws of Canada applicable therein.
- (2) Notwithstanding section 13.5(1), for matters relating specifically to the Ontario or Quebec Proceeding, the Ontario or Quebec Court, as applicable, shall apply the law of its own jurisdiction and the laws of Canada applicable therein.

13.6 Entire Agreement

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

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

13.7 Amendments

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

13.8 Binding Effect

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

13.9 Counterparts

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

13.10 Negotiated Agreement

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

13.11 Language

(1) The Parties acknowledge that they have required and consented that this Settlement Agreement and all related Documents be prepared in English; les parties reconnaissent avoir exigé que la présente convention et tous les documents connexes soient rédigés en anglais. Nevertheless, if required by a Court, Class Counsel and/or a translation firm selected by Class Counsel shall prepare a French translation of the Settlement Agreement, the cost of which shall be paid from the Settlement Amount. In the event of any dispute as to the interpretation or application of this Settlement Agreement, only the English version shall govern.

13.12 Transaction

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

13.13 Recitals

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

13.14 Schedules

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

13.15 Acknowledgements

- (1) Each of the Parties hereby affirms and acknowledges that:
- (a) he, she or a representative of the Party with the authority to bind the Party with respect to the matters set forth herein has read and understood the Settlement Agreement;
 - (b) the terms of this Settlement Agreement and the effects thereof have been fully explained to him, her or the Party's representative by his, her or its counsel;
 - (c) he, she or the Party's representative fully understands each term of the Settlement Agreement and its effect; and

- (d) no Party has relied upon any statement, representation or inducement (whether material, false, negligently made or otherwise) of any other Party, beyond the terms of this Settlement Agreement, with respect to the first Party's decision to execute this Settlement Agreement.

13.16 Authorized Signatures

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

13.17 Notice

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

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13.18 Date of Execution

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

THE FANSHAWE COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY., on its own behalf and on behalf of the Ontario Settlement Class, by its counsel

Name of Authorized Signatory:

David Jones by permission

Signature of Authorized Signatory:



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Name of Authorized Signatory:

David Jones

Signature of Authorized Signatory:



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Consumer Law Group Inc.

Quebec Counsel

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SONY OF CANADA LTD. and SONY ELECTRONICS INC., SONY CORPORATION OF
AMERICA AND SONY NEC OPTIARC, INC. by their counsel

Name of Authorized Signatory:



Signature of Authorized Signatory:


McCarthy Tétraut LLP

SCHEDULE A – PROCEEDINGS

Proceeding	Plaintiffs	Defendants	Settlement Class
<p>Supreme Court of British Columbia (Vancouver Registry) (Court File No. S-106462) (the “BC Proceeding”)</p>	<p>Neil Godfrey</p>	<p>Sony Corporation, Sony Optiarc, Inc., Sony Optiarc America Inc., Sony Of Canada Ltd., Sony Electronics, Inc., NEC Corporation, NEC Canada Inc., Toshiba Corporation, Toshiba Samsung Storage Technology Corp., Toshiba Samsung Storage Technology Corp. Korea, Toshiba of Canada Ltd., Toshiba America Information Systems, Inc., Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd., Samsung Electronics Canada Inc., Samsung Electronics America, Inc., Hitachi-LG Data Storage, Inc., Hitachi-LG Data Storage Korea, Inc., Hitachi Ltd., LG Electronics, Inc., LG Electronics Canada, LG Electronics USA, Inc., TEAC Corporation, TEAC America, Inc., TEAC Canada, Ltd., Koninlijke Philips Electronics N.V., Lite-On It Corporation of Taiwan, Philips & Lite-On Digital Solutions Corporation, Philips & Lite-On Digital Solutions USA, Inc., Philips Electronics Ltd., Quanta Storage, Inc., Quanta Storage America, Inc., Panasonic Corporation, Panasonic Corporation of</p>	<p>All Persons resident in British Columbia who purchased ODD and/or an ODD Product during the Class Period, except Excluded Persons.</p>

Proceeding	Plaintiffs	Defendants	Settlement Class
		<p>North America, Panasonic Canada Inc., BenQ Corporation, BenQ America Corporation, BenQ Canada Corp., Pioneer Corporation, Pioneer North America, Inc., Pioneer Electronics (USA) Inc., Pioneer High Fidelity Taiwan Co., Ltd. and Pioneer Electronics of Canada Inc.</p>	
<p>Ontario Superior Court of Justice (London) (1501/10CP) (the "Ontario Proceeding")</p>	<p>The Fanshawe College of Applied Arts And Technology</p>	<p>Sony Optiarc, Inc., Sony Optiarc America Inc., Sony Corporation, Sony of Canada Ltd., Sony Computer Entertainment America LLC, Sony Computer Entertainment Canada, Inc., Sony Electronics, Inc., NEC Corporation, NEC Canada, Inc., Toshiba Samsung Storage Technology Corp, Toshiba Corp., Toshiba</p>	<p>All Persons in Canada who purchased ODD and/or ODD Products during the Class Period, except the Excluded Persons and Persons who are included in the Quebec Settlement Class and the BC Settlement Class.</p>

Proceeding	Plaintiffs	Defendants	Settlement Class
		Samsung Storage Technology Corp. Korea, Toshiba of Canada Ltd., Toshiba America Information Systems, Inc., Samsung Electronics Co., Samsung Electronics Canada Inc., Samsung Electronics America, Inc., Hitachi-LG Data Storage Inc., Hitachi-LG Data Storage Korea, Inc., Hitachi Ltd., LG Electronics Inc., LG Electronics Canada, LG Electronics USA, Inc., TEAC Corporation, TEAC America, Inc., TEAC Canada, Ltd., Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V., BenQ Corporation, BenQ America Corporation, BenQ Canada Corp., Lite-On It Corporation, Philips & Lite-On Digital Solutions Corporation, Philips & Lite-On Digital Solutions USA, Inc., Philips Electronics Ltd., Panasonic Corporation, Panasonic Corporation of North America, Panasonic Canada, Inc., Quanta Storage, Inc., and Quanta Storage America, Inc.	
Superior Court of Québec (Québec) (File No. 500-06-000504-106) (the “Quebec Proceeding”)	C. Fogelman	Sony Corporation, Sony of Canada Ltd., Sony Corporation of America, Sony Optiarc, Inc., Sony Optiarc America Inc., Sony NEC Optiarc, Inc., Toshiba Corporation, Toshiba	All Persons in Quebec who purchased ODD and/or ODD Products during the Class Period, except the Excluded Persons.

Proceeding	Plaintiffs	Defendants	Settlement Class
		America Consumer Products, LLC, Toshiba of Canada Limited, Samsung Electronics Company, Ltd., Samsung Electronics America Inc., Samsung Electronics Canada Inc., Toshiba Samsung Storage Technology Corporation, Hitachi, Ltd., Hitachi Canada, Ltd., Hitachi America Ltd., LG Electronics, Inc., LG Electronics Canada, LG Electronics USA, Inc., Hitachi-LG Data Storage, Inc., Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V., Philips Electronics North America Corporation, Philips Canada Ltd., Lite-On It Corporation, Philips & Lite-On Digital Solution Corporation, Philips & Lite-On Digital Solutions USA, Inc., NEC Corporation, NEC Electronics America, Inc., TEAC Corporation, TEAC America, Inc., TEAC Canada Ltd.	

Between January 2000 and December 2010, did you buy Optical Disc Drives (“ODDs”) or products containing ODDs (including computers, DVD-players, Blu-ray players, etc.)?

If so, you might be affected by a class action settlement for CDN \$4.4 million. The settlement is subject to Court approval.

For more information about the settlement, your options in relation to the settlement, and deadlines for acting:

- **visit www.siskinds.com/odd/ or www.cfmlawyers.ca/active-litigation/odd/**
- **email oddclassaction@cfmlawyers.ca**
- **call 1.800.689.2322**

You are represented by: Camp Fiorante Matthews Mogerma LLP; Siskinds LLP; and Consumer Law Group Inc.

Entre janvier 2000 et décembre 2010, avez-vous acheté des lecteurs de disques optiques (des « LDO ») ou des produits qui en contiennent (y compris des ordinateurs, des lecteurs de DVD, des lecteurs de disques Blu-Ray, etc.)?

Si oui, vous pourriez être visé par un règlement d'action collective portant 4 400 000 \$ CAD. Le règlement doit être approuvé par les tribunaux.

Pour obtenir de plus amples renseignements sur le règlement, les options qui s'offrent à vous à cet égard et les dates limites des mesures à prendre :

- **visitez le site www.siskinds.com/odd ou www.cfmlawyers.ca/active-litigation/odd/**
- **envoyez un courriel à oddclassaction@cfmlawyers.ca**
- **composez le 1-800-689-2322**

Les cabinets d'avocats qui vous représentent sont : Camp Fiorante Matthews Mogerman; Siskinds LLP et Groupe de Droits des Consommateurs Inc.

Did you buy Optical Disc Drives (“ODD”) or ODD Products between January 2000 and December 2010?

If so, you might be affected by a class action settlement.

The Class Actions

Class actions were commenced in British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec on behalf of residents of Canada, alleging that numerous ODD manufacturers and distributors conspired to fix the prices for ODD, and that this resulted in consumers, businesses, and other purchasers paying too much for ODD and ODD Products purchased in Canada.

The Settlement

A settlement of the actions has been reached with Sony Corporation, Sony Optiarc, Inc., Sony Optiarc America Inc., Sony of Canada Ltd., Sony Electronics, Inc., Sony Corporation of America and Sony NEC Optiarc, Inc. (“Sony”) for \$4,400,000 CDN.

The settlement is subject to Court approval in Ontario, British Columbia and Quebec. The settlement is a resolution of contested claims and is not an admission of liability, fault or wrongdoing.

Certification as Class Proceedings for Settlement Purposes

The courts in British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec have certified/authorized the actions as class proceedings against the Sony defendants for settlement purposes only.

Settlement Class Members

You may be a member of the settlement class if you purchased ODD or ODD Products between January 1, 2000 and December 31, 2010. The deadline to opt out or exclude oneself as a settlement class member in the ODD proceeding has passed.

- ODD means any device which reads and/or writes data from and to an optical disk, including but not limited to, CD-ROMs, CD-recordable/rewritable, DVD-ROM, DVD-

recordable/rewritable, Blu-Ray, Blu-Ray-recordable/rewritable, and HD DVD, as well as Super Multi-Drives, other combination drives, and optical disk drives designed to be attached externally to computers or other devices.

- ODD Products means products incorporating ODD, including but not limited to desktop computers, mobile/laptop computers, video game consoles, CD players/recorders, DVD players/recorders and Blu-Ray disc players/recorders.

Settlement and Fee Approval Hearings

Hearings to consider approval of the Sony settlement and class counsel’s fee request of 25% of the Sony settlement, plus disbursements and applicable taxes, will be heard by the British Columbia Court in the City of Vancouver on ● at ●., the Ontario Court in the City of London on ● at ●., and the Quebec Court in the City of Montreal on ● at ●.

You may express your views on the proposed settlement or class counsel’s fee request to the Courts. If you wish to do so you must act by ●. For more information see www.siskinds.com/odd/ or www.cfmlawyers.ca/active-litigation/odd/.

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Avez-vous acheté des lecteurs de disques optiques (des « LDO ») ou des Produits contenant des LDO entre janvier 2000 et décembre 2010?

Si oui, vous pourriez être visé par un règlement d'action collective.

Les actions collectives

Des actions collectives ont été introduites en Colombie-Britannique, en Ontario et au Québec pour le compte de résidents du Canada qui allèguent que de nombreux fabricants et distributeurs de LDO ont comploté pour fixer les prix des LDO, de sorte que des consommateurs, des entreprises et d'autres acheteurs ont payé trop cher les LDO et les Produits contenant des LDO achetés au Canada.

Le règlement

Un règlement concernant les actions a été conclu avec Sony Corporation, Sony Optiarc, Inc., Sony Optiarc America Inc., Sony of Canada Ltd., Sony Electronics, Inc., Sony Corporation of America et Sony NEC Optiarc, Inc. ("Sony") pour un montant de 4 400 000 \$ CAD.

Le règlement doit être approuvé par les tribunaux de l'Ontario, de la Colombie-Britannique et du Québec. Le règlement constitue une résolution des réclamations contestées et ne constitue pas un aveu de responsabilité, de faute ou d'acte fautif.

Certification/autorisation à titre d'actions collectives aux fins de règlement

Les tribunaux de la Colombie-Britannique, de l'Ontario et du Québec ont certifié/autorisé les actions à titre d'actions collectives contre les défenderesses Sony uniquement aux fins de règlement.

Membres du groupe visés par le règlement

Vous pourriez être membre du groupe visé par le règlement si vous avez acheté des LDO ou des Produits contenant des LDO entre le 1^{er} janvier 2000 et le 31 décembre 2010. La date limite pour se retirer ou de s'exclure en tant que membre du groupe dans la procédure LDO est expirée.

- On entend par « LDO » un appareil qui lit des données à partir d'un disque optique et/ou enregistre des données sur un disque optique, tel que, sans limitation, les cédéroms, les disques compacts enregistrables/réinscriptibles, les DVD-ROM, les DVD enregistrables/réinscriptibles, les disques Blu-Ray, les disques Blu-Ray

enregistrables/réinscriptibles et les DVD haute définition, de même que les lecteurs/graveurs Super Multi, d'autres lecteurs/graveurs et les lecteurs de disques optiques conçus pour être connectés à l'externe à des ordinateurs ou à d'autres appareils.

- On entend par « Produits contenant des LDO » des produits intégrant des LDO, y compris, sans limitation, des ordinateurs de bureau, des ordinateurs mobiles/portatifs, des consoles de jeux, des lecteurs/graveurs de disques compacts, des lecteurs/graveurs de DVD et des lecteurs/graveurs de disques Blu-Ray.

Avis d'audiences d'approbation du règlement et des honoraires

Des audiences visant l'approbation du règlement conclu avec Sony et la demande d'honoraires équivalant à 25 % de ce règlement, plus les débours et les taxes applicables, qui seront présentés par les avocats du groupe, se tiendront devant le tribunal de la Colombie-Britannique à Vancouver le • 2018 à •, le tribunal de l'Ontario à London le • 2018 à • et le tribunal du Québec à Montréal le • 2018 à •.

Vous pouvez faire part aux tribunaux de votre position au sujet du règlement proposé ou de la demande d'honoraires. Si vous voulez faire part de votre position, vous devez prendre des mesures d'ici le • 2018. Visitez le site www.siskinds.com/odd/ ou www.cfmlawyers.ca/active-litigation/odd/ pour obtenir de plus amples renseignements.

Les cabinets d'avocats qui vous représentent sont :

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**NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION/AUTHORIZATION AND SETTLEMENT APPROVAL HEARINGS IN THE
CANADIAN OPTICAL DISK DRIVES LITIGATION**

If you bought Optical Disc Drives (“ODD”) or products containing ODD in Canada between January 1, 2000 and December 31, 2010, you may be affected by a class action settlement.

1. WHAT IS A CLASS ACTION?

A class action is a lawsuit filed by one person on behalf of a large group of people.

2. WHAT ARE THESE CLASS ACTIONS ABOUT?

Class actions lawsuits were commenced in Ontario, British Columbia and Quebec alleging that the defendants illegally conspired to fix the prices of ODD (collectively, the “ODD Proceedings”). The cases include Canadian residents in all provinces and territories who were affected by the alleged conspiracy. The ODD Proceedings ask that the Courts require these companies to return any extra money that they may have received due to this alleged conspiracy.

3. WHAT SETTLEMENTS HAVE BEEN REACHED IN THE CLASS ACTIONS?

A settlement is when a defendant agrees to pay money to the members of the class action in exchange for being released from the case.

Sony Corporation, Sony Optiarc, Inc., Sony Optiarc America Inc., Sony of Canada Ltd., Sony Electronics, Inc., Sony Corporation of America and Sony NEC Optiarc, Inc. (“Sony”) agreed to settle the ODD Proceedings and pay CDN \$4.4 million for the benefit of the settlement class in exchange for a full release of the claims against them and their related entities relating to the alleged price-fixing of ODD. Sony also agreed to provide cooperation to the plaintiffs in pursuing the ODD Proceedings against the remaining defendants. Sony does not admit any liability, wrongdoing or fault.

The Sony settlement will only become effective if it is approved by the British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec Courts. The approval hearings will take place in the British Columbia Court in the City of Vancouver on ● at ●, the Ontario Court in the City of London on ● at ● and in the Quebec Court in the City of Montreal on ● at ●. The Courts will decide whether the settlement is fair, reasonable, and in the best interests of settlement class members.

Previous settlements have been achieved with:

- TEAC Corporation, TEAC America, Inc. and TEAC Canada, Ltd. (“TEAC”) for \$500,000 USD;
- NEC Corporation and NEC Canada, Inc. (“NEC”) for \$730,000 CDN; and

- Hitachi-LG Data Storage, Inc. and Hitachi-LG Data Storage Korea, Inc. (“HLDS”) for \$8,123,940 CDN.

Those settlements have received the requisite court approval and the settlement funds are being held in trust for the benefit of settlement class members.

4. WHO IS AFFECTED BY THE CLASS ACTIONS?

The ODD Proceedings were certified or authorized as a class proceeding as against Sony for the purposes of implementing the settlement agreement.

The settlement classes include persons in Canada who purchased ODD and/or ODD Products between January 1, 2000 and December 31, 2010. The defendants and certain entities related to the defendants are excluded from each of the settlement classes. The deadline to opt out or exclude oneself as a settlement class member in the ODD proceeding has passed.

- An “**ODD**” is any device which reads and/or writes data from and to an optical disk, including but not limited to, CD-ROMs, CD-recordable/rewritable, DVD-ROM, DVD-recordable/rewritable, Blu-Ray, Blu-Ray-recordable/rewritable, and HD DVD, as well as Super Multi-Drives, other combination drives, and optical disk drives designed to be attached externally to computers or other devices.
- An “**ODD Product**” is a product incorporating ODD, including but not limited to desktop computers, mobile/laptop computers, video game consoles, CD players/recorders, DVD players/recorders and Blu-Ray disc players/recorders.

5. WHAT STEPS SHOULD I TAKE NOW?

If you want to be a member of the ODD Proceedings, you do not need to do anything. However, there are two steps you should take to protect your legal rights:

1. Keep records of any purchases of ODDs or ODD Products from January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2010. Records include invoices, receipts and bank or loan statements.
2. Register online at www.siskinds.com/odd/ or www.cfmlawyers.ca/active-litigation/odd/ to receive updates about the ODD Proceedings.

Settlement class members who do not oppose the proposed settlement need not appear at the settlement approval hearings or take any other action at this time.

If you want to tell the Court what you think about the proposed settlement or speak to the Court at the hearings listed above, you must send your written submissions to the appropriate Class Counsel at the addresses listed below, postmarked no later than ●. Class Counsel will forward all such submissions to the appropriate Court. All filed written submissions will be considered by the appropriate Court. If you do not file a written submission by ●, you may not be entitled to participate in the settlement approval hearings.

If you want to attend the hearings, please contact Class Counsel for additional details.

6. WHAT HAPPENS TO THE MONEY PAID UNDER THE SETTLEMENT?

The Sony settlement funds (minus approved fees and expenses) will be held in an interest-bearing trust account. At a later date, the Court will decide how the settlement funds will be distributed and how you can apply to receive money from the Sony settlement as well as the previous settlements achieved in the class actions. Watch for another notice explaining how to claim money from the settlements. Register online at www.siskinds.com/odd/ or www.cfmlawyers.ca/active-litigation/odd/ to ensure that you are sent this notice by email or direct mail.

7. WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE CONTESTED LITIGATION?

The contested litigation is continuing against the following defendants:

- Toshiba Corporation, Toshiba Samsung Storage Technology Corporation, Toshiba Samsung Storage Technology Korea Corporation, Toshiba of Canada Limited and Toshiba America Information Systems, Inc. (“Toshiba”);
- Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd., Samsung Electronics Canada Inc. and Samsung Electronics America, Inc. (“Samsung”);
- Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V., Lite-On It Corporation of Taiwan, Philips & Lite-On Digital Solutions Corporation, Philips & Lite-On Digital Solutions USA, Inc. and Philips Electronics Ltd. (“Philips”);
- Quanta Storage, Inc. and Quanta Storage America, Inc. (“Quanta”);
- Panasonic Corporation, Panasonic Corporation of North America and Panasonic Canada Inc. (“Panasonic”);
- BenQ Corporation, BenQ America Corporation and BenQ Canada Corp. (“BenQ”); and
- Pioneer Corporation, Pioneer North America, Inc., Pioneer Electronics (USA) Inc., Pioneer High Fidelity Taiwan Co., Ltd. and Pioneer Electronics of Canada Inc. (“Pioneer”).

The British Columbia class action was certified on behalf of residents of British Columbia. The Defendants appealed the certification decision to the British Columbia Court of Appeal. The certification decision was upheld on appeal. The Defendants were granted leave to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada. The appeal was heard on December 11, 2018 and judgement was reserved.

This means that, subject to the outcome of the appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada, the British Columbia action can proceed as a class action and the common issues (as defined in the

British Columbia certification order) will be determined in a single proceeding on behalf of members of the following subclasses:

The British Columbia "Non-Umbrella Purchaser Subclass" is defined as:

All persons resident in British Columbia who purchased optical disc drives ("ODD") manufactured or supplied by the defendants in this action, or products that contain ODD ("ODD Products") in which the ODD was manufactured or supplied by the defendants in this action, in the period from January 1, 2004 through January 1, 2010.

The British Columbia "Umbrella Purchaser Subclass" is defined as:

All persons resident in British Columbia who purchased optical disc drives ("ODD") that were not manufactured or supplied by the defendants in this action, or products that contain ODD ("ODD Products") in which the ODD was not manufactured or supplied by the defendants in this action, in the period from January 1, 2004 through January 1, 2010.

ODDs mean CD-ROM, CD-R/RW, DVD-ROM, DVD-R/RW, Blu-Ray, Blu-Ray R/RW, and HD DVD.

ODD Products mean computers, video game consoles and ODDs that are designed to be attached externally to devices such as computers.

The Ontario action was stayed to avoid duplicating the British Columbia ODD litigation. If the Supreme Court of Canada upholds the certification decision, the BC class will be amended to include all persons in Canada (the "national class").

At this time the Quebec action remains active.

8. WHO ARE THE LAWYERS WORKING ON THESE CLASS ACTIONS AND HOW ARE THEY PAID?

The law firm of Camp Fiorante Matthews Mogerman LLP represents the Settlement Class in British Columbia.

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The law firm of Siskinds LLP represents the Settlement Class in Ontario and in all provinces other than British Columbia or Quebec:

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Telephone (toll free): 1-800-461-6166 ext. 2455

Email: oddclassaction@siskinds.com

Mail: 680 Waterloo Street, London, ON N6A 3V8 Attention: Charles Wright

The law firm of Consumer Law Group Inc. represents the Settlement Class in Quebec.

CONSUMER LAW GROUP INC.

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As an individual, you do not have to pay the lawyers working on the ODD Proceedings any money. The lawyers will be paid from the money collected in the ODD Proceedings. The Courts will be asked to decide how much the lawyers will be paid. The lawyers will collectively be asking that the Courts approve legal fees of up to 25% of the settlement funds plus disbursements and applicable taxes. Any approved legal fees will be paid out of the settlement funds. Class Counsel reserve the right to ask the Courts to allow Class Counsel to use the settlement funds to pay for any future adverse costs award or future disbursements. At a later date, Class Counsel will ask the Courts to approve the distribution of the remaining settlement funds to settlement class members.

9. WHERE CAN I ASK MORE QUESTIONS

This notice contains only a summary of the Sony settlement. To review the complete settlement agreement, visit www.siskinds.com/odd/ or www.cfmlawyers.ca/active-litigation/odd/. If you have questions that are not answered online at www.siskinds.com/odd/ or www.cfmlawyers.ca/active-litigation/odd/ please contact Class Counsel.

To receive future notices and updates regarding the class actions and any future settlements, register online at www.siskinds.com/odd/ or www.cfmlawyers.ca/active-litigation/odd/.

10. INTERPRETATION

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

**AVIS DE CERTIFICATION/D'AUTORISATION ET D'AUDIENCES POUR L'APPROBATION DE
RÈGLEMENT DANS LE CADRE
DE RECOURS CANADIENS CONCERNANT LES LECTEURS DE DISQUES OPTIQUES**

Si vous avez acheté au Canada des lecteurs de disques optiques (des « LDO ») ou des produits qui en contiennent entre le 1^{er} janvier 2000 et le 31 décembre 2010, un règlement d'action collective pourrait avoir une incidence sur vous.

1. QU'EST-CE QU'UNE ACTION COLLECTIVE?

Une action collective est une poursuite intentée par une personne pour le compte d'un grand nombre de personnes.

2. EN QUOI CONSISTENT CES ACTIONS COLLECTIVES?

Des actions collectives alléguant que les défenderesses ont complotées illégalement pour fixer les prix des LDO ont été introduites en Ontario, en Colombie-Britannique et au Québec (collectivement, les « actions relatives aux LDO »). Ces recours sont intentés pour le compte des résidents canadiens de toutes les provinces et territoires qui ont été touchés par le complot allégué. Dans les actions relatives aux LDO, il est demandé aux tribunaux d'ordonner aux sociétés défenderesses de rembourser les sommes d'argent qu'elles pourraient avoir perçues en trop grâce au complot allégué.

3. QUELS SONT LES RÈGLEMENTS CONCLUS DANS LE CADRE DES ACTIONS COLLECTIVES?

Un règlement est conclu lorsqu'un défendeur convient de verser une somme d'argent aux membres de l'action collective et de recevoir en échange une quittance à l'égard de l'action.

En échange d'une quittance complète de toutes les réclamations présentées contre elles et leurs entités liées relativement à la fixation alléguée des prix des LDO, Sony Corporation, Sony Optiarc, Inc., Sony Optiarc America Inc., Sony du Canada Ltée, Sony Electronics, Inc., Sony Corporation of America et Sony NEC Optiarc, Inc. (« Sony ») ont accepté de régler les actions relatives aux LDO et de verser 4 400 000 \$ CAD au bénéfice des membres du groupe visés par le règlement. En outre, Sony a accepté de collaborer avec les demandeurs à la poursuite des actions relatives aux LDO contre les autres défenderesses. Sony décline toute responsabilité et nie tout acte fautif et toute faute.

Le règlement conclu avec Sony ne prend effet que s'il est approuvé par les tribunaux de la Colombie-Britannique, de l'Ontario et du Québec. Les audiences pour l'approbation se tiendront devant le tribunal de la Colombie-Britannique à Vancouver le • 2019 à •, le tribunal de l'Ontario à London le • 2019 à • et le tribunal du Québec à Montréal le •

2019 à •. Les tribunaux décideront si le règlement est équitable, raisonnable et dans l'intérêt des membres du groupe visés par le règlement.

Des règlements antérieurs ont été conclues avec :

- TEAC Corporation, TEAC America, Inc. et TEAC Canada, Ltd. (« TEAC ») pour un montant de 500 000 \$ US;
- NEC Corporation et NEC Canada, Inc. (« NEC ») pour un montant de 730 000 \$ CAD; et
- Hitachi-LG Data Storage, Inc. et Hitachi-LG Data Storage Korea, Inc. (« HLDS ») pour un montant de 8 123 940 \$ CAD.

Ces règlements ont reçu les approbations nécessaires des tribunaux et les fonds des règlements sont détenus en compte en fiducie au bénéfice des membres du groupe visés par le règlement.

4. QUI EST VISÉ PAR LES ACTIONS COLLECTIVES?

Les actions relatives aux LDO ont été certifiées ou autorisées à titre d'actions collectives contre Sony aux fins de la mise en œuvre de l'entente de règlement.

Les groupes visés par les règlements incluent toutes les personnes au Canada ayant acheté des LDO et/ou des Produits contenant des LDO entre le 1^{er} janvier 2000 et le 31 décembre 2010. Les défenderesses et certaines entités liées à celles-ci sont exclues de chacun de ces groupes. La date limite pour se retirer ou de s'exclure en tant que membre du groupe dans la procédure LDO est expirée.

- On entend par « **LDO** » un appareil qui lit des données à partir d'un disque optique et/ou enregistre des données sur un disque optique, tel que, sans limitation, les cédéroms, les disques compacts enregistrables/réinscriptibles, les DVD-ROM, les DVD enregistrables/réinscriptibles, les disques Blu-Ray, les disques Blu-Ray enregistrables/réinscriptibles et les DVD haute définition, de même que les lecteurs/graveurs Super Multi, d'autres lecteurs/graveurs et les lecteurs de disques optiques conçus pour être connectés à l'externe à des ordinateurs ou à d'autres appareils.
- On entend par « **Produit contenant des LDO** » un produit intégrant des LDO, y compris, sans limitation, des ordinateurs de bureau, des ordinateurs mobiles/portatifs, des consoles de jeux vidéos, des lecteurs/graveurs de disques compacts, des lecteurs/graveurs de DVD et des lecteurs/graveurs de disques Blu-Ray.

5. QUE DOIS-JE FAIRE MAINTENANT?

Si vous souhaitez participer aux actions relatives aux LDO, vous n'avez aucune démarche à faire. Toutefois, vous devez prendre deux mesures pour protéger vos droits:

1. Garder les documents relatifs à vos achats de LDO ou de produits contenant des LDO effectués entre le 1^{er} janvier 2000 et le 31 décembre 2010. On entend notamment par « documents » des factures, des reçus, des relevés bancaires et des relevés de prêt.
2. Procéder à votre inscription en ligne au www.siskinds.com/odd/ ou www.cfmlawyers.ca/active-litigation/odd/ afin de recevoir des mises à jour au sujet des actions relatives aux LDO.

Les membres du groupe qui ne s'opposent pas au règlement proposé n'a pas à se présenter aux audiences d'approbation du règlement et n'ont aucune autre démarche à faire pour le moment.

Si vous souhaitez présenter au tribunal votre position au sujet du règlement proposé ou prendre la parole devant le tribunal aux audiences indiquées ci-dessus, vous devez transmettre vos observations écrites à l'avocat du groupe concerné à l'une des adresses indiquées ci-dessous au plus tard le • 2019, le cachet de la poste faisant foi. Les avocats du groupe transmettront toutes les observations au tribunal concerné. Toutes les observations écrites déposées seront prises en compte par le tribunal concerné. Si vos observations écrites ne sont pas transmises d'ici le • 2019, il est possible que vous ne soyez pas autorisé à participer aux audiences d'approbation des règlements.

Si vous désirez assister aux audiences, veuillez communiquer avec les avocats du groupe pour plus de détails.

6. QU'ADVIENT-IL DES SOMMES VERSÉES EN VERTU DU RÈGLEMENT?

Les fonds des règlements concernant le règlement conclu avec Sony (déduction faite des honoraires et des frais approuvés) seront déposés dans un compte en fiducie portant intérêt. À une date ultérieure, le tribunal décidera du mode de distribution des fonds des règlements et de la façon dont vous pourrez présenter une demande pour recevoir une indemnité prélevée sur ces fonds ainsi que des règlements antérieurs réalisés dans les actions collectives. Soyez à l'affût d'un autre avis donnant des détails sur la façon de présenter une réclamation pour obtenir cette indemnité. Veuillez-vous inscrire au www.siskinds.com/odd/ ou www.cfmlawyers.ca/active-litigation/odd/ afin que l'avis vous soit transmis directement par la poste ou par courriel.

7. OÙ EN EST LE LITIGE?

Le litige se poursuit à l'encontre des défenderesses suivantes :

- Toshiba Corporation, Toshiba Samsung Storage Technology Corporation, Toshiba Samsung Storage Technology Korea Corporation, Toshiba du Canada Limitée et Toshiba America Information Systems, Inc. (« Toshiba »);
- Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd., Samsung Electronics Canada Inc. et Samsung Electronics America, Inc. (« Samsung »);
- Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V., Lite-On It Corporation of Taiwan, Philips & Lite-On Digital Solutions Corporation, Philips & Lite-On Digital Solutions USA, Inc. et Philips Électronique Ltée (« Philips »);
- Quanta Storage, Inc. et Quanta Storage America, Inc. (« Quanta »);
- Panasonic Corporation, Panasonic Corporation of North America et Panasonic Canada Inc. (« Panasonic »);
- BenQ Corporation, BenQ America Corporation et BenQ Canada Corp. (« BenQ »);
et
- Pioneer Corporation, Pioneer North America, Inc., Pioneer Electronics (USA) Inc., Pioneer High Fidelity Taiwan Co., Ltd. et Pioneer Electronics of Canada Inc. (« Pioneer »).

L'action collective de la Colombie-Britannique a été certifiée pour le compte des résidents de la Colombie-Britannique. Les défenderesses ont interjeté appel de la décision devant la Cour d'appel de la Colombie-Britannique. La décision de certification a été confirmée en appel. Les défenderesses ont obtenu l'autorisation d'interjeter appel devant la Cour suprême du Canada. L'appel a été entendu le 11 décembre 2018 et le jugement est en délibéré.

Ceci signifie que, sous réserve de l'issue de l'appel devant la Cour suprême du Canada, l'action de la Colombie-Britannique peut être traitée comme une action collective et que les questions communes (au sens attribué au terme *common issues* dans l'ordonnance de certification de la Colombie-Britannique) seront tranchées dans une seule instance pour le compte de tous les membres des sous-groupes suivants :

On entend par « sous-groupe d'acheteurs non généraux » ce qui suit :

Toutes les personnes qui résident en Colombie-Britannique et qui ont acheté des lecteurs de disques optiques (des « LDO ») fabriqués ou fournis par les défenderesses dans le cadre de cette action ou des produits qui contiennent des LDO (des « Produits contenant des LDO ») dont les LDO ont été fabriqués ou fournis par les défenderesses à la présente action au cours de la période allant du 1^{er} janvier 2004 au 1^{er} janvier 2010.

On entend par « sous-groupe d'acheteurs généraux » ce qui suit :

Toutes les personnes qui résident en Colombie-Britannique et qui ont acheté des lecteurs de disques optiques (des « LDO ») qui n'ont pas été fabriqués ou fournis par les défenderesses dans le cadre de cette action ou des produits qui contiennent des LDO (des « Produits contenant des LDO ») dont les LDO n'ont pas été fabriqués ou fournis par les défenderesses à la présente action au cours de la période allant du 1^{er} janvier 2004 au 1^{er} janvier 2010.

On entend par « LDO » des cédéroms, des disques compacts enregistrables/réinscriptibles, des DVD-ROM, des DVD enregistrables/réinscriptibles, des disques Blu-Ray, des disques Blu-Ray enregistrables/réinscriptibles et des DVD haute définition.

On entend par « Produits contenant des LDO » des ordinateurs, des consoles de jeux et des LDO qui sont conçus pour être connectés à l'externe à des appareils tels que des ordinateurs.

L'action de l'Ontario a été suspendue pour éviter la duplication du litige en Colombie-Britannique relatif aux LDO. Si la Cour suprême du Canada confirme la décision de certification, le group de la Colombie-Britannique sera modifié afin d'inclure toutes les personnes au Canada (le « groupe national »).

À ce moment, l'action québécoise reste active.

8. QUI SONT LES AVOCATS QUI TRAVAILLENT SUR LES ACTIONS COLLECTIVES ET COMMENT SONT-ILS RÉMUNÉRÉS?

Le cabinet d'avocats Camp Fiorante Matthews Mogerman LLP représente le groupe visé par le règlement des actions en Colombie-Britannique.

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Vous n'avez pas personnellement à payer les avocats qui travaillent sur les actions relatives aux LDO; ils seront rémunérés par prélèvement sur les fonds obtenus dans le cadre des actions relatives aux LDO. Les tribunaux seront appelés à déterminer les honoraires des avocats. Les avocats demanderont collectivement aux tribunaux d'approuver des honoraires d'avocats pouvant aller jusqu'à 25 % des fonds de règlement, majoré des débours et des taxes applicables. Tous les frais et honoraires juridiques approuvés seront payés par prélèvement sur les fonds de règlement. Les avocats du groupe se réservent le droit de demander aux tribunaux de leur permettre d'affecter les fonds du règlement au paiement, s'il y a lieu, des dépens accordés contre les demandeurs ou de débours futurs. À une date ultérieure, les avocats du groupe demanderont aux tribunaux d'approuver la distribution des fonds de règlement restants aux membres du groupe visé par le règlement.

9. À QUI M'ADRESSER SI J'AI D'AUTRES QUESTIONS?

Le présent avis contient seulement un résumé du règlement conclu avec Sony. On peut consulter le texte complet de l'entente de règlement au www.siskinds.com/odd/ ou www.cfmlawyers.ca/active-litigation/odd/. Si vous avez des questions pour lesquelles aucune réponse n'est fournie en ligne au www.siskinds.com/odd/ ou www.cfmlawyers.ca/active-litigation/odd/, veuillez communiquer avec les avocats du groupe.

Pour recevoir les avis et les mises à jour à venir concernant les actions collectives et les règlements futurs, veuillez-vous inscrire en ligne au www.siskinds.com/odd/ ou www.cfmlawyers.ca/active-litigation/odd/.

10. INTERPRÉTATION

Le présent avis contient un résumé de certaines modalités de l'entente de règlement conclu avec Sony. En cas de conflit entre le présent avis et les modalités de l'entente de règlement conclu avec Sony, les modalités de cette dernière l'emporte.

**PLAN OF DISSEMINATION
NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION AND SETTLEMENT APPROVAL HEARING
IN THE ODD CLASS ACTION**

The Notice of Certification for Settlement Purposes and Settlement Approval Hearing shall be distributed in the following manner:

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1. Published once in the following newspapers, in either English or French, as is appropriate for each newspaper, subject to each having reasonable publication deadlines and costs:
 - (a) The Globe and Mail (National Edition)
 - (b) Le Journal de Montréal (French)
 - (c) Le Soleil (French)
 - (d) The Vancouver Sun

Short-Form Notice

2. Sent by email or direct mail in English or French, as is appropriate, to:
 - (a) the Settling and Settled Defendants' direct purchaser customers of ODD or ODD Products during the relevant period, to the extent that such information has been provided to class counsel;
 - (b) anyone who has registered with class counsel to receive updates on the status of the ODD class action; and
 - (c) the following industry associations, requesting voluntary distribution to their membership:
 - (i) Retail Council of Canada; and
 - (ii) Conseil québécois du commerce de détail (Quebec Council of Retail Trade).

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3. Posted in English and French by class counsel on class counsel's respective websites; and
4. Provided by class counsel to any person who requests it.