# **EXHIBIT 1**

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SHIVA STEIN, Individually and On Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Case No. 1:19-cv-06873-LGS

Plaintiff,

v.

EAGLE BANCORP, INC., SUSAN G. RIEL, RONALD D. PAUL, CHARLES D. LEVINGSTON, JAMES H. LANGMEAD, and LAURENCE E. BENSIGNOR,

Defendants.

### STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT OF SETTLEMENT

This Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement, dated as of June 28, 2021 (the "Stipulation") is entered into between (a) Lead Plaintiff Danilee Cassinelli, as Trustee of the Danilee Cassinelli Trust DTD 7-23-93 ("Lead Plaintiff") and additional plaintiff Norfolk County Retirement System ("Norfolk") (together with Lead Plaintiff, "Plaintiffs"), on behalf of themselves and the Settlement Class (defined below); and (b) defendant Eagle Bancorp, Inc. ("Eagle" or the "Company"), and defendants Ronald D. Paul ("Paul"), Susan G. Riel ("Riel"), Charles D. Levingston ("Levingston"), James H. Langmead ("Langmead"), and Laurence E. Bensignor ("Bensignor") (collectively, the "Individual Defendants," and, together with Eagle, "Defendants"), and embodies the terms and conditions of the settlement of the above-captioned action (the "Action"). Subject to the approval of the Court and the terms and conditions expressly provided herein, this Stipulation is intended to fully, finally, and forever compromise,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All terms with initial capitalization not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in ¶1 herein.

settle, release, resolve all Released Claims (defined below), and to dismiss with prejudice the Action and all claims asserted therein against Defendants.

#### WHEREAS:

- A. On July 24, 2019, the instant action entitled, *Stein v. Eagle Bancorp, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 1:19-cv-06873-LGS (the "Action"), was filed by Shiva Stein in the United States District Court for Southern District of New York (the "Court"). ECF No. 1. The case was assigned to United States District Court Judge Lorna G. Schofield and Magistrate Judge Katharine H. Parker.
- B. By Order dated November 7, 2019, the Court appointed Anthony Cassinelli, as Trustee of the Danilee Cassinelli Trust DTD 7-23-93 as lead plaintiff and approved Glancy Prongay & Murray LLP as Lead Counsel for the proposed class. ECF No. 33.
- C. On January 21, 2020, lead plaintiff Anthony Cassinelli, as Trustee of the Danilee Cassinelli Trust DTD 7-23-93 and Norfolk filed and served their Amended Class Action Complaint for Violations of the Federal Securities Laws (the "Complaint") asserting claims against all Defendants under Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder, and against the Individual Defendants under Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act. Among other things, the Complaint alleged that Defendants made materially false and misleading statements and/or omissions about: (1) Eagle's related-party loan figures for fiscal years 2014 through 2017; (2) the terms of Eagle's related-party loans and their approval process; (3) Defendants' attestations as to the effectiveness of Eagle's internal controls and SOX Certifications; and (4) Defendants' denials of a report issued by Marcus Aurelius Value that was critical of Eagle and claimed that Eagle materially underreported its related-party loan figures. The Complaint further alleged that the prices of

Eagle publicly-traded securities were artificially inflated as a result of Defendants' allegedly false and misleading statements and/or omissions, and declined when the purported truth was revealed. ECF No. 37.

- D. On April 2, 2020, Defendants filed and served a motion to dismiss the Complaint and a request for judicial notice of seven exhibits. ECF Nos. 45-47. On May 15, 2020, lead plaintiff Anthony Cassinelli, as Trustee of the Danilee Cassinelli Trust DTD 7-23-93, and Norfolk filed and served their papers in opposition to Defendants' motion to dismiss (ECF No. 50) and a request for judicial notice of two exhibits (ECF No. 51). On June 15, 2020, Defendants filed and served their reply papers. ECF No. 52.
- E. On November 30, 2020 the Court substituted Danilee Cassinelli, as Trustee of the Danilee Cassinelli Trust DTD 7-23-93, as lead plaintiff in this Action (ECF No. 57), following Plaintiffs' Counsel's notice of suggestion of death and request for substitution of the lead plaintiff on November 25, 2020 (ECF Nos. 55, 56).
- F. On December 23, 2020, the Parties requested that the Court stay all proceedings pending the Parties' participation in a mediation session overseen by Jed Melnick, Esq. of JAMS. ECF No. 58. On December 27, 2020, the Court granted the Parties' request for a stay of all proceedings. ECF No. 59.
- G. On April 13, 2021, Lead Counsel and Defendants' Counsel participated in a full-day virtual mediation session before Mr. Melnick. In advance of that session, the Parties exchanged, and provided to Mr. Melnick, detailed mediation statements and exhibits which addressed the issues of both liability and damages. The session ended without any agreement being reached.

- H. On April 15, 2021, counsel for Plaintiffs, with Defendants' Counsel's consent, jointly updated the Court on the results of mediation. Lead Counsel informed the Court that though the Parties did not reach an agreement to settle during the mediation session, discussions were productive and the Parties agreed to continue their discussions with the assistance of Mr. Melnick. In light of the Parties' progress, Lead Counsel requested that the proceedings in the Action continue to be stayed for an additional three weeks. ECF No. 64. On April 16, 2021, the Court granted the Parties' application, continued the stay of proceedings in this Action, and requested an update on the mediation discussions by May 6, 2021. ECF No. 65.
- I. Following the mediation session, the Parties continued their discussions with Mr. Melnick, which culminated in Mr. Melnick making a settlement proposal for the Parties' consideration, which both sides accepted. The Parties thereafter memorialized the settlement in a confidential Memorandum of Understanding (the "MOU") executed on April 21, 2021. The MOU sets forth, among other things, the Parties' agreement to settle and release all claims asserted against Defendants in the Action in return for a cash payment by or on behalf of Defendants of \$7,500,000.00 for the benefit of the Settlement Class, subject to certain terms and conditions and the execution of a customary "long form" stipulation and agreement of settlement and related papers.
- J. This Stipulation (together with the exhibits hereto) reflects the final and binding agreement between the Parties.
- K. Based upon their investigation, prosecution, and mediation of the case, Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel have concluded that the terms and conditions of this Stipulation are fair, reasonable, and adequate to Plaintiffs and the other members of the Settlement Class, and in their best interests. Based on Plaintiffs' direct oversight of the prosecution of this matter and with the

advice of their counsel, each of the Plaintiffs has agreed to settle and release the claims raised in the Action pursuant to the terms and provisions of this Stipulation, after considering, among other things: (a) the substantial financial benefit that Plaintiffs and the other members of the Settlement Class will receive under the proposed Settlement; and (b) the significant risks and costs of continued litigation and trial.

L. This Stipulation constitutes a compromise of matters that are in dispute between the Parties. Defendants are entering into this Stipulation solely to eliminate the uncertainty, burden, and expense of further protracted litigation. Each of the Defendants denies any wrongdoing, and this Stipulation shall in no event be construed or deemed to be evidence of or an admission or concession on the part of any of the Defendants with respect to any claim or allegation of any fault or liability or wrongdoing or damage whatsoever, or any infirmity in the defenses that Defendants have, or could have, asserted. Defendants expressly deny that Plaintiffs have asserted any valid claims as to any of them, and expressly deny any and all allegations of fault, liability, wrongdoing, or damages whatsoever. Similarly, this Stipulation shall in no event be construed or deemed to be evidence of or an admission or concession on the part of any Plaintiff of any infirmity in any of the claims asserted in the Action, or an admission or concession that any of the Defendants' defenses to liability had any merit. Each of the Parties recognizes and acknowledges, however, that the Action has been initiated, filed and prosecuted by Plaintiffs in good faith and defended by Defendants in good faith, that the Action is being voluntarily settled with the advice of counsel, and that the terms of the Settlement are fair, adequate, and reasonable.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and among Plaintiffs (individually and on behalf of all other members of the Settlement Class) and

Defendants, by and through their respective undersigned attorneys and subject to the approval of the Court pursuant to Rule 23(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, that, in consideration of the benefits flowing to the Parties from the Settlement, all Released Plaintiffs' Claims as against Defendants' Releasees and all Released Defendants' Claims as against the Plaintiffs' Releasees shall be settled and released, upon and subject to the terms and conditions set forth below.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

- 1. As used in this Stipulation and any exhibits attached hereto and made a part hereof, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:
- (a) "Action" means the consolidated securities class action in the matter styled *Stein v. Eagle Bancorp, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 1:19-cv-06873-LGS.
- (b) "Alternate Judgment" means a form of final judgment that may be entered by the Court herein but in a form other than the form of Judgment provided for in this Stipulation.
- (c) "Authorized Claimant" means a Settlement Class Member who submits a Claim Form to the Claims Administrator that is approved by the Court for payment from the Net Settlement Fund.
  - (d) "Claim" means a Claim Form submitted to the Claims Administrator.
- (e) "Claim Form" or "Proof of Claim Form" means the form, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 2 to Exhibit A, that a Claimant or Settlement Class Member must complete and submit should that Claimant or Settlement Class Member seek to share in a distribution of the Net Settlement Fund.

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- (f) "Claimant" means a person or entity who or which submits a Claim Form to the Claims Administrator seeking to be eligible to share in the proceeds of the Settlement Fund.
- (g) "Claims Administrator" means the firm retained by Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel, subject to approval of the Court, to provide all notices approved by the Court to potential Settlement Class Members and to administer the Settlement.
- (h) "Class Distribution Order" means an order entered by the Court authorizing and directing that the Net Settlement Fund be distributed, in whole or in part, to Authorized Claimants.
- (i) "Complaint" means the Amended Class Action Complaint for Violations of the Federal Securities Laws filed by lead plaintiff Anthony Cassinelli, as Trustee of the Danilee Cassinelli Trust DTD 7-23-93 and Norfolk in the Action on January 21, 2020.
- (j) "Court" means the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.
  - (k) "Defendants" means Eagle and the Individual Defendants.
  - (1) "Defendants' Counsel" means Baker & Hostetler LLP.
- (m) "Defendants' Releasees" means: (i) Defendants; (ii) for each Defendant, their respective attorneys (including Defendants' Counsel), accountants, assigns, assignees, insurers, reinsurers, consultants, agents, experts, and any entity in which any Defendant has or had a controlling interest, in their capacities as such; (iii) for Eagle, its current and former officers, directors, parents, affiliates, subsidiaries, successors, predecessors, employees, administrators, and auditors, in their capacities as such; and (iv) for the Individual Defendants, their respective Immediate Family members, heirs, executors, beneficiaries, and any trust of

which any Defendant is the grantor or settlor or which is for the benefit of any Defendant and/or member(s) of his or her Immediate Family, in their capacities as such.

- (n) "Eagle" means Eagle Bancorp, Inc.
- (o) "Eagle Call Options" means call options on Eagle Common Stock.
- (p) "Eagle Common Stock" means the common stock of Eagle.
- (q) "Eagle Put Options" means put options on Eagle Common Stock.
- (r) "Eagle Securities" means Eagle Common Stock, Eagle Call Options, and Eagle Put Options.
- (s) "Effective Date" with respect to the Settlement means the first date by which all of the events and conditions specified in ¶31 of this Stipulation have been met and have occurred or have been waived.
- (t) "Escrow Account" means an account maintained at Huntington National Bank wherein the Settlement Amount shall be deposited and held in escrow under the control of Lead Counsel.
  - (u) "Escrow Agent" means Huntington National Bank.
- (v) "Escrow Agreement" means the agreement between Lead Counsel and the Escrow Agent setting forth the terms under which the Escrow Agent shall maintain the Escrow Account.
- (w) "Excluded Claims" means (i) any claims asserted in the action pending in Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Civil Division, Case No. 2021 CA 000326 B (defined below), and (ii) any claims of any person or entity who or which submits a request for exclusion that is accepted by the Court.

- (x) "Final," with respect to the Judgment or, if applicable, the Alternate Judgment, or any other court order, means: (i) if no appeal is filed, the expiration date of the time provided for filing or noticing any appeal under the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, *i.e.*, thirty (30) days after entry of the judgment or order; or (ii) if there is an appeal from the judgment or order, (a) the date of final dismissal of all such appeals, or the final dismissal of any proceeding on certiorari or otherwise, or (b) the date the judgment or order is finally affirmed on an appeal, the expiration of the time to file a petition for a writ of certiorari or other form of review, or the denial of a writ of certiorari or other form of review, and, if certiorari or other form of review is granted, the date of final affirmance following review pursuant to that grant. However, any appeal or proceeding seeking subsequent judicial review pertaining solely to an order issued with respect to (i) attorneys' fees, costs, or expenses, or (ii) the plan of allocation of Settlement proceeds (as submitted or subsequently modified), shall not in any way delay or preclude a judgment from becoming Final.
- (y) "Immediate Family" means children, stepchildren, parents, stepparents, spouses, siblings, mothers-in-law, fathers-in-law, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, brothers-in-law, and sisters-in-law. As used in this paragraph, "spouse" shall mean a husband, a wife, or a partner in a state-recognized domestic relationship or civil union.
- (z) "Individual Defendants" means Paul, Riel, Levingston, Langmead, and Bensignor.
- (aa) "Judgment" means the final judgment, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B, to be entered by the Court approving the Settlement.
  - (bb) "Lead Counsel" means the law firm of Glancy Prongay & Murray LLP.

- (cc) "Lead Plaintiff" means Danilee Cassinelli, as Trustee of the Danilee Cassinelli Trust DTD 7-23-93.
- (dd) "Litigation Expenses" means costs and expenses incurred in connection with commencing, prosecuting, and settling the Action (which may include the costs and expenses of Plaintiffs directly related to their representation of the Settlement Class), for which Lead Counsel intends to apply to the Court for reimbursement from the Settlement Fund.
- (ee) "Net Settlement Fund" means the Settlement Fund less: (i) any Taxes; (ii) any Notice and Administration Costs; (iii) any Litigation Expenses awarded by the Court; and (iv) any attorneys' fees awarded by the Court.
- (ff) "Notice" means the Notice of (I) Pendency of Class Action, Certification of Settlement Class, and Proposed Settlement; (II) Settlement Hearing; and (III) Motion for an Award of Attorneys' Fees and Reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 1 to Exhibit A, which is to be mailed to Settlement Class Members.
- (gg) "Notice and Administration Costs" means the costs, fees, and expenses that are incurred by the Claims Administrator and/or Lead Counsel in connection with: (i) providing notices to the Settlement Class; and (ii) administering the Settlement, including but not limited to the Claims process, as well as the costs, fees, and expenses incurred in connection with the Escrow Account.
- (hh) "Parties" means Defendants and Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and the Settlement Class.
- (ii) "Plaintiffs' Counsel" means Lead Counsel and Labaton Sucharow LLP who, at the direction and under the supervision of Lead Counsel, performed services on behalf of the Settlement Class in the Action.

- (jj) "Plaintiffs' Releasees" means Plaintiffs, all other plaintiffs in the Action, their respective attorneys, and all other Settlement Class Members, and their respective current and former officers, directors, agents, trusts, trustees, parents, affiliates, subsidiaries, successors, predecessors, assigns, assignees, employees, and attorneys, in their capacities as such.
- (kk) "Plan of Allocation" means the proposed plan of allocation of the Net Settlement Fund set forth in the Notice.
- (ll) "Preliminary Approval Order" means the order, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, to be entered by the Court preliminarily approving the Settlement and directing that notice of the Settlement be provided to the Settlement Class.
- (mm) "PSLRA" means the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4, as amended.
- (nn) "Released Claims" means all Released Defendants' Claims and all Released Plaintiffs' Claims.
- (oo) "Released Defendants' Claims" means all claims and causes of action of every nature and description, whether known claims or Unknown Claims, whether accrued or unaccrued, whether asserted or unasserted, whether arising under federal, state, common or foreign law, that arise out of or relate in any way to the institution, prosecution, or settlement of the claims asserted in the Action against Defendants. Released Defendants' Claims do not include any claims relating to the enforcement of the Settlement or any claims against any person or entity who or which submits a request for exclusion from the Settlement Class that is accepted by the Court.
- (pp) "Released Plaintiffs' Claims" means all claims and causes of action of every nature and description, whether known claims or Unknown Claims, whether accrued or

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unaccrued, whether asserted or unasserted, whether arising under federal, state, common or foreign law, that Plaintiffs or any other member of the Settlement Class: (i) asserted in the Complaint; or (ii) could have asserted in any forum that arise out of or are based upon the allegations, transactions, facts, matters or occurrences, representations or omissions involved, set forth, or referred to in the Complaint and that relate to the purchase or acquisition of Eagle Common Stock and/or Eagle Call Options, and/or the writing of Eagle Put Options, during the Settlement Class Period. Released Plaintiffs' Claims do not include: (i) any claims relating to the enforcement of the Settlement; (ii) any claims asserted in the action pending in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Civil Division, Case No. 2021 CA 000326 B; and (iii) any claims of any person or entity who or which submits a request for exclusion that is accepted by the Court.

- (qq) "Releasee(s)" means each and any of Defendants' Releasees and each and any of Plaintiffs' Releasees.
  - (rr) "Releases" means the releases set forth in ¶5-6 of this Stipulation.
- (ss) "Settlement" means the settlement between Plaintiffs and Defendants on the terms and conditions set forth in this Stipulation.
  - (tt) "Settlement Amount" means \$7,500,000.00 in cash.
- (uu) "Settlement Class" means all persons and entities who or which purchased or otherwise acquired Eagle Common Stock and/or Eagle Call Options, and/or wrote Eagle Put Options, between March 2, 2015 and July 17, 2019, inclusive (the "Settlement Class Period") and were damaged thereby. Excluded from the Settlement Class are: (1) persons who suffered no compensable losses; and (2) (a) Defendants; (b) the legal representatives, heirs, successors, assigns, and members of the Immediate Families of the Individual Defendants; (c) the parents,

subsidiaries, assigns, successors, predecessors, and affiliates of Eagle; (d) any persons who served as officers and/or directors of Eagle during the Settlement Class Period; (e) any entity in which any of the foregoing (a) – (d) excluded persons have or had a majority ownership interest during the Settlement Class Period; (f) any trust of which any Individual Defendants is the grantor or settlor or which is for the benefit of any Individual Defendant and/or member(s) of his or her Immediate Family; and (g) Defendants' liability insurance carriers. Also excluded from the Settlement Class are any persons and entities who or which exclude themselves by submitting a request for exclusion that is accepted by the Court.

- (vv) "Settlement Class Member" means each person and entity who or which is a member of the Settlement Class.
- (ww) "Settlement Class Period" means the period between March 2, 2015 and July 17, 2019, inclusive.
- (xx) "Settlement Fund" means the Settlement Amount plus any and all interest earned thereon.
- (yy) "Settlement Hearing" means the hearing set by the Court under Rule 23(e)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to consider final approval of the Settlement.
- (zz) "Summary Notice" means the Summary Notice of (I) Pendency of Class Action, Certification of Settlement Class, and Proposed Settlement; (II) Settlement Hearing; and (III) Motion for an Award of Attorneys' Fees and Reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 3 to Exhibit A, to be published as set forth in the Preliminary Approval Order.

(aaa) "Taxes" means: (i) all federal, state and/or local taxes of any kind (including any interest or penalties thereon) on any income earned by the Settlement Fund; (ii) the expenses and costs incurred by Lead Counsel in connection with determining the amount of, and paying, any taxes owed by the Settlement Fund (including, without limitation, expenses of tax attorneys and accountants); and (iii) all taxes imposed on payments by the Settlement Fund, including withholding taxes.

(bbb) "Unknown Claims" means any Released Plaintiffs' Claims which any Plaintiff or any other Settlement Class Member does not know or suspect to exist in his, her, or its favor at the time of the release of such claims, and any Released Defendants' Claims which any Defendants' Releasee does not know or suspect to exist in his, her, or its favor at the time of the release of such claims, which, if known by him, her, or it, might have affected his, her, or its decision(s) with respect to this Settlement. With respect to any and all Released Claims, the Parties stipulate and agree that, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Plaintiffs and Defendants shall expressly waive, and each of the other Settlement Class Members and each of the other Defendants' Releasees shall be deemed to have waived, and by operation of the Judgment or the Alternate Judgment, if applicable, shall have expressly waived, any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States, or principle of common law or foreign law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to California Civil Code §1542, which provides:

A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him or her would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

Plaintiffs and Defendants acknowledge, and each of the other Settlement Class Members and each of the other Defendants' Releasees shall be deemed by operation of law to have

acknowledged, that the foregoing waiver was separately bargained for and a key element of the Settlement.

#### **CLASS CERTIFICATION**

2. Solely for purposes of the Settlement and for no other purpose, Defendants stipulate and agree to: (a) certification of the Action as a class action pursuant to Rules 23(a) and 23(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on behalf of the Settlement Class; (b) certification of Plaintiffs as Class Representatives for the Settlement Class; and (c) appointment of Lead Counsel as Class Counsel for the Settlement Class pursuant to Rule 23(g) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

### PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT

3. Within ten (10) business days of execution of this Stipulation, Plaintiffs will move for preliminary approval of the Settlement, certification of the Settlement Class for settlement purposes only, and the scheduling of a hearing for consideration of final approval of the Settlement, which motion shall be unopposed by Defendants. Concurrently with the motion for preliminary approval, Plaintiffs shall apply to the Court for, and Defendants shall agree to, entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

#### **RELEASE OF CLAIMS**

- 4. The obligations incurred pursuant to this Stipulation are in consideration of: (i) the full and final disposition of the Action as against Defendants; and (ii) the Releases provided for herein.
- 5. Pursuant to the Judgment, or the Alternate Judgment, if applicable, without further action by anyone, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Plaintiffs and each of the other Settlement Class Members, on behalf of themselves, and their respective heirs, executors,

administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns in their capacities as such, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of law and of the judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived, and discharged each and every Released Plaintiffs' Claim against Defendants and the other Defendants' Releasees, and shall forever be barred and enjoined from prosecuting any or all of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims against any of Defendants' Releasees. This release shall not apply to any Excluded Claim.

- 6. Pursuant to the Judgment, or the Alternate Judgment, if applicable, without further action by anyone, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Defendants, on behalf of themselves, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns in their capacities as such, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of law and of the judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived, and discharged each and every Released Defendants' Claim against Plaintiffs and the other Plaintiffs' Releasees, and shall forever be barred and enjoined from prosecuting any or all of the Released Defendants' Claims against any of Plaintiffs' Releasees. This release shall not apply to any person or entity who or which submits a request for exclusion from the Settlement Class that is accepted by the Court.
- 7. Notwithstanding ¶¶5-6 above, nothing in the Judgment, or the Alternate Judgment, if applicable, shall bar any action by any of the Parties to enforce or effectuate the terms of this Stipulation or the Judgment, or Alternate Judgment, if applicable.

## **THE SETTLEMENT CONSIDERATION**

8. In consideration of the settlement of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims against Defendants and the other Defendants' Releasees, Defendant Eagle and/or Defendants' insurers shall pay or cause to be paid the Settlement Amount into the Escrow Account no later than

fifteen (15) business days after the later of: (a) the date of entry by the Court of an order preliminarily approving this Settlement; or (b) Defendants' Counsel's receipt from Lead Counsel of the information necessary to effectuate a transfer of funds to the Escrow Account, including wiring instructions that include the bank name and ABA routing number, account name and number, and a signed W-9 reflecting a valid taxpayer identification number for the qualified settlement fund in which the Settlement Amount is to be deposited.

#### **USE OF SETTLEMENT FUND**

- 9. The Settlement Fund shall be used to pay: (a) any Taxes; (b) any Notice and Administration Costs; (c) any Litigation Expenses awarded by the Court; and (d) any attorneys' fees awarded by the Court. The balance remaining in the Settlement Fund, that is, the Net Settlement Fund, shall be distributed to Authorized Claimants as provided in ¶18-29 below.
- Fund shall remain in the Escrow Account prior to the Effective Date. All funds held by the Escrow Agent shall be deemed to be in the custody of the Court and shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Court until such time as the funds shall be distributed or returned pursuant to the terms of this Stipulation and/or further order of the Court. The Escrow Agent shall invest any funds in the Escrow Account exclusively in instruments or accounts backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Government or fully insured by the United States Government or an agency thereof, including U.S. Treasury bills, a U.S. Treasury Fund, or a bank account that is either (a) fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") or (b) secured by instruments backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Government. The Escrow Agent shall reinvest the proceeds of these instruments or accounts as they mature in similar instruments or accounts at their then-current market rates. Defendants shall not bear any

responsibility for or liability related to the investment of the Settlement Fund by the Escrow Agent.

- 11. The Parties agree that the Settlement Fund is intended to be a Qualified Settlement Fund within the meaning of Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-1 and that Lead Counsel, as administrator of the Settlement Fund within the meaning of Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-2(k)(3), shall be solely responsible for filing or causing to be filed all informational and other tax returns as may be necessary or appropriate (including, without limitation, the returns described in Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-2(k)) for the Settlement Fund. Lead Counsel shall also be responsible for causing payment to be made from the Settlement Fund of any Taxes owed with respect to the Settlement Fund. The Defendants' Releasees shall not have any liability or responsibility for any such Taxes. Upon written request, Defendants will provide to Lead Counsel the statement described in Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-3(e). Lead Counsel, as administrator of the Settlement Fund within the meaning of Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-2(k)(3), shall timely make such elections as are necessary or advisable to carry out this paragraph, including, as necessary, making a "relation back election," as described in Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-1(j), to cause the Qualified Settlement Fund to come into existence at the earliest allowable date, and shall take or cause to be taken all actions as may be necessary or appropriate in connection therewith.
- 12. All Taxes shall be paid out of the Settlement Fund, and shall be timely paid by the Escrow Agent pursuant to the disbursement instructions to be set forth in the Escrow Agreement, and without further order of the Court. Any tax returns prepared for the Settlement Fund (as well as the election set forth therein) shall be consistent with the previous paragraph and in all events shall reflect that all Taxes on the income earned by the Settlement Fund shall be paid out of the

Settlement Fund as provided herein. Defendants' Releasees shall have no responsibility or liability for the acts or omissions of Lead Counsel or its agents with respect to the payment of Taxes, as described herein.

- 13. The Settlement is not a claims-made settlement. Upon the occurrence of the Effective Date, no Defendant, Defendants' Releasee, or any other person or entity who or which paid any portion of the Settlement Amount shall have any right to the return of the Settlement Fund or any portion thereof for any reason whatsoever, including without limitation, the number of Claim Forms submitted, the collective amount of Recognized Claims of Authorized Claimants, the percentage of recovery of losses, or the amounts to be paid to Authorized Claimants from the Net Settlement Fund.
- 14. Notwithstanding the fact that the Effective Date of the Settlement has not yet occurred, Lead Counsel may pay from the Settlement Fund, without further approval from Defendants or further order of the Court, all Notice and Administration Costs actually incurred and paid or payable. Such costs and expenses shall include, without limitation, the actual costs of printing and mailing the Notice, publishing the Summary Notice, reimbursements to nominee owners for forwarding the Notice to their beneficial owners, the administrative expenses incurred and fees charged by the Claims Administrator in connection with providing notice, administering the Settlement (including processing the submitted Claims), and the fees, if any, of the Escrow Agent. In the event that the Settlement is terminated pursuant to the terms of this Stipulation, all Notice and Administration Costs paid or incurred, including any related fees, shall not be returned or repaid to Defendants, any of the other Defendants' Releasees, or any other person or entity who or which paid any portion of the Settlement Amount.

### **ATTORNEYS' FEES AND LITIGATION EXPENSES**

- 15. Lead Counsel will apply to the Court for a collective award of attorneys' fees to Plaintiffs' Counsel to be paid from (and out of) the Settlement Fund. Lead Counsel also will apply to the Court for reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, which may include a request for reimbursement of Plaintiffs' costs and expenses directly related to their representation of the Settlement Class, to be paid from (and out of) the Settlement Fund. Lead Counsel's application for an award of attorneys' fees and/or Litigation Expenses is not the subject of any agreement between Defendants and Plaintiffs other than what is set forth in this Stipulation.
- 16. Any attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses that are awarded by the Court shall be paid to Lead Counsel immediately upon award, notwithstanding the existence of any timely filed objections thereto, or potential for appeal therefrom, or collateral attack on the Settlement or any part thereof, subject to Lead Counsel's obligation to make appropriate refunds or repayments to the Settlement Fund, plus accrued interest at the same net rate as is earned by the Settlement Fund, if the Settlement is terminated pursuant to the terms of this Stipulation or if, as a result of any appeal or further proceedings on remand, or successful collateral attack, the award of attorneys' fees and/or Litigation Expenses is reduced or reversed and such order reducing or reversing the award has become Final. Lead Counsel shall make the appropriate refund or repayment in full no later than thirty (30) days after: (a) receiving from Defendants' Counsel notice of the termination of the Settlement; or (b) any order reducing or reversing the award of attorneys' fees and/or Litigation Expenses has become Final. An award of attorneys' fees and/or Litigation Expenses is not a necessary term of this Stipulation and is not a condition of the Settlement embodied herein. Neither Plaintiffs nor Lead Counsel may cancel or terminate the

Settlement based on this Court's or any appellate court's ruling with respect to attorneys' fees and/or Litigation Expenses.

17. Lead Counsel shall allocate the attorneys' fees awarded amongst Plaintiffs' Counsel in a manner which it, in good faith, believes reflects the contributions of such counsel to the institution, prosecution and settlement of the Action. Defendants' Releasees shall have no responsibility for or liability whatsoever with respect to the allocation or award of attorneys' fees or Litigation Expenses. The attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses that are awarded to Lead Counsel shall be payable solely from the Escrow Account.

## NOTICE AND SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION

- 18. As part of the Preliminary Approval Order, Plaintiffs shall seek appointment of a Claims Administrator. The Claims Administrator shall administer the Settlement, including but not limited to, the process of receiving, reviewing and approving or denying Claims, under Lead Counsel's supervision and subject to the jurisdiction of the Court. Other than Eagle's obligation to provide its securities holders records as provided in ¶19 below, none of the Defendants, nor any other Defendants' Releasee, shall have any involvement in or any responsibility, authority or liability whatsoever for the selection of the Claims Administrator, the Plan of Allocation, the administration of the Settlement, the Claims process, or disbursement of the Net Settlement Fund, and shall have no liability whatsoever to any person or entity, including, but not limited to, Plaintiffs, any other Settlement Class Member or Lead Counsel in connection with the foregoing. Defendants' Counsel shall cooperate in the administration of the Settlement to the extent reasonably necessary to effectuate its terms.
- 19. In accordance with the terms of the Preliminary Approval Order to be entered by the Court, Lead Counsel shall cause the Claims Administrator to mail the Notice and Claim

Form to those members of the Settlement Class as may be identified through reasonable effort. Lead Counsel shall also cause the Claims Administrator to have the Summary Notice published in accordance with the terms of the Preliminary Approval Order to be entered by the Court. For the purposes of identifying and providing notice to the Settlement Class, within ten (10) business days of the date of entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, Eagle shall provide or cause to be provided to the Claims Administrator in electronic format (at no cost to the Settlement Fund, Lead Counsel or the Claims Administrator) its shareholder lists (consisting of names and addresses) of the holders of the Eagle Securities during the Settlement Class Period.

- 20. The Claims Administrator shall receive Claims and determine first, whether the Claim is a valid Claim, in whole or part, and second, each Authorized Claimant's *pro rata* share of the Net Settlement Fund based upon each Authorized Claimant's Recognized Claim compared to the total Recognized Claims of all Authorized Claimants (as set forth in the Plan of Allocation set forth in the Notice attached hereto as Exhibit 1 to Exhibit A, or in such other plan of allocation as the Court approves).
- 21. The Plan of Allocation proposed in the Notice is not a necessary term of the Settlement or of this Stipulation and it is not a condition of the Settlement or of this Stipulation that any particular plan of allocation be approved by the Court. Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel may not cancel or terminate the Settlement (or this Stipulation) based on this Court's or any appellate court's ruling with respect to the Plan of Allocation or any other plan of allocation in this Action. Defendants' Releasees shall not object in any way to the Plan of Allocation or any other plan of allocation in this Action. No Defendant, nor any other Defendants' Releasees, shall have any involvement with or liability, obligation or responsibility whatsoever for the application of the Court-approved plan of allocation.

- 22. Any Settlement Class Member who does not submit a valid Claim Form will not be entitled to receive any distribution from the Net Settlement Fund, but will otherwise be bound by all of the terms of this Stipulation and Settlement, including the terms of the Judgment or, the Alternate Judgment, if applicable, to be entered in the Action and the releases provided for herein and therein, and will be permanently barred and enjoined from bringing any action, claim, or other proceeding of any kind against the Defendants' Releasees with respect to the Released Plaintiffs' Claims in the event that the Effective Date occurs with respect to the Settlement.
- 23. Lead Counsel shall be responsible for supervising the administration of the Settlement, and the disbursement of the Net Settlement Fund subject to Court approval. No Defendant, or any other Defendants' Releasee, shall be permitted to review, contest or object to any Claim Form, or any decision of the Claims Administrator or Lead Counsel with respect to accepting or rejecting any Claim for payment by a Settlement Class Member. Lead Counsel shall have the right, but not the obligation, to waive what it deems to be formal or technical defects in any Claim Forms submitted in the interests of achieving substantial justice.
- 24. For purposes of determining the extent, if any, to which a Settlement Class Member shall be entitled to be treated as an Authorized Claimant, the following conditions shall apply:
- (a) Each Settlement Class Member shall be required to submit a Claim Form, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 2 to Exhibit A, supported by such documents as are designated therein, including proof of the Claimant's loss, or such other documents or proof as the Claims Administrator or Lead Counsel, in their discretion, may deem acceptable;
- (b) All Claim Forms must be submitted by the date set by the Court in the Preliminary Approval Order and specified in the Notice. Any Settlement Class Member who

fails to submit a Claim Form by such date shall be forever barred from receiving any distribution from the Net Settlement Fund or payment pursuant to this Stipulation (unless by Order of the Court such Settlement Class Member's Claim Form is accepted), but shall in all other respects be bound by all of the terms of this Stipulation and the Settlement, including the terms of the Judgment or Alternate Judgment, if applicable, and the Releases provided for herein and therein, and will be permanently barred and enjoined from bringing any action, claim or other proceeding of any kind against any Defendants' Releasee with respect to any Released Plaintiffs' Claim. Provided that it is mailed by the claim-submission deadline, a Claim Form shall be deemed to be submitted when postmarked, if received with a postmark indicated on the envelope and if mailed by first-class mail and addressed in accordance with the instructions thereon. In all other cases, the Claim Form shall be deemed to have been submitted on the date when actually received by the Claims Administrator;

- (c) Each Claim Form shall be submitted to, and reviewed by, the Claims Administrator who shall determine in accordance with this Stipulation and the plan of allocation the extent, if any, to which each Claim shall be allowed, subject to review by the Court pursuant to subparagraph (e) below as necessary;
- (d) Claim Forms that do not meet the submission requirements may be rejected. Prior to rejecting a Claim in whole or in part, the Claims Administrator shall communicate with the Claimant in writing, to give the Claimant the chance to remedy any curable deficiencies in the Claim Form submitted. The Claims Administrator shall notify, in a timely fashion and in writing, all Claimants whose Claim the Claims Administrator proposes to reject in whole or in part, setting forth the reasons therefor, and shall indicate in such notice that

the Claimant whose Claim is to be rejected has the right to a review by the Court if the Claimant so desires and complies with the requirements of subparagraph (e) below; and

- (e) If any Claimant whose Claim has been rejected in whole or in part desires to contest such rejection, the Claimant must, within twenty (20) days after the date of mailing of the notice required in subparagraph (d) above, serve upon the Claims Administrator a notice and statement of reasons indicating the Claimant's grounds for contesting the rejection along with any supporting documentation, and requesting a review thereof by the Court. If a dispute concerning a Claim cannot be otherwise resolved, Lead Counsel shall thereafter present the request for review to the Court.
- 25. Each Claimant shall be deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to the Claimant's Claim, and the Claim will be subject to investigation and discovery under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, provided, however, that such investigation and discovery shall be limited to that Claimant's status as a Settlement Class Member and the validity and amount of the Claimant's Claim. No discovery shall be allowed on the merits of this Action or of the Settlement in connection with the processing of Claim Forms.
- 26. Lead Counsel will apply to the Court, on notice to Defendants' Counsel, for a Class Distribution Order: (a) approving the Claims Administrator's administrative determinations concerning the acceptance and rejection of the Claims submitted; (b) approving payment of any administration fees and expenses associated with the administration of the Settlement from the Escrow Account; and (c) if the Effective Date has occurred, directing payment of the Net Settlement Fund to Authorized Claimants from the Escrow Account.
- 27. Payment pursuant to the Class Distribution Order shall be final and conclusive against all Settlement Class Members. All Settlement Class Members whose Claims are not

approved by the Court for payment shall be barred from participating in distributions from the Net Settlement Fund, but otherwise shall be bound by all of the terms of this Stipulation and the Settlement, including the terms of the Judgment or Alternate Judgment, if applicable, to be entered in this Action and the Releases provided for herein and therein, and will be permanently barred and enjoined from bringing any action against any and all Defendants' Releasees with respect to any and all of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims.

- 28. No person or entity shall have any claim against Plaintiffs, Lead Counsel, Plaintiffs' Counsel, the Claims Administrator or any other agent designated by Lead Counsel, or the Defendants' Releasees and/or their respective counsel, arising from distributions made substantially in accordance with the Stipulation, the plan of allocation approved by the Court, or any order of the Court. Plaintiffs and Defendants, and their respective counsel, and Plaintiffs' damages expert and all other Releasees shall have no liability whatsoever for the investment or distribution of the Settlement Fund or the Net Settlement Fund, the plan of allocation, or the determination, administration, calculation, or payment of any claim or nonperformance of the Claims Administrator, the payment or withholding of taxes (including interest and penalties) owed by the Settlement Fund, or any losses incurred in connection therewith.
- 29. All proceedings with respect to the administration, processing and determination of Claims and the determination of all controversies relating thereto, including disputed questions of law and fact with respect to the validity of Claims, shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Court. All Settlement Class Members and Parties to this Settlement expressly waive trial by jury (to the extent any such right may exist) and any right of appeal or review with respect to such determinations.

#### **TERMS OF THE JUDGMENT**

30. If the Settlement contemplated by this Stipulation is approved by the Court, Lead Counsel and Defendants' Counsel shall request that the Court enter a Judgment, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B.

## CONDITIONS OF SETTLEMENT AND EFFECT OF DISAPPROVAL, CANCELLATION OR TERMINATION

- 31. The Effective Date of the Settlement shall be deemed to occur on the occurrence or waiver of all of the following events:
- (a) the Court has entered the Preliminary Approval Order, substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto, as required by ¶3 above;
- (b) the Settlement Amount has been deposited into the Escrow Account in accordance with the provisions of ¶8 above;
- (c) Defendants have not exercised their option to terminate the Settlement pursuant to the provisions of this Stipulation (including the Supplemental Agreement described in ¶35 below);
- (d) Plaintiffs have not exercised their option to terminate the Settlement pursuant to the provisions of this Stipulation; and
- (e) the Court has approved the Settlement as described herein, following notice to the Settlement Class and a hearing, as prescribed by Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and entered the Judgment and the Judgment has become Final, or the Court has entered an Alternate Judgment and none of the Parties seek to terminate the Settlement and the Alternate Judgment has become Final.

- 32. Upon the occurrence of all of the events referenced in ¶31 above, any and all remaining interest or right of Defendants in or to the Settlement Fund, if any, shall be absolutely and forever extinguished and the Releases herein shall be effective.
- 33. If (i) Defendants exercise their right to terminate the Settlement as provided in this Stipulation; (ii) Plaintiffs exercise their right to terminate the Settlement as provided in this Stipulation; (iii) the Court disapproves the Settlement; or (iv) the Effective Date as to the Settlement otherwise fails to occur, then:
- (a) The Settlement and the relevant portions of this Stipulation shall be canceled and terminated.
- (b) Plaintiffs and Defendants shall revert to their respective positions in the Action as of April 19, 2021.
- (c) The terms and provisions of this Stipulation, with the exception of this ¶33 and ¶¶14, 16, 36 and 56, shall have no further force and effect with respect to the Parties and shall not be used in the Action or in any other proceeding for any purpose, and any Judgment, or Alternate Judgment, if applicable, or order entered by the Court in accordance with the terms of this Stipulation shall be treated as vacated, *nunc pro tunc*.
- (d) Within five (5) business days after joint written notification of termination is sent by Defendants' Counsel and Lead Counsel to the Escrow Agent, the Settlement Fund (including accrued interest thereon and any funds received by Lead Counsel consistent with ¶16 above), less any Notice and Administration Costs actually incurred, paid or payable and less any Taxes paid, due or owing shall be refunded by the Escrow Agent to Defendants (or such other persons or entities as Defendants may direct). In the event that the funds received by Lead Counsel consistent with ¶16 above have not been refunded to the Settlement Fund within the five

- (5) business days specified in this paragraph, those funds shall be refunded by the Escrow Agent to Defendants (or such other persons or entities as Defendants may direct) immediately upon their deposit into the Escrow Account consistent with ¶16 above.
- 34. It is further stipulated and agreed that Plaintiffs, provided they unanimously agree, and Eagle shall each have the right to terminate the Settlement and this Stipulation, by providing written notice of their election to do so ("Termination Notice") to the other Parties to this Stipulation within thirty (30) days of: (a) the Court's final refusal to enter the Preliminary Approval Order in any material respect; (b) the Court's final refusal to approve the Settlement or any material part thereof; (c) the Court's final refusal to enter the Judgment in any material respect as to the Settlement; (d) the date upon which the Judgment is modified or reversed in any material respect by the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit or the United States Supreme Court; or (e) the date upon which an Alternate Judgment is modified or reversed in any material respect by the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit or the United States Supreme Court, and the provisions of ¶33 above shall apply. However, any decision or proceeding, whether in this Court or any appellate court, with respect to an application for attorneys' fees or reimbursement of Litigation Expenses or with respect to any plan of allocation shall not be considered material to the Settlement, shall not affect the finality of any Judgment or Alternate Judgment, if applicable, and shall not be grounds for termination of the Settlement.
- 35. In addition to the grounds set forth in ¶34 above, Eagle shall have the unilateral right to terminate the Settlement in the event that Settlement Class Members timely and validly requesting exclusion from the Settlement Class meet the conditions set forth in Eagle's confidential supplemental agreement with Plaintiffs (the "Supplemental Agreement"), in

accordance with the terms of that agreement. The Supplemental Agreement, which is being executed concurrently herewith, shall not be filed with the Court and its terms shall not be disclosed in any other manner (other than the statements herein and in the Notice, to the extent necessary, or as otherwise provided in the Supplemental Agreement) unless and until the Court otherwise directs or a dispute arises between Plaintiffs and Eagle concerning its interpretation or application, in which event the Parties shall submit the Supplemental Agreement to the Court in camera and request that the Court afford it confidential treatment.

#### **NO ADMISSION OF WRONGDOING**

- 36. Neither the MOU, this Stipulation (whether or not consummated), including the exhibits hereto and the Plan of Allocation contained therein (or any other plan of allocation that may be approved by the Court), the negotiations leading to the execution of the MOU and this Stipulation, nor any proceedings taken pursuant to or in connection with the MOU, this Stipulation and/or approval of the Settlement (including any arguments proffered in connection therewith):
- (a) shall be offered against any of the Defendants' Releasees as evidence of, or construed as, or deemed to be evidence of any presumption, concession, or admission by any of the Defendants' Releasees with respect to the truth of any fact alleged by Plaintiffs or the validity of any claim that was or could have been asserted or the deficiency of any defense that has been or could have been asserted in this Action or in any other litigation, or of any liability, negligence, fault, or other wrongdoing of any kind of any of the Defendants' Releasees or in any way referred to for any other reason as against any of the Defendants' Releasees, in any civil, criminal or administrative action or proceeding, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Stipulation;

- (b) shall be offered against any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees, as evidence of, or construed as, or deemed to be evidence of any presumption, concession or admission by any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees that any of their claims are without merit, that any of the Defendants' Releasees had meritorious defenses, or that damages recoverable under the Complaint would not have exceeded the Settlement Amount or with respect to any liability, negligence, fault or wrongdoing of any kind, or in any way referred to for any other reason as against any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees, in any civil, criminal or administrative action or proceeding, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Stipulation; or
- (c) shall be construed against any of the Releasees as an admission, concession, or presumption that the consideration to be given hereunder represents the amount which could be or would have been recovered after trial;

provided, however, that if this Stipulation is approved by the Court, the Parties and the Releasees and their respective counsel may refer to it to effectuate the protections from liability granted hereunder or otherwise to enforce the terms of the Settlement.

## **MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

- 37. All of the exhibits attached hereto are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that there exists a conflict or inconsistency between the terms of this Stipulation and the terms of any exhibit attached hereto, the terms of the Stipulation shall prevail.
- 38. Defendants warrant that, as to the payments made or to be made by or on behalf of them, at the time of entering into this Stipulation and at the time of such payment they, or to their knowledge any persons or entities contributing to the payment of the Settlement Amount, were not insolvent, nor will the payment required to be made by or on behalf of them render

them insolvent, within the meaning of and/or for the purposes of the United States Bankruptcy Code, including §§ 101 and 547 thereof. This representation is made by each of the Defendants and not by their counsel.

- 39. In the event of the entry of a final order of a court of competent jurisdiction determining the transfer of money to the Settlement Fund or any portion thereof by or on behalf of Defendants to be a preference, voidable transfer, fraudulent transfer or similar transaction and any portion thereof is required to be returned, and such amount is not promptly deposited into the Settlement Fund by others, then, at the election of Plaintiffs, Plaintiffs and Defendants shall jointly move the Court to vacate and set aside the Releases given and the Judgment or Alternate Judgment, if applicable, entered in favor of Defendants and the other Releasees pursuant to this Stipulation, in which event the releases and Judgment, or Alternate Judgment, if applicable, shall be null and void, and the Parties shall be restored to their respective positions in the litigation as provided in ¶33 above and any cash amounts in the Settlement Fund (less any Taxes paid, due or owing with respect to the Settlement Fund and less any Notice and Administration Costs actually incurred, paid or payable) shall be returned as provided in ¶33.
- 40. The Parties intend this Stipulation and the Settlement to be a final and complete resolution of all disputes asserted or which could be asserted by Plaintiffs and any other Settlement Class Members against the Defendants' Releasees with respect to the Released Plaintiffs' Claims. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and their counsel and Defendants and their counsel agree not to assert in any forum that this Action was brought by Plaintiffs or defended by Defendants in bad faith or without a reasonable basis. No Party shall assert any claims of any violation of Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure relating to the institution, prosecution, defense, or settlement of this Action. The Parties agree that the amounts paid and

the other terms of the Settlement were negotiated at arm's-length and in good faith by the Parties, including through a mediation process supervised and conducted by Jed Melnick, Esq., and reflect the Settlement that was reached voluntarily after extensive negotiations and consultation with experienced legal counsel, who were fully competent to assess the strengths and weaknesses of their respective clients' claims or defenses.

- 41. While retaining their right to deny that the claims asserted in the Action were meritorious, Defendants and their counsel, in any statement made to any media representative (whether or not for attribution) will not assert that the Action was commenced or prosecuted in bad faith, nor will they deny that the Action was commenced and prosecuted in good faith and is being settled voluntarily after consultation with competent legal counsel. In all events, Plaintiffs and their counsel and Defendants and their counsel shall not make any accusations of wrongful or actionable conduct by either Party concerning the prosecution, defense, and resolution of the Action, and shall not otherwise suggest that the Settlement constitutes an admission of any claim or defense alleged.
- 42. The terms of the Settlement, as reflected in this Stipulation, may not be modified or amended, nor may any of its provisions be waived except by a writing signed on behalf of both Plaintiffs and Defendants (or their successors-in-interest).
- 43. The headings herein are used for the purpose of convenience only and are not meant to have legal effect.
- 44. The administration and consummation of the Settlement as embodied in this Stipulation shall be under the authority of the Court, and the Court shall retain jurisdiction for the purpose of entering orders providing for awards of attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses to Lead Counsel and enforcing the terms of this Stipulation, including the Plan of Allocation (or

such other plan of allocation as may be approved by the Court) and the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund to Settlement Class Members.

- 45. The waiver by one Party of any breach of this Stipulation by any other Party shall not be deemed a waiver of any other prior or subsequent breach of this Stipulation.
- 46. This Stipulation and its exhibits and the Supplemental Agreement constitute the entire agreement among Plaintiffs and Defendants concerning the Settlement and this Stipulation and its exhibits. All Parties acknowledge that no other agreements, representations, warranties, or inducements have been made by any Party hereto concerning this Stipulation, its exhibits or the Supplemental Agreement other than those contained and memorialized in such documents.
- 47. This Stipulation may be executed in one or more counterparts, including by signature transmitted by a .pdf/.tif image of the signature transmitted via email. All executed counterparts and each of them shall be deemed to be one and the same instrument.
- 48. This Stipulation shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the Parties, including any and all Releasees and any corporation, partnership, or other entity into or with which any Party hereto may merge, consolidate or reorganize.
- 49. The construction, interpretation, operation, effect and validity of this Stipulation, the Supplemental Agreement and all documents necessary to effectuate it shall be governed by the internal laws of the State of New York without regard to conflicts of laws, except to the extent that federal law requires that federal law govern.
- 50. Any action arising under or to enforce this Stipulation or any portion thereof, shall be commenced and maintained only in the Court.
- 51. This Stipulation shall not be construed more strictly against one Party than another merely by virtue of the fact that it, or any part of it, may have been prepared by counsel

for one of the Parties, it being recognized that it is the result of arm's-length negotiations

between the Parties and all Parties have contributed substantially and materially to the

preparation of this Stipulation.

52. All counsel and any other person executing this Stipulation and any of the

exhibits hereto, or any related Settlement documents, warrant and represent that they have the

full authority to do so and that they have the authority to take appropriate action required or

permitted to be taken pursuant to the Stipulation to effectuate its terms.

53. Lead Counsel and Defendants' Counsel agree to cooperate fully with one another

in seeking Court approval of the Preliminary Approval Order and the Settlement, as embodied in

this Stipulation, and to use best efforts to promptly agree upon and execute all such other

documentation as may be reasonably required to obtain final approval by the Court of the

Settlement.

54. If any Party is required to give notice to another Party under this Stipulation, such

notice shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given upon receipt of hand

delivery or email transmission, with confirmation of receipt. Notice shall be provided as

follows:

If to Plaintiffs or Lead Counsel: Glancy Prongay & Murray LLP

Attn: Leanne Heine Solish, Esq. 1925 Century Park East, Suite 2100 Los Angeles, California 90067 Telephone: (310) 201-9150 Email: lheinne@glancylaw.com

If to Defendants: Baker & Hostetler LLP

Attn: Doug Greene, Esq. 45 Rockefeller Plaza

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55. Except as otherwise provided herein, each Party shall bear its own costs.

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- 56. Whether or not the Stipulation is approved by the Court and whether or not the Stipulation is consummated, or the Effective Date occurs, the Parties and their counsel shall use their best efforts to keep all negotiations, discussions, acts performed, agreements, drafts, documents signed and proceedings in connection with the Stipulation confidential.
- 57. All agreements made and orders entered during the course of this Action relating to the confidentiality of information shall survive this Settlement.
- 58. No opinion or advice concerning the tax consequences of the proposed Settlement to individual Settlement Class Members is being given or will be given by the Parties or their counsel; nor is any representation or warranty in this regard made by virtue of this Stipulation. Each Settlement Class Member's tax obligations, and the determination thereof, are the sole responsibility of the Settlement Class Member, and it is understood that the tax consequences may vary depending on the particular circumstances of each individual Settlement Class Member.

#### NOTICE AS REQUIRED BY CAFA

59. Defendants shall be responsible for timely service of any notices that might be required pursuant to the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1715 ("CAFA"). Defendants shall provide a copy of such notices as well as proof of service of such notices to Lead Counsel. In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1715(d), the Settlement Hearing shall not be held earlier than ninety (90) days after any such requisite notices are served. Defendants shall bear all cost and expenses associated with providing CAFA notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Stipulation to be executed, by their duly authorized attorneys, as of June 28, 2021.

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Exhibit A

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SHIVA STEIN, Individually and On Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Case No. 1:19-cv-06873-LGS

Plaintiff,

v.

EAGLE BANCORP, INC., SUSAN G. RIEL, RONALD D. PAUL, CHARLES D. LEVINGSTON, JAMES H. LANGMEAD, and LAURENCE E. BENSIGNOR,

Defendants.

# [PROPOSED] ORDER PRELIMINARILY APPROVING SETTLEMENT AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE

WHEREAS, a consolidated class action is pending in this Court entitled *Stein v. Eagle Bancorp, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 1:19-cv-06873-LGS (the "Action");

WHEREAS, (a) Lead Plaintiff Danilee Cassinelli, as Trustee of the Danilee Cassinelli Trust DTD 7-23-93 ("Lead Plaintiff") and additional plaintiff Norfolk County Retirement System ("Norfolk") (together with Lead Plaintiff, "Plaintiffs"), on behalf of themselves and the Settlement Class (defined below), and (b) defendant Eagle Bancorp, Inc. ("Eagle" or the "Company"), and defendants Ronald D. Paul ("Paul"), Susan G. Riel ("Riel"), Charles D. Levingston ("Levingston"), James H. Langmead ("Langmead"), and Laurence E. Bensignor ("Bensignor") (collectively, the "Individual Defendants," and, together with Eagle, "Defendants"; and together with Plaintiffs, the "Parties") have determined to settle all Released Claims, and to dismiss the Action and all claims asserted therein with prejudice, on the terms and

conditions set forth in the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement dated June 28, 2021 (the "Stipulation") subject to approval of this Court (the "Settlement");

WHEREAS, Plaintiffs have made an application, pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, for an order preliminarily approving the Settlement in accordance with the Stipulation, certifying the Settlement Class for purposes of the Settlement only, and allowing notice to Settlement Class Members as more fully described herein;

WHEREAS, the Court has read and considered: (a) Plaintiffs' motion for preliminary approval of the Settlement, and the papers filed and arguments made in connection therewith; and (b) the Stipulation and the exhibits attached thereto; and

WHEREAS, unless otherwise defined herein, all capitalized words contained herein shall have the same meanings as they have in the Stipulation;

#### NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Class Certification for Settlement Purposes – Pursuant to Rule 23(a) and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court certifies, solely for purposes of effectuating the proposed Settlement, a Settlement Class consisting of all persons and entities who or which purchased or otherwise acquired Eagle Common Stock and/or Eagle Call Options, or wrote Eagle Put Options, between March 2, 2015 and July 17, 2019, inclusive (the "Settlement Class Period"), and were damaged thereby. Excluded from the Settlement Class are: (1) persons who suffered no compensable losses; and (2) (a) Defendants; (b) the legal representatives, heirs, successors, assigns, and members of the Immediate Families of the Individual Defendants; (c) the parents, subsidiaries, assigns, successors, predecessors and affiliates of Eagle; (d) any persons who served as officers and/or directors of Eagle during the Settlement Class Period; (e) any entity in which any of the foregoing (a) – (d) excluded persons have or had a majority

ownership interest during the Settlement Class Period; (f) any trust of which any Individual Defendants is the grantor or settlor or which is for the benefit of any Individual Defendant and/or member(s) of his or her Immediate Family; and (g) Defendants' liability insurance carriers. Also excluded from the Settlement Class are any persons or entities who or which exclude themselves by submitting a request for exclusion that is accepted by the Court.

- 2. <u>Class Findings</u> Solely for purposes of the proposed Settlement of this Action, the Court finds that each element required for certification of the Settlement Class pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure has been met: (a) the members of the Settlement Class are so numerous that their joinder in the Action would be impracticable; (b) there are questions of law and fact common to the Settlement Class which predominate over any individual questions; (c) the claims of Plaintiffs in the Action are typical of the claims of the Settlement Class; (d) Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel have and will fairly and adequately represent and protect the interests of the Settlement Class; and (e) a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the Action.
- 3. The Court hereby finds and concludes that pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and for the purposes of the Settlement only, Lead Plaintiff Danilee Cassinelli, as Trustee of the Danilee Cassinelli Trust DTD 7-23-93 and additional plaintiff Norfolk County Retirement System are adequate class representatives and certifies them as Class Representatives for the Settlement Class. The Court also appoints Glancy, Prongay & Murray LLP as Class Counsel for the Settlement Class, pursuant to Rule 23(g) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
- 4. **Preliminary Approval of the Settlement** The Court hereby preliminarily approves the Settlement, as embodied in the Stipulation, as being fair, reasonable, and adequate

to the Settlement Class, subject to further consideration at the Settlement Hearing to be conducted as described below.

- 5. Settlement Hearing The Court will hold a settlement hearing (the "Settlement Hearing") on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2021 at \_\_:\_\_\_.m. in Courtroom 1106 of the Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse, 40 Foley Square, New York, NY 10007, for the following purposes:

  (a) to determine whether the proposed Settlement on the terms and conditions provided for in the Stipulation is fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Settlement Class, and should be approved by the Court; (b) to determine whether a Judgment substantially in the form attached as Exhibit B to the Stipulation should be entered dismissing the Action with prejudice against Defendants; (c) to determine whether the proposed Plan of Allocation for the proceeds of the Settlement is fair and reasonable and should be approved; (d) to determine whether the motion by Lead Counsel for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses should be approved; and (e) to consider any other matters that may properly be brought before the Court in connection with the Settlement. Notice of the Settlement and the Settlement Hearing shall be given to Settlement Class Members as set forth in paragraph 7 of this Order.
- 6. The Court may adjourn the Settlement Hearing without further notice to the Settlement Class, and may approve the proposed Settlement with such modifications as the Parties may agree to, if appropriate, without further notice to the Settlement Class.
- 7. Retention of Claims Administrator and Manner of Giving Notice Lead Counsel is hereby authorized to retain JND Legal Administration (the "Claims Administrator") to supervise and administer the notice procedure in connection with the proposed Settlement as well as the processing of Claims as more fully set forth below. Notice of the Settlement and the Settlement Hearing shall be given by Lead Counsel as follows:

- (a) within ten (10) business days of the date of entry of this Order, Eagle shall provide or cause to be provided to the Claims Administrator in electronic format (at no cost to the Settlement Fund, Lead Counsel, or the Claims Administrator) its shareholder lists (consisting of names and addresses) for the Eagle Securities during the Settlement Class Period;
- (b) not later than twenty (20) business days after the date of entry of this Order (the "Notice Date"), the Claims Administrator shall cause a copy of the Notice and the Claim Form, substantially in the forms attached hereto as Exhibits 1 and 2, respectively (the "Notice Packet"), to be mailed by first-class mail to potential Settlement Class Members at the addresses set forth in the records provided by Eagle or in the records which Eagle caused to be provided, or who otherwise may be identified through further reasonable effort;
- (c) contemporaneously with the mailing of the Notice Packet, the Claims Administrator shall cause copies of the Notice and the Claim Form to be posted on a website to be developed for the Settlement, from which copies of the Notice and Claim Form can be downloaded;
- (d) not later than ten (10) business days after the Notice Date, the Claims Administrator shall cause the Summary Notice, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 3, to be published once in *Investor's Business Daily* and to be transmitted once over the *PR Newswire*; and
- (e) not later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the Settlement Hearing, Lead Counsel shall serve on Defendants' Counsel and file with the Court proof, by affidavit or declaration, of such mailing and publication.
- 8. <u>Approval of Form and Content of Notice</u> The Court (a) approves, as to form and content, the Notice, the Claim Form, and the Summary Notice, attached hereto as Exhibits 1,

2, and 3, respectively, and (b) finds that the mailing and distribution of the Notice and Claim Form and the publication of the Summary Notice in the manner and form set forth in paragraph 7 of this Order (i) is the best notice practicable under the circumstances; (ii) constitutes notice that is reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise Settlement Class Members of the pendency of the Action, of the effect of the proposed Settlement (including the Releases to be provided thereunder), of Lead Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, of their right to object to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or Lead Counsel's motion for attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, of their right to exclude themselves from the Settlement Class, and of their right to appear at the Settlement Hearing; (iii) constitutes due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons and entities entitled to receive notice of the proposed Settlement; and (iv) satisfies the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the United States Constitution (including the Due Process Clause), the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4, as amended, and all other applicable law and rules. The date and time of the Settlement Hearing shall be included in the Notice and Summary Notice before they are mailed and published, respectively.

9. <u>Nominee Procedures</u> – Brokers and other nominees who purchased or otherwise acquired Eagle Common Stock or Eagle Call Options, or wrote Eagle Put Options, during the Settlement Class Period for the benefit of another person or entity shall: (a) within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the Notice, request from the Claims Administrator sufficient copies of the Notice Packet to forward to all such beneficial owners and within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of those Notice Packets forward them to all such beneficial owners; (b) within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the Notice, request a link to the Notice Packet and email the link to all

such beneficial owners for whom valid email addresses are available; or (c) within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the Notice, send a list of the names and addresses of all such beneficial owners to the Claims Administrator in which event the Claims Administrator shall promptly mail the Notice Packet to such beneficial owners. Upon full compliance with this Order, such nominees may seek reimbursement of their reasonable expenses actually incurred in complying with this Order up to a maximum of \$010 per name and address provided to the Claims Administrator; up to \$0.50 per Notice Packet actually mailed, plus postage; or up to \$005 per link to the Notice Packet transmitted by email. Such properly documented expenses incurred by nominees in compliance with the terms of this Order shall be paid from the Settlement Fund, with any disputes as to the reasonableness or documentation of expenses incurred subject to review by the Court.

- 10. Participation in the Settlement Settlement Class Members who wish to participate in the Settlement and to be eligible to receive a distribution from the Net Settlement Fund must complete and submit a Claim Form in accordance with the instructions contained therein. Unless the Court orders otherwise, all Claim Forms must be postmarked no later than one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after the Notice Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Lead Counsel may, at its discretion, accept for processing late Claims provided such acceptance does not delay the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund to the Settlement Class. By submitting a Claim, a person or entity shall be deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to his, her, or its Claim and the subject matter of the Settlement.
- 11. Each Claim Form submitted must satisfy the following conditions: (a) it must be properly completed, signed, and submitted in a timely manner in accordance with the provisions of the preceding paragraph; (b) it must be accompanied by adequate supporting documentation

for the transactions and holdings reported therein, in the form of broker confirmation slips, broker account statements, an authorized statement from the broker containing the transactional and holding information found in a broker confirmation slip or account statement, or such other documentation as is deemed adequate by Lead Counsel or the Claims Administrator; (c) if the person executing the Claim Form is acting in a representative capacity, a certification of his, her, or its current authority to act on behalf of the Settlement Class Member must be included in the Claim Form to the satisfaction of Lead Counsel or the Claims Administrator; and (d) the Claim Form must be complete and contain no material deletions or modifications of any of the printed matter contained therein and must be signed under penalty of perjury.

- 12. Any Settlement Class Member that does not timely and validly submit a Claim Form or whose Claim is not otherwise approved by the Court: (a) shall be deemed to have waived his, her, or its right to share in the Net Settlement Fund; (b) shall be forever barred from participating in any distributions therefrom; (c) shall be bound by the provisions of the Stipulation and the Settlement and all proceedings, determinations, orders, and judgments in the Action relating thereto, including, without limitation, the Judgment or Alternate Judgment, if applicable, and the Releases provided for therein, whether favorable or unfavorable to the Settlement Class; and (d) will be barred from commencing, maintaining, or prosecuting any of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims against each and all of the Defendants' Releasees, as more fully described in the Stipulation and Notice. Notwithstanding the foregoing, late Claim Forms may be accepted for processing as set forth in paragraph 10 above.
- 13. <u>Exclusion From the Settlement Class</u> Any member of the Settlement Class who wishes to exclude himself, herself, or itself from the Settlement Class must request exclusion in writing within the time and in the manner set forth in the Notice, which shall

provide that: (a) any such request for exclusion from the Settlement Class must be mailed or delivered such that it is received no later than twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to the Settlement Hearing, to: *Eagle Bancorp, Inc. Securities Litigation*, EXCLUSIONS, c/o JND Legal Administration, P.O. Box 91107, Seattle, WA 98111, and (b) each request for exclusion must (i) state the name, address, and telephone number of the person or entity requesting exclusion, and in the case of entities, the name and telephone number of the appropriate contact person; (ii) state that such person or entity "requests exclusion from the Settlement Class in *Stein v. Eagle Bancorp, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 1:19-cv-06873-LGS"; (iii) state the number of each Eagle Common Stock, Eagle Call Options, or Eagle Put Options that the person or entity requesting exclusion purchased/acquired and/or sold during the Settlement Class Period, as well as the dates and prices of each such purchase/acquisition and sale; and (iv) be signed by the person or entity requesting exclusion or an authorized representative. A request for exclusion shall not be effective unless it provides all the required information and is received within the time stated above, or is otherwise accepted by the Court.

- 14. Any person or entity who or which timely and validly requests exclusion in compliance with the terms stated in this Order and is excluded from the Settlement Class shall not be a Settlement Class Member, shall not be bound by the terms of the Settlement or any orders or judgments in the Action, and shall not receive any payment out of the Net Settlement Fund.
- 15. Any Settlement Class Member who or which does not timely and validly request exclusion from the Settlement Class in the manner stated in this Order: (a) shall be deemed to have waived his, her or its right to be excluded from the Settlement Class; (b) shall be forever barred from requesting exclusion from the Settlement Class in this or any other proceeding;

- (c) shall be bound by the provisions of the Stipulation and Settlement and all proceedings, determinations, orders and judgments in the Action, including, but not limited to, the Judgment or Alternate Judgment, if applicable, and the Releases provided for therein, whether favorable or unfavorable to the Settlement Class; and (d) will be barred from commencing, maintaining, or prosecuting any of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims against any of the Defendants' Releasees, as more fully described in the Stipulation and Notice.
- Appearance and Objections at Settlement Hearing Any Settlement Class Member who does not request exclusion from the Settlement Class may enter an appearance in the Action, at his, her, or its own expense, individually or through counsel of his, her, or its own choice, by filing with the Clerk of Court and delivering a notice of appearance to both Lead Counsel and Defendants' Counsel, at the addresses set forth in paragraph 17 below, such that it is received no later than twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to the Settlement Hearing, or as the Court may otherwise direct. Any Settlement Class Member who does not enter an appearance will be represented by Lead Counsel.
- 17. Any Settlement Class Member who does not request exclusion from the Settlement Class may file a written objection to the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, and/or Lead Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, and appear and show cause, if he, she, or it has any cause, why the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, and/or Lead Counsel's motion for attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses should not be approved; *provided*, *however*, that no Settlement Class Member shall be heard or entitled to contest the approval of the terms and conditions of the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation and/or the motion for attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses unless that person or entity has filed a

written objection with the Court and served copies of such objection on Lead Counsel and Defendants' Counsel at the addresses set forth below such that they are received no later than twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to the Settlement Hearing.

#### **Lead Counsel**

# **Defendants' Counsel**

Glancy Prongay & Murray LLP Leanne Heine Solish, Esq. 1925 Century Park East, Suite 2100 Los Angeles, California 90067 Baker & Hostetler LLP
Doug Greene, Esq.
45 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York 10111

- Class Member: (a) must state the name, address, and telephone number of the person or entity objecting and must be signed by the objector; (b) must contain a statement of the Settlement Class Member's objection or objections, and the specific reasons for each objection, including any legal and evidentiary support the Settlement Class Member wishes to bring to the Court's attention; and (c) must include documents sufficient to prove membership in the Settlement Class, including the number of each Eagle Security that the objecting Settlement Class Member purchased/acquired and/or sold during the Settlement Class Period, as well as the dates and prices of each such purchase/acquisition and sale. Objectors who enter an appearance and desire to present evidence at the Settlement Hearing in support of their objection must include in their written objection or notice of appearance the identity of any witnesses they may call to testify and any exhibits they intend to introduce into evidence at the hearing.
- 19. Any Settlement Class Member who or which does not make his, her, or its objection in the manner provided herein shall be deemed to have waived his, her, or its right to object to any aspect of the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, and Lead Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, and shall be forever barred and foreclosed from objecting to the fairness, reasonableness, or

adequacy of the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, or the requested attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses, or from otherwise being heard concerning the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, or the requested attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses in this or any other proceeding.

- 20. <u>Stay and Temporary Injunction</u> Until otherwise ordered by the Court, the Court stays all proceedings in the Action other than proceedings necessary to carry out or enforce the terms and conditions of the Stipulation. Pending final determination of whether the Settlement should be approved, the Court bars and enjoins Plaintiffs, and all other members of the Settlement Class, from commencing or prosecuting any and all of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims against each and all of the Defendants' Releasees.
- 21. **Settlement Administration Fees and Expenses** All reasonable costs incurred in identifying Settlement Class Members and notifying them of the Settlement as well as in administering the Settlement shall be paid as set forth in the Stipulation without further order of the Court.
- 22. **Settlement Fund** The contents of the Settlement Fund held by Huntington National Bank (which the Court approves as the Escrow Agent), shall be deemed and considered to be *in custodia legis* of the Court, and shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Court, until such time as they shall be distributed pursuant to the Stipulation and/or further order(s) of the Court.
- 23. <u>Taxes</u> Lead Counsel is authorized and directed to prepare any tax returns and any other tax reporting form for or in respect to the Settlement Fund, to pay from the Settlement Fund any Taxes owed with respect to the Settlement Fund, and to otherwise perform all

obligations with respect to Taxes and any reporting or filings in respect thereof without further order of the Court in a manner consistent with the provisions of the Stipulation.

- 24. **Termination of Settlement** If the Settlement is terminated as provided in the Stipulation, the Settlement is not approved, or the Effective Date of the Settlement otherwise fails to occur, this Order shall be vacated, rendered null and void, and be of no further force and effect, except as otherwise provided by the Stipulation, and this Order shall be without prejudice to the rights of Plaintiffs, the other Settlement Class Members, and Defendants, and the Parties shall revert to their respective positions in the Action as of April 19, 2021, as provided in the Stipulation.
- 25. <u>Use of this Order</u> Neither this Order, the MOU, the Stipulation (whether or not consummated), including the exhibits thereto and the Plan of Allocation contained therein (or any other plan of allocation that may be approved by the Court), the negotiations leading to the execution of the MOU and the Stipulation, nor any proceedings taken pursuant to or in connection with the MOU, the Stipulation, and/or approval of the Settlement (including any arguments proffered in connection therewith): (a) shall be offered against any of the Defendants' Releasees as evidence of, or construed as, or deemed to be evidence of any presumption, concession, or admission by any of the Defendants' Releasees with respect to the truth of any fact alleged by Plaintiffs or the validity of any claim that was or could have been asserted or the deficiency of any defense that has been or could have been asserted in this Action or in any other litigation, or of any liability, negligence, fault, or other wrongdoing of any kind of any of the Defendants' Releasees or in any way referred to for any other reason as against any of the Defendants' Releasees, in any civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceeding, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of the Stipulation; (b) shall be

offered against any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees, as evidence of, or construed as, or deemed to be evidence of any presumption, concession, or admission by any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees that any of their claims are without merit, that any of the Defendants' Releasees had meritorious defenses, or that damages recoverable under the Complaint would not have exceeded the Settlement Amount or with respect to any liability, negligence, fault, or wrongdoing of any kind, or in any way referred to for any other reason as against any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees, in any civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceeding, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of the Stipulation; or (c) shall be construed against any of the Releasees as an admission, concession, or presumption that the consideration to be given under the Settlement represents the amount which could be or would have been recovered after trial; *provided, however*, that if the Stipulation is approved by the Court, the Parties and the Releasees and their respective counsel may refer to it to effectuate the protections from liability granted thereunder or otherwise to enforce the terms of the Settlement.

- 26. <u>Supporting Papers</u> Lead Counsel shall file and serve the opening papers in support of the proposed Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and Lead Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses no later than thirty-five (35) calendar days prior to the Settlement Hearing; and reply papers, if any, shall be filed and served no later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the Settlement Hearing.
- 27. The Court retains jurisdiction to consider all further applications arising out of or connected with the proposed Settlement.

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SO ORDERED this	day of	, 2021.	
		The Honorable Lorna G. Schofield	
		United States District Judge	

Exhibit A-1

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SHIVA STEIN, Individually and On Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Case No. 1:19-cv-06873-LGS

Plaintiff.

v.

EAGLE BANCORP, INC., SUSAN G. RIEL, RONALD D. PAUL, CHARLES D. LEVINGSTON, JAMES H. LANGMEAD, and LAURENCE E. BENSIGNOR,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF (I) PENDENCY OF CLASS ACTION, CERTIFICATION OF SETTLEMENT CLASS, AND PROPOSED SETTLEMENT; (II) SETTLEMENT HEARING; AND (III) MOTION FOR AN AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND REIMBURSEMENT OF LITIGATION EXPENSES

# A Federal Court authorized this Notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF CLASS ACTION: Please be advised that your rights may be affected by the above-captioned securities class action (the "Action")<sup>1</sup> pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Court"), if, during the period between March 2, 2015 and July 17, 2019, inclusive (the "Settlement Class Period"), you purchased or otherwise acquired Eagle common stock ("Eagle Common Stock") and/or call options on Eagle Common Stock ("Eagle Call Options"), and/or wrote put options on Eagle Common Stock ("Eagle Put Options"), and were damaged thereby.<sup>2</sup>

**NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT:** Please also be advised that the Court-appointed Lead Plaintiff Danilee Cassinelli, as Trustee of the Danilee Cassinelli Trust DTD 7-23-93 ("Lead Plaintiff") and additional plaintiff Norfolk County Retirement System ("Norfolk") (together with Lead Plaintiff, "Plaintiffs"), on behalf of themselves and the Settlement Class (as defined in ¶23

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All capitalized terms used in this Notice that are not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement dated June 28, 2021 (the "Stipulation"), which is available at www. EagleSecuritiesSettlement.com. Eagle Bancorp, Inc. is referred to herein as "Eagle" or the "Company."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Eagle Common Stock, Call Options, and Put Options are collectively referred to herein as "Eagle Securities."

below), have reached a proposed settlement of the Action for \$7,500,000 in cash that, if approved, will resolve all claims in the Action (the "Settlement").

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY. This Notice explains important rights you may have, including the possible receipt of cash from the Settlement. If you are a member of the Settlement Class, your legal rights will be affected whether or not you act.

If you have any questions about this Notice, the proposed Settlement, or your eligibility to participate in the Settlement, please DO NOT contact Eagle, any other Defendants in the Action, or their counsel. All questions should be directed to Lead Counsel or the Claims Administrator (see ¶85 below).

- 1. <u>Description of the Action and the Settlement Class</u>: This Notice relates to a proposed Settlement of claims in a pending securities class action brought by investors alleging, among other things, that defendants Eagle, Ronald D. Paul ("Paul"), Susan G. Riel ("Riel"), Charles D. Levingston ("Levingston"), James H. Langmead ("Langmead"), and Laurence E. Bensignor ("Bensignor") (collectively, the "Defendants")<sup>3</sup> violated the federal securities laws by making false and misleading statements regarding Eagle. A more detailed description of the Action is set forth in paragraphs 11-22 below. The proposed Settlement, if approved by the Court, will settle claims of the Settlement Class, as defined in paragraph 23 below.
- 2. <u>Statement of the Settlement Class's Recovery:</u> Subject to Court approval, Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and the Settlement Class, have agreed to settle the Action in exchange for a settlement payment of \$7,500,000 in cash (the "Settlement Amount") to be deposited into an escrow account. The Net Settlement Fund (*i.e.*, the Settlement Amount plus any and all interest earned thereon (the "Settlement Fund") less (a) any Taxes, (b) any Notice and Administration Costs, (c) any Litigation Expenses awarded by the Court, and (d) any attorneys' fees awarded by the Court) will be distributed in accordance with a plan of allocation that is approved by the Court, which will determine how the Net Settlement Fund shall be allocated among members of the Settlement Class. The proposed plan of allocation (the "Plan of Allocation") is set forth on pages 12-20 below.
- 3. Estimate of Average Amount of Recovery Per Share: Based on Plaintiffs' damages expert's estimates the conduct at issue in the Action affected approximately 20.2 million shares of Eagle Common Stock purchased during the Settlement Class Period. If all eligible Settlement Class Members elect to participate in the Settlement, the estimated average recovery would be approximately \$0.37 per affected share (before the deduction of any Court-approved fees, expenses and costs as described herein). Settlement Class Members should note, however, that the foregoing average recovery per share is only an estimate. Some Settlement Class Members may recover more or less than this estimated amount depending on, among other factors, when and at what prices they purchased/acquired or sold their Eagle Common Stock, and the total number of valid Claim Forms submitted. Distributions to Settlement Class Members will be made based on the Plan of Allocation set forth herein (see pages 12-20 below) or such other plan of allocation as may be ordered by the Court.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Defendants Paul, Riel, Levingston, Langmead, and Bensignor are collectively referred to herein as the "Individual Defendants."

- 4. <u>Average Amount of Damages Per Share or Option</u>: The Parties do not agree on the average amount of damages per share or option that would be recoverable if Plaintiffs were to prevail in the Action. Among other things, Defendants do not agree with the Plaintiffs' assertion that Defendants violated the federal securities laws or that any damages were suffered by any members of the Settlement Class as a result of Defendants' conduct.
- 5. Attorneys' Fees and Expenses Sought: Plaintiffs' Counsel, which have been prosecuting the Action on a wholly contingent basis since its inception in 2019, have not received any payment of attorneys' fees for their representation of the Settlement Class and have advanced the funds to pay expenses necessarily incurred to prosecute this Action. Courtappointed Lead Counsel, Glancy Prongay & Murray LLP, will apply to the Court for an award of attorneys' fees for all Plaintiffs' Counsel in an amount not to exceed 331/3% of the Settlement Fund. In addition, Lead Counsel will apply for reimbursement of Litigation Expenses paid or incurred in connection with the institution, prosecution and resolution of the claims against the Defendants, in an amount not to exceed \$105,000, which may include an application for reimbursement of the reasonable costs and expenses incurred by Plaintiffs directly related to their representation of the Settlement Class. Any fees and expenses awarded by the Court will be paid from the Settlement Fund. Settlement Class Members are not personally liable for any such fees or expenses. If the maximum amounts are requested and the Court approves Lead Counsel's fee and expense application, the estimated average amount of fees and expenses, assuming claims are filed for all affected shares will be approximately \$0.13 per affected share of Eagle Common Stock.
- 6. <u>Identification of Attorneys' Representatives</u>: Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class are represented by Leanne Heine Solish, Esq. of Glancy Prongay & Murray LLP, 1925 Century Park East, Suite 2100, Los Angeles, California, (888) 773-9224, settlements@glancylaw.com.
- 7. **Reasons for the Settlement:** Plaintiffs' principal reason for entering into the Settlement is the substantial immediate cash benefit for the Settlement Class without the risk or the delays inherent in further litigation. Moreover, the substantial cash benefit provided under the Settlement must be considered against the significant risk that a smaller recovery or indeed no recovery at all might be achieved after contested motions, a trial of the Action and the likely appeals that would follow a trial. This process could be expected to last several years. Defendants, who deny all allegations of wrongdoing or liability whatsoever, are entering into the Settlement solely to eliminate the uncertainty, burden and expense of further protracted litigation.

# YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THE SETTLEMENT:

SUBMIT A CLAIM FORM ONLINE OR POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2021. This is the only way to be eligible to receive a payment from the Settlement Fund. If you are a Settlement Class Member and you remain in the Settlement Class, you will be bound by the Settlement as approved by the Court and you will give up any Released Plaintiffs' Claims (defined in ¶32 below) that you have against Defendants and the other Defendants' Releasees (defined in ¶33 below), so it is in your interest to submit a Claim Form.

EXCLUDE YOURSELF FROM THE SETTLEMENT CLASS BY SUBMITTING A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR EXCLUSION SO THAT IT IS RECEIVED NO LATER THAN, 2021.	If you exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, you will not be eligible to receive any payment from the Settlement Fund. This is the only option that allows you ever to be part of any other lawsuit against any of the Defendants or the other Defendants' Releasees concerning the Released Plaintiffs' Claims.
OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT BY SUBMITTING A WRITTEN OBJECTION SO THAT IT IS RECEIVED NO LATER THAN	If you do not like the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, or the request for attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, you may write to the Court and explain why you do not like them. You cannot object to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation or the fee and expense request unless you are a Settlement Class Member and do not exclude yourself from the Settlement Class.
GO TO A HEARING ON, 2021 AT:M., AND FILE A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPEAR SO THAT IT IS RECEIVED NO LATER THAN, 2021.	Filing a written objection and notice of intention to appear by, 2021 allows you to speak in Court, at the discretion of the Court, about the fairness of the proposed Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or the request for attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses. If you submit a written objection, you may (but you do not have to) attend the hearing and, at the discretion of the Court, speak to the Court about your objection.
DO NOTHING.	If you are a member of the Settlement Class and you do not submit a valid Claim Form, you will not be eligible to receive any payment from the Settlement Fund. You will, however, remain a member of the Settlement Class, which means that you give up your right to sue about the claims that are resolved by the Settlement and you will be bound by any judgments or orders entered by the Court in the Action.

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#### WHY DID I GET THIS NOTICE?

- 8. The Court directed that this Notice be mailed to you because you or someone in your family or an investment account for which you serve as a custodian may have purchased or otherwise acquired Eagle Common Stock and/or Eagle Call Options, or wrote Eagle Put Options during the Settlement Class Period. The Court has directed us to send you this Notice because, as a potential Settlement Class Member, you have a right to know about your options before the Court rules on the proposed Settlement. Additionally, you have the right to understand how this class action lawsuit may generally affect your legal rights. If the Court approves the Settlement, and the Plan of Allocation (or some other plan of allocation), the claims administrator selected by Lead Plaintiffs and approved by the Court will make payments pursuant to the Settlement after any objections and appeals are resolved.
- 9. The purpose of this Notice is to inform you of the existence of this case, that it is a class action, how you might be affected, and how to exclude yourself from the Settlement Class if you wish to do so. It is also being sent to inform you of the terms of the proposed Settlement, and of a hearing to be held by the Court to consider the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation and the motion by Lead Counsel for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses (the "Settlement Hearing"). See paragraph 76 below for details about the Settlement Hearing, including the date and location of the hearing.
- 10. The issuance of this Notice is not an expression of any opinion by the Court concerning the merits of any claim in the Action, and the Court still has to decide whether to approve the Settlement. If the Court approves the Settlement and a plan of allocation, then payments to Authorized Claimants will be made after any appeals are resolved and after the completion of all claims processing. Please be patient, as this process can take some time to complete.

#### WHAT IS THIS CASE ABOUT?

- 11. On July 24, 2019, the instant action entitled, *Stein v. Eagle Bancorp, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 1:19-cv-06873-LGS (the "Action"), was filed by Shiva Stein in the United States District Court for Southern District of New York.
- 12. By Order dated November 7, 2019, the Court appointed Anthony Cassinelli, as Trustee of the Danilee Cassinelli Trust DTD 7-23-93 as lead plaintiff and approved Glancy Prongay & Murray LLP as Lead Counsel for the proposed class.

- 13. On April 2, 2020, Defendants filed and served a motion to dismiss the Complaint and a request for judicial notice. On May 15, 2020, lead plaintiff Anthony Cassinelli, as Trustee of the Danilee Cassinelli Trust DTD 7-23-93 and Norfolk filed and served their papers in opposition to Defendants' motion to dismiss and a request for judicial notice. On June 15, 2020, Defendants filed and served their reply papers.
- 14. On November 30, 2020 the Court substituted Danilee Cassinelli, as Trustee of the Danilee Cassinelli Trust DTD 7-23-93, as lead plaintiff in this Action (ECF No. 57), following Plaintiffs' Counsel's notice of suggestion of death and request for substitution of the lead plaintiff.
- 15. On December 23, 2020, Plaintiffs and Defendants filed a stipulation requesting the Court to stay all proceedings pending the Parties participation in a mediation session overseen by Jed Melnick, Esq. of JAMS. On December 27, 2020, the Court granted the Parties' request for a stay of all proceedings in light of the upcoming mediation.
- 16. On April 13, 2021, Lead Counsel and Defendants' Counsel participated in a full-day virtual mediation session before Mr. Melnick. In advance of that session, the Parties exchanged, and provided to Mr. Melnick, detailed mediation statements and exhibits which addressed the issues of both liability and damages. Although discussions were productive, the session ended without an agreement to settle the Action being reached.
- 17. On April 15, 2021, counsel for Plaintiffs, with Defendants' Counsel's consent, jointly updated the Court on the results of mediation. Lead Counsel informed the Court that while the Parties did not reach an agreement to settle during the mediation session, discussions were productive and the Parties agreed to continue their discussions with the assistance of Mr. Melnick. In light of the Parties' progress, Lead Counsel requested that the proceedings in the Action continue to be stayed for an additional three weeks. On April 16, 2021, the Court granted the Parties' application, continued the stay of proceedings in this Action, and requested an update on the mediation discussions by May 6, 2021.
- 18. Following the mediation session, the Parties continued their discussions with Mr. Melnick, which culminated in Mr. Melnick making a settlement proposal for the Parties' consideration, which both sides accepted. The Parties thereafter memorialized the settlement in a confidential Memorandum of Understanding (the "MOU") executed on April 21, 2021. The MOU sets forth, among other things, the Parties' agreement to settle and release all claims asserted against Defendants in the Action in return for a cash payment by or on behalf of Defendants of \$7,500,000.00 for the benefit of the Settlement Class.
- 19. Based on the investigation and mediation of the case and Plaintiffs' direct oversight of the prosecution of this matter and with the advice of their counsel, each of the Plaintiffs has agreed to settle and release the claims raised in the Action pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Stipulation, after considering, among other things, (a) the substantial financial benefit that Plaintiffs and the other members of the Settlement Class will receive under the proposed Settlement; and (b) the significant risks and costs of continued litigation and trial.
- 20. On January 21, 2020, lead plaintiff Anthony Cassinelli, as Trustee of the Danilee Cassinelli Trust DTD 7-23-93 and Norfolk filed and served their Amended Class Action Complaint for Violations of the Federal Securities Laws (the "Complaint") asserting claims against all Defendants under Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the

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"Exchange Act") and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder, and against the Individual Defendants under Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act. Among other things, the Complaint alleged that Defendants made materially false and misleading statements and/or omissions about: (a) Eagle's related-party loan figures for fiscal years 2014 through 2017; (b) the terms of Eagle's related-party loans and their approval process; (c) Defendants' attestations as to the effectiveness of Eagle's internal controls and SOX Certifications; and (d) Defendants' denials of a report issued by Marcus Aurelius Value that was critical of Eagle and claimed that Eagle materially underreported its related-party loan figures. The Complaint further alleged that the prices of Eagle publicly-traded securities were artificially inflated as a result of Defendants' allegedly false and misleading statements and/or omissions, and declined when the purported truth was revealed.

- 21. Defendants are entering into the Stipulation solely to eliminate the uncertainty, burden and expense of further protracted litigation. Each of the Defendants denies any wrongdoing, and the Stipulation shall in no event be construed or deemed to be evidence of or an admission or concession on the part of any of the Defendants, or any other of the Defendants' Releasees (defined in ¶33 below), with respect to any claim or allegation of any fault or liability or wrongdoing or damage whatsoever, or any infirmity in the defenses that the Defendants have, or could have, asserted. Similarly, the Stipulation shall in no event be construed or deemed to be evidence of or an admission or concession on the part of any Plaintiff of any infirmity in any of the claims asserted in the Action, or an admission or concession that any of the Defendants' defenses to liability had any merit.
- 22. On \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2021, the Court preliminarily approved the Settlement, authorized this Notice to be disseminated to potential Settlement Class Members, and scheduled the Settlement Hearing to consider whether to grant final approval to the Settlement.

# HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM AFFECTED BY THE SETTLEMENT? WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE SETTLEMENT CLASS?

23. If you are a member of the Settlement Class, you are subject to the Settlement, unless you timely request to be excluded. The Settlement Class consists of:

all persons and entities who or which purchased or otherwise acquired Eagle Common Stock and/or Eagle Call Options, and/or wrote Eagle Put Options between March 2, 2015 and July 17, 2019, inclusive (the "Settlement Class Period"), and were damaged thereby.<sup>4</sup>

Excluded from the Settlement Class are: (1) persons who suffered no compensable losses; and (2) (a) Defendants; (b) the legal representatives, heirs, successors, assigns, and members of the Immediate Families of the Individual Defendants; (c) the parents, subsidiaries, assigns, successors, predecessors, and affiliates of Eagle; (d) any persons who served as officers and/or directors of Eagle during the Settlement Class Period; (e) any entity in which any of the foregoing (a) – (d) excluded persons have or had a majority ownership interest during the Settlement Class Period; (f) any trust of which any Individual Defendants is the grantor or settlor

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Exchange-traded options are traded in units called "contracts," which entitle the holder to buy (in the case of a call) or sell (in the case of a put) 100 shares of the underlying security, which in this case is Eagle Common Stock.

or which is for the benefit of any Individual Defendant and/or member(s) of his or her Immediate Family; and (g) Defendants' liability insurance carriers. Also excluded from the Settlement Class are any persons or entities who or which exclude themselves by submitting a request for exclusion in accordance with the requirements set forth in this Notice. *See* "What If I Do Not Want To Be A Member Of The Settlement Class? How Do I Exclude Myself," on page [\_\_] below.

PLEASE NOTE: RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE DOES NOT MEAN THAT YOU ARE A SETTLEMENT CLASS MEMBER OR THAT YOU WILL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE PROCEEDS FROM THE SETTLEMENT. IF YOU ARE A SETTLEMENT CLASS MEMBER AND YOU WISH TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS FROM THE SETTLEMENT, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THE CLAIM FORM THAT IS BEING DISTRIBUTED WITH THIS NOTICE AND THE REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION AS SET FORTH THEREIN POSTMARKED OR SUBMITTED ONLINE NO LATER THAN \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

#### WHAT ARE PLAINTIFFS' REASONS FOR THE SETTLEMENT?

- 24. Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel believe that the claims asserted against Defendants have merit. They recognize, however, the expense and length of continued proceedings necessary to pursue their claims against Defendants through trial and appeals, as well as the very substantial risks they would face in establishing liability and damages. For example, Defendants assert that their statements were not materially false and misleading, but rather were true statements of opinion, and, that furthermore, the alleged false and misleading statements were not made with the requisite state of mind to support the securities fraud claims alleged. Defendants further argued that Plaintiffs' losses were not causally connected to the alleged false and misleading statements. Even if the hurdles to establishing liability were overcome, the amount of damages that could be attributed to the allegedly false statements would be hotly contested because other allegations and disclosures were made along with the alleged disclosures of the alleged fraud. Plaintiffs would have to prevail at several stages motions to dismiss, class certification, and for summary judgment, trial, and if they prevailed on those, on the appeals that were likely to follow. Thus, there were very significant risks attendant to the continued prosecution of the Action.
- 25. In light of these risks, the amount of the Settlement and the immediacy of recovery to the Settlement Class, Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel believe that the proposed Settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate, and in the best interests of the Settlement Class. Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel believe that the Settlement provides a substantial benefit to the Settlement Class, namely \$7,500,000 in cash (less the various deductions described in this Notice), as compared to the risk that the claims in the Action would produce a smaller, or no recovery after summary judgment, trial and appeals, possibly years in the future.
- 26. Defendants have denied the claims asserted against them in the Action and deny having engaged in any wrongdoing or violation of law of any kind whatsoever. Defendants have agreed to the Settlement solely to eliminate the burden and expense of continued litigation. Accordingly, the Settlement may not be construed as an admission of any wrongdoing by Defendants.

#### WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IF THERE WERE NO SETTLEMENT?

27. If there were no Settlement and Plaintiffs failed to establish any essential legal or factual element of their claims against Defendants, neither Plaintiffs nor the other Settlement Class Members would recover anything from Defendants. Also, if Defendants succeeded in proving any of their defenses, either at summary judgment, at trial or on appeal, the Settlement Class could recover substantially less than the amount provided in the Settlement, or nothing at all.

# HOW ARE SETTLEMENT CLASS MEMBERS AFFECTED BY THE ACTION AND THE SETTLEMENT?

- 28. As a Settlement Class Member, you are represented by Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel, unless you enter an appearance through counsel of your own choice at your own expense. You are not required to retain your own counsel, but if you choose to do so, such counsel must file a notice of appearance on your behalf and must serve copies of his or her appearance on the attorneys listed in the section entitled, "When And Where Will The Court Decide Whether To Approve The Settlement?," below.
- 29. If you are a Settlement Class Member and do not wish to remain a Settlement Class Member, you may exclude yourself from the Settlement Class by following the instructions in the section entitled, "What If I Do Not Want To Be A Member Of The Settlement Class? How Do I Exclude Myself?," below.
- 30. If you are a Settlement Class Member and you wish to object to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, or Lead Counsel's application for attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, and if you do not exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, you may present your objections by following the instructions in the section entitled, "When And Where Will The Court Decide Whether To Approve The Settlement?," below.
- 31. If you are a Settlement Class Member and you do not exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, you will be bound by any orders issued by the Court. If the Settlement is approved, the Court will enter a judgment (the "Judgment"). The Judgment will dismiss with prejudice the claims against Defendants and will provide that, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Plaintiffs and each of the other Settlement Class Members, on behalf of themselves, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns in their capacities as such, will have fully, finally and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived and discharged each and every Released Plaintiffs' Claim (as defined in ¶32 below) against the Defendants' Releasees (as defined in ¶33 below), and shall forever be barred and enjoined from prosecuting any or all of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims against any of the Defendants' Releasees.
- 32. "Released Plaintiffs' Claims" means all claims and causes of action of every nature and description, whether known claims or Unknown Claims, whether accrued or unaccrued, whether asserted or unasserted, whether arising under federal, state, common or foreign law, that Plaintiffs or any other member of the Settlement Class (i) asserted in the Complaint, or (ii) could have asserted in any forum that arise out of or are based upon the allegations, transactions, facts, matters or occurrences, representations or omissions involved, set forth, or referred to in the

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Complaint and that relate to the purchase or acquisition of Eagle Common Stock and/or Eagle Call Options, and/or the writing of Eagle Put Options, during the Settlement Class Period. Released Plaintiffs' Claims do not include (i) any claims relating to the enforcement of the Settlement, (ii) any claims asserted in the action pending in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Civil Division, Case No. 2021 CA 000326 B; and (iii) any claims of any person or entity who or which submits a request for exclusion that is accepted by the Court.

- 33. "Defendants' Releasees" means: (i) Defendants; (ii) for each Defendant, their respective attorneys (including Defendants' Counsel), accountants, assigns, assignees, insurers, reinsurers, consultants, agents, experts, and any entity in which any Defendant has or had a controlling interest, in their capacities as such; (iii) for Eagle, its current and former officers, directors, parents, affiliates, subsidiaries, successors, predecessors, employees, administrators, and auditors, in their capacities as such; and (iv) for the Individual Defendants, their respective Immediate Family members, heirs, executors, beneficiaries, and any trust of which any Defendant is the grantor or settlor or which is for the benefit of any Defendant and/or member(s) of his or her Immediate Family, in their capacities as such.
- 34. "Unknown Claims" means any Released Plaintiffs' Claims which any Plaintiff or any other Settlement Class Member does not know or suspect to exist in his, her, or its favor at the time of the release of such claims, and any Released Defendants' Claims which any Defendants' Releasee does not know or suspect to exist in his, her, or its favor at the time of the release of such claims, which, if known by him, her, or it, might have affected his, her or its decision(s) with respect to this Settlement. With respect to any and all Released Claims, the Parties stipulate and agree that, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Plaintiffs and Defendants shall expressly waive, and each of the other Settlement Class Members and each of the other Defendants' Releasees shall be deemed to have waived, and by operation of the Judgment or the Alternate Judgment, if applicable, shall have expressly waived, any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States, or principle of common law or foreign law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to California Civil Code §1542, which provides:

A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him or her must have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

Plaintiffs and Defendants acknowledge, and each of the other Settlement Class Members and each of the other Defendants' Releasees shall be deemed by operation of law to have acknowledged, that the foregoing waiver was separately bargained for and a key element of the Settlement.

35. The Judgment will also provide that, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Defendants, on behalf of themselves, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns in their capacities as such, will have fully, finally and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived and discharged each and every Released Defendants' Claim (as defined in ¶36 below) against Plaintiffs and the other Plaintiffs' Releasees (as defined in ¶37 below), and shall forever be barred and enjoined from prosecuting any or all of the Released Defendants' Claims against any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees.

- 36. "Released Defendants' Claims" means all claims and causes of action of every nature and description, whether known claims or Unknown Claims, whether accrued or unaccrued, whether asserted or unasserted, whether arising under federal, state, common or foreign law, that arise out of or relate in any way to the institution, prosecution, or settlement of the claims against Defendants. Released Defendants' Claims do not include any claims relating to the enforcement of the Settlement or any claims against any person or entity who or which submits a request for exclusion from the Settlement Class that is accepted by the Court.
- 37. "Plaintiffs' Releasees" means Plaintiffs, all other plaintiffs in the Action, their respective attorneys, and all other Settlement Class Members, and their respective current and former officers, directors, agents, trusts, trustees, parents, affiliates, subsidiaries, successors, predecessors, assigns, assignees, employees, and attorneys, in their capacities as such.

#### HOW DO I PARTICIPATE IN THE SETTLEMENT? WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

#### HOW MUCH WILL MY PAYMENT BE?

- 39. At this time, it is not possible to make any determination as to how much any individual Settlement Class Member may receive from the Settlement.
- 40. Pursuant to the Settlement, Defendants have agreed to pay or caused to be paid seven million five hundred thousand dollars (\$7,500,000.00) in cash. The Settlement Amount will be deposited into an escrow account. The Settlement Amount plus any interest earned thereon is referred to as the "Settlement Fund." If the Settlement is approved by the Court and the Effective Date occurs, the "Net Settlement Fund" (that is, the Settlement Fund less (a) all federal, state and/or local taxes on any income earned by the Settlement Fund and the reasonable costs incurred in connection with determining the amount of and paying taxes owed by the Settlement Fund (including reasonable expenses of tax attorneys and accountants); (b) the costs and expenses incurred in connection with providing notice to Settlement Class Members and administering the Settlement on behalf of Settlement Class Members; and (c) any attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses awarded by the Court) will be distributed to Settlement Class Members who submit valid Claim Forms, in accordance with the proposed Plan of Allocation or such other plan of allocation as the Court may approve.
- 41. The Net Settlement Fund will not be distributed unless and until the Court has approved the Settlement and a plan of allocation, and the time for any petition for rehearing, appeal or review, whether by certiorari or otherwise, has expired.

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- 42. Neither Defendants nor any other person or entity that paid any portion of the Settlement Amount on their behalf are entitled to get back any portion of the Settlement Fund once the Court's order or judgment approving the Settlement becomes Final. Defendants shall not have any liability, obligation or responsibility for the administration of the Settlement, the disbursement of the Net Settlement Fund or the plan of allocation.
- 43. Approval of the Settlement is independent from approval of a plan of allocation. Any determination with respect to a plan of allocation will not affect the Settlement, if approved.
- 45. Participants in and beneficiaries of a plan covered by ERISA ("ERISA Plan") should NOT include any information relating to their transactions in Eagle Securities held through the ERISA Plan in any Claim Form that they may submit in this Action. They should include ONLY those shares that they purchased, acquired or sold outside of the ERISA Plan. Claims based on any ERISA Plan's purchases or acquisitions of Eagle Securities during the Settlement Class Period may be made by the plan's trustees. To the extent any of the Defendants or any of the other persons or entities excluded from the Settlement Class are participants in the ERISA Plan, such persons or entities shall not receive, either directly or indirectly, any portion of the recovery that may be obtained from the Settlement by the ERISA Plan.
- 46. The Court has reserved jurisdiction to allow, disallow, or adjust on equitable grounds the Claim of any Settlement Class Member.
- 47. Each Claimant shall be deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to his, her or its Claim Form.
- 48. Only Settlement Class Members, *i.e.*, persons and entities who purchased or otherwise acquired Eagle Common Stock and/or Eagle Call Options, and/or wrote Eagle Put Options, during the Settlement Class Period and were damaged as a result of such purchases, acquisitions and/or sales will be eligible to share in the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund. Persons and entities that are excluded from the Settlement Class by definition or that exclude themselves from the Settlement Class pursuant to request will not be eligible to receive a distribution from the Net Settlement Fund and should not submit Claim Forms. The only securities that are included in the Settlement are the Eagle Securities.

### PROPOSED PLAN OF ALLOCATION

49. The objective of the Plan of Allocation is to equitably distribute the Settlement proceeds to those Settlement Class Members who suffered economic losses as a proximate result of the alleged wrongdoing. The calculations made pursuant to the Plan of Allocation are not intended to be estimates of, nor indicative of, the amounts that Settlement Class Members might have been able to recover after a trial. Nor are the calculations pursuant to the Plan of Allocation

intended to be estimates of the amounts that will be paid to Authorized Claimants pursuant to the Settlement. The computations under the Plan of Allocation are only a method to weigh the claims of Authorized Claimants against one another for the purposes of making *pro rata* allocations of the Net Settlement Fund.

- 50. The Plan of Allocation generally measures the amount of loss that a Settlement Class Member can claim for purposes of making *pro rata* allocations of the cash in the Net Settlement Fund to Authorized Claimants. The Plan of Allocation is not a formal damage analysis. Recognized Loss Amounts are based primarily on the price declines observed over the period which Plaintiffs allege corrective information was entering the market place. In this case, Plaintiffs allege that Defendants made false statements and omitted material facts between March 2, 2015 through and including July 17, 2019, which had the effect of artificially inflating the prices of Eagle Securities. The estimated alleged artificial inflation in the price of Eagle Common Stock during the Settlement Class Period is reflected in Table 1 below. The computation of the estimated alleged artificial inflation in the price of Eagle Common Stock during the Settlement Class Period is based on certain misrepresentations alleged by Plaintiffs and the price change in the stock, net of market- and industry-wide factors, in reaction to the public announcements that allegedly corrected the misrepresentations alleged by Plaintiffs.
- 51. In order to have recoverable damages, disclosure of the alleged misrepresentations must be the cause of the decline in the price of the Eagle Security. Alleged corrective disclosures that removed the artificial inflation from the prices of the Eagle Securities occurred on December 1, 2017 and July 18, 2019 (the "Corrective Disclosure Dates"). Accordingly, in order to have a Recognized Loss Amount:
  - (a) Eagle Common Stock and Call Options purchased or otherwise acquired, or Eagle Put Options written, during the period March 2, 2015 through November 30, 2017, inclusive, must have been held (or open in the case of Eagle Put Options) at the opening of trading on December 1, 2017.
  - (b) Eagle Common Stock and Call Options purchased or otherwise acquired, or Eagle Put Options written, during the period December 1, 2017 through July 17, 2019, inclusive, must have been held (or open in the case of Eagle Put Options) at the opening of trading on July 18, 2019.
- 52. To the extent a Claimant does not satisfy one of the conditions set forth in the preceding paragraph, his, her or its Recognized Loss Amount for those transactions will be zero.

Table 1					
Artificial Inflation in Eagle Common Stock					
From To Per-Share Price Inflation					
March 2, 2015	November 30, 2017	\$30.74			
December 1, 2017	July 17, 2019	\$14.70			
July 18, 2019	Thereafter	\$0.00			

53. The "90-day look back" provision of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 ("PSLRA") is incorporated into the calculation of the Recognized Loss Amount for Eagle Common Stock. The limitations on the calculation of the Recognized Loss Amount imposed by

the PSLRA are applied such that losses on Eagle Common Stock purchased during the Settlement Class Period and held as of the close of the 90-day period subsequent to the Settlement Class Period (the "90-Day Lookback Period") cannot exceed the difference between the purchase price paid for such stock and its average price during the 90-Day Lookback Period. The Recognized Loss Amount on Eagle Common Stock purchased during the Settlement Class Period and sold during the 90-Day Lookback Period cannot exceed the difference between the purchase price paid for such stock and its rolling average price during the portion of the 90-Day Lookback Period elapsed as of the date of sale.

54. In the calculations below, all purchase and sale prices shall exclude any fees, taxes and commissions. If a Recognized Loss Amount is calculated to be a negative number, that Recognized Loss Amount shall be set to zero. Any transactions in Eagle Securities executed outside of regular trading hours for the U.S. financial markets shall be deemed to have occurred during the next regular trading session.

# **CALCULATION OF RECOGNIZED LOSS AMOUNTS**

55. Based on the formulas set forth below, a "Recognized Loss Amount" shall be calculated for each purchase or acquisition of Eagle Common Stock and Call Options, and for each writing of Eagle Put Options, during the Settlement Class Period that is listed in the Claim Form and for which adequate documentation is provided.

### **Eagle Common Stock**

For each share of Eagle Common Stock purchased or otherwise acquired during the Settlement Class Period (*i.e.*, March 2, 2015 through July 17, 2019, inclusive), the Recognized Loss Amount per share shall be calculated as follows:

- I. For each share of Eagle Common Stock purchased during the period March 2, 2015 through November 30, 2017, inclusive,
  - a. that was sold prior to December 1, 2017, the Recognized Loss Amount is \$0.
  - b. that was sold during the period December 1, 2017 through July 17, 2019, inclusive, the Recognized Loss Amount is the lesser of:
    - i. \$16.04; or
    - ii. the purchase price *minus* the sale price.
  - c. that was sold during the period July 18, 2019 through October 15, 2019, inclusive (*i.e.*, the 90-Day Lookback Period), the Recognized Loss Amount is *the lesser of*:
    - i. \$30.74; or
    - ii. the purchase price *minus* the sale price; or
    - iii. the purchase price *minus* the "90-Day Lookback Value" on the date of sale as provided in Table 2 below.
  - d. that was sold or held after October 15, 2019, the Recognized Loss Amount is *the lesser of*:
    - i. \$30.74; or

- ii. the purchase price *minus* the average closing price for Eagle Common Stock during the 90-Day Lookback Period, which is \$41.35.
- II. For each share of Eagle Common Stock purchased during the period December 1, 2017 through July 17, 2019, inclusive,
  - a. that was sold prior to July 18, 2019, the Recognized Loss Amount is \$0.
  - b. that was sold during the period July 18, 2019 through October 15, 2019, inclusive (*i.e.*, the 90-Day Lookback Period), the Recognized Loss Amount is *the lesser of*:
    - i. \$14.70; or
    - ii. the purchase price minus the sale price; or
    - iii. the purchase price *minus* the "90-Day Lookback Value" on the date of sale as provided in Table 2 below.
  - c. that was sold or held after October 15, 2019, the Recognized Loss Amount is *the lesser of*:
    - i. \$14.70; or
    - ii. the purchase price *minus* the average closing price for Eagle Common Stock during the 90-Day Lookback Period, which is \$41.35.
- III. For each share of Eagle Common Stock purchased on or after July 18, 2019, the Recognized Loss Amount is \$0.

Table 2					
Sale / Disposition Date	90-Day Lookback Value	Sale / Disposition Date	90-Day Lookback Value	Sale / Disposition Date	90-Day Lookback Value
7/18/2019	\$39.15	8/16/2019	\$39.44	9/17/2019	\$40.53
7/19/2019	\$39.39	8/19/2019	\$39.48	9/18/2019	\$40.63
7/22/2019	\$39.56	8/20/2019	\$39.51	9/19/2019	\$40.71
7/23/2019	\$39.69	8/21/2019	\$39.55	9/20/2019	\$40.79
7/24/2019	\$39.91	8/22/2019	\$39.59	9/23/2019	\$40.86
7/25/2019	\$39.98	8/23/2019	\$39.59	9/24/2019	\$40.91
7/26/2019	\$40.08	8/26/2019	\$39.60	9/25/2019	\$40.98
7/29/2019	\$40.03	8/27/2019	\$39.59	9/26/2019	\$41.05
7/30/2019	\$40.00	8/28/2019	\$39.59	9/27/2019	\$41.12
7/31/2019	\$40.03	8/29/2019	\$39.62	9/30/2019	\$41.19
8/1/2019	\$39.90	8/30/2019	\$39.65	10/1/2019	\$41.24
8/2/2019	\$39.82	9/3/2019	\$39.66	10/2/2019	\$41.25
8/5/2019	\$39.67	9/4/2019	\$39.68	10/3/2019	\$41.25
8/6/2019	\$39.55	9/5/2019	\$39.73	10/4/2019	\$41.26

8/7/2019	\$39.45	9/6/2019	\$39.78	10/7/2019	\$41.27
8/8/2019	\$39.42	9/9/2019	\$39.86	10/8/2019	\$41.28
8/9/2019	\$39.45	9/10/2019	\$39.94	10/9/2019	\$41.28
8/12/2019	\$39.45	9/11/2019	\$40.04	10/10/2019	\$41.29
8/13/2019	\$39.46	9/12/2019	\$40.17	10/11/2019	\$41.31
8/14/2019	\$39.45	9/13/2019	\$40.30	10/14/2019	\$41.33
8/15/2019	\$39.42	9/16/2019	\$40.42	10/15/2019	\$41.35

# **Eagle Call Options**

For each Eagle Call Option purchased or otherwise acquired during the Settlement Class Period, the Recognized Loss Amount per option shall be calculated as follows:

- I. For each Eagle Call Option not held at the opening of trading on at least one of the Corrective Disclosure Dates as defined above, the Recognized Loss Amount is \$0.00.
- II. For each Eagle Call Option held at the opening of trading on one or more of the Corrective Disclosure Dates as defined above,
  - a. that was subsequently sold during the Settlement Class Period, the Recognized Loss Amount is the purchase price *minus* the sale price.
  - b. that was subsequently exercised during the Settlement Class Period, the Recognized Loss Amount is the purchase price *minus* the intrinsic value of the Eagle Call Option on the date of exercise, where the intrinsic value shall be *the greater of*: (i) \$0.00 or (ii) the closing price of Eagle Common Stock on the date of exercise *minus* the strike price of the option.
  - c. that expired unexercised during the Settlement Class Period, the Recognized Loss Amount is equal to the purchase price.
  - d. that was still held as of the opening of trading July 18, 2019, the Recognized Loss Amount is the purchase price *minus* the intrinsic value of the Eagle Call Option as of the close of trading on July 18, 2019, where the intrinsic value shall be *the greater of*: (i) \$0.00 or (ii) \$39.15<sup>5</sup> *minus* the strike price of the option.

No Recognized Loss Amount shall be calculated based upon purchase or acquisition of any Eagle Call Option that had been previously sold or written.

# **Eagle Put Options**

For each Eagle Put Option written during the Settlement Class Period, the Recognized Loss Amount per option shall be calculated as follows:

I. For each Eagle Put Option not open (*i.e.*, not outstanding) at the opening of trading on at least one of the Corrective Disclosure Dates as defined above, the Recognized Loss Amount is \$0.00.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> \$39.15 is the closing price of Eagle Common Stock on July 18, 2019.

- II. For each Eagle Put Option open at the opening of trading on one or more of the Corrective Disclosure Dates as defined above,
  - a. that was subsequently purchased during the Settlement Class Period, the Recognized Loss Amount is the purchase price *minus* the sale price.
  - b. that was subsequently exercised (*i.e.*, assigned) during the Settlement Class Period, the Recognized Loss Amount is the intrinsic value of the Eagle Put Option on the date of exercise *minus* the sale price, where the intrinsic value shall be *the greater of*: (i) \$0.00 or (ii) the strike price of the option *minus* the closing price of Eagle Common Stock on the date of exercise.
  - c. that expired unexercised during the Settlement Class Period, the Recognized Loss Amount \$0.00.
  - d. that was still open as of the opening of trading July 18, 2019, the Recognized Loss Amount is the intrinsic value of the Eagle Put Option as of the close of trading on July 18, 2019 *minus* the sale price, where the intrinsic value shall be *the greater of*: (i) \$0.00 or (ii) the strike price of the option *minus* \$39.15.

No Recognized Loss Amount shall be calculated based upon the sale or writing of any Eagle Put Option that had been previously purchased or acquired.

### ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

- 56. The Net Settlement Fund will be allocated among all Authorized Claimants whose Distribution Amount (defined in paragraph 59 below) is \$10.00 or greater.
- 57. **FIFO Matching:** If a Settlement Class Member has more than one purchase/acquisition or sale of an Eagle Security, all purchases/acquisitions and sales of the like security shall be matched on a First In, First Out ("FIFO") basis. With respect to Eagle Common Stock and Call Options, Settlement Class Period sales will be matched first against any holdings at the beginning of the Settlement Class Period, and then against purchases/acquisitions in chronological order, beginning with the earliest purchase/acquisition made during the Settlement Class Period.
- 58. Calculation of Claimant's "Recognized Claim": A Claimant's "Recognized Claim" under the Plan of Allocation shall be the sum of his, her or its Recognized Loss Amounts for all of the Eagle Securities.
- 59. **Determination of Distribution Amount:** The Net Settlement Fund will be distributed to Authorized Claimants on a *pro rata* basis based on the relative size of their Recognized Claims. Specifically, a "Distribution Amount" will be calculated for each Authorized Claimant, which shall be the Authorized Claimant's Recognized Claim divided by the total Recognized Claims of all Authorized Claimants, multiplied by the total amount in the Net Settlement Fund. If any Authorized Claimant's Distribution Amount calculates to less than \$10.00, it will not be included in the calculation and no distribution will be made to such Authorized Claimant.
- 60. "Purchase/Sale" Dates: Purchases or acquisitions and sales of Eagle Securities shall be deemed to have occurred on the "contract" or "trade" date as opposed to the "settlement" or "payment" date. The receipt or grant by gift, inheritance or operation of law of Eagle Securities during the Settlement Class Period shall not be deemed a purchase, acquisition or sale of Eagle

Securities for the calculation of an Authorized Claimant's Recognized Loss Amount, nor shall the receipt or grant be deemed an assignment of any claim relating to the purchase/acquisition of any Eagle Securities unless (i) the donor or decedent purchased or otherwise acquired such Eagle Securities during the Settlement Class Period; (ii) no Claim Form was submitted by or on behalf of the donor, on behalf of the decedent, or by anyone else with respect to such Eagle Securities; and (iii) it is specifically so provided in the instrument of gift or assignment.

- 61. **Short Sales:** With respect to Eagle Common Stock, the date of covering a "short sale" is deemed to be the date of purchase or acquisition of the stock. The date of a "short sale" is deemed to be the date of sale of the stock. Under the Plan of Allocation, however, the Recognized Loss Amount on "short sales" is zero. In the event that a Claimant has an opening short position in an Eagle Common Stock, the earliest Settlement Class Period purchases or acquisitions of that security shall be matched against such opening short position, and not be entitled to a recovery, until that short position is fully covered.
- 62. If a Settlement Class Member has "written" Eagle Call Options, thereby having a short position in Eagle Call Options, the date of covering such a written position is deemed to be the date of purchase or acquisition of the options. The date on which the Eagle Call Option was written is deemed to be the date of sale of the option. In accordance with the Plan of Allocation, however, the Recognized Loss Amount on "written" Eagle Call Options is zero. In the event that a Claimant has an opening written position in Eagle Call Options, the earliest purchases or acquisitions of like options during the Settlement Class Period shall be matched against such opening written position, and not be entitled to a recovery, until that written position is fully covered.
- 63. If a Settlement Class Member has purchased or acquired Eagle Put Options, thereby having a long position in the Eagle Put Options, the date of purchase/acquisition is deemed to be the date of purchase/acquisition of the option. The date on which the Eagle Put Option was sold, exercised, or expired is deemed to be the date of sale of the option. In accordance with the Plan of Allocation, however, the Recognized Loss Amount on purchased/acquired Eagle Put Options is zero. In the event that a Claimant has an opening long position in Eagle Put Options, the earliest sales or dispositions of like options during the Settlement Class Period shall be matched against such opening position, and not be entitled to a recovery, until that long position is fully covered.
- 64. **Maximum Recovery for Options:** For The Settlement proceeds available for Eagle Call Options purchased during the Settlement Class Period and Eagle Put Options written during the Settlement Class Period shall be limited to a total amount equal to 0.5% of the Net Settlement Fund.<sup>6</sup> Thus, if the cumulative Recognized Loss Amounts for Eagle Call Option and Put Option claims exceeds 0.5% of all Recognized Loss Amounts, then the Recognized Loss Amount for Eagle Call and Put Option claims will be reduced proportionately until they collectively equal 0.5% of all Recognized Loss Amounts. In the unlikely event that the Net Settlement Fund, allocated as such, is sufficient to pay 100% of the Eagle Common Stock claims, any excess amount will be used to pay the balance on the remaining Eagle Call Option and Put Option

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Eagle Call and Put Option trading accounted for less than 0.5% of total dollar trading volume for Eagle Securities during the Settlement Class Period. As such, claims for Eagle Call and Put Option transactions are allotted 0.5% of the Settlement pursuant to the Plan of Allocation.

claims. Likewise, if the Net Settlement Fund, allocated as such, is sufficient to pay 100% of the Eagle Call Option and Put Option claims, any excess amount will be used to pay the balance on the remaining Eagle Common Stock claims.

- 65. **Market Gains and Losses:** To the extent a Claimant had a market gain with respect to his, her, or its overall transactions in Eagle Securities during the Settlement Class Period, the value of the Claimant's Recognized Claim shall be zero. Such Claimants shall in any event be bound by the Settlement. To the extent that a Claimant suffered an overall market loss with respect to his, her, or its overall transactions in Eagle Securities during the Settlement Class Period, but that market loss was less than the total Recognized Claim calculated above, then the Claimant's Recognized Claim shall be limited to the amount of the actual market loss.
- 66. For purposes of determining whether a Claimant had a market gain with respect to his, her, or its overall transactions in Eagle Securities during the Settlement Class Period or suffered a market loss, with respect to Eagle Common Stock and Call Options, the Claims Administrator shall determine the difference between (i) the Total Purchase Amount<sup>7</sup> and (ii) the sum of the Total Sales Proceeds<sup>8</sup> and the Holding Value.<sup>9</sup> If the Claimant's Total Purchase Amount *minus* the sum of the Total Sales Proceeds and the Holding Value is a positive number, that number will be the Claimant's market loss on such securities; if the number is a negative number or zero, that number will be the Claimant's market gain on such securities. With respect to Eagle Put Options, the Claims Administrator shall determine the difference between (i) the sum of the Claimant's Total Purchase Amount<sup>10</sup> and the Holding Value;<sup>11</sup> and (ii) the Total Sale Proceeds.<sup>12</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The "Total Purchase Amount" is the total amount the Claimant paid (excluding commissions and other charges) for all Eagle Securities purchased or acquired during the Settlement Class Period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> The Claims Administrator shall match any sales of Eagle Securities during the Settlement Class Period, first against the Claimant's opening position in the like security (the proceeds of those sales will not be considered for purposes of calculating market gains or losses). The total amount received (excluding commissions and other charges) for the remaining sales of Eagle Securities sold during the Settlement Class Period shall be the "Total Sales Proceeds".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> The Claims Administrator shall ascribe a "Holding Value" to shares of Eagle Common Stock purchased or acquired during the Settlement Class Period and still held as of the close of trading on July 17, 2019, which shall be \$39.15. For each Eagle Call Option purchased or acquired during the Settlement Class Period that was still held as of the close of trading on July 17, 2019, the Claims Administrator shall ascribe a Holding Value for that option which shall be *the greater of*: (i) \$0.00 or (ii) \$39.15 minus the strike price of the option.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> For Eagle Put Options, the Claims Administrator shall match any purchases during the Settlement Class Period to close out positions in Eagle Put Options first against the Claimant's opening position in Eagle Put Options (the total amount paid with respect to those purchases will not be considered for purposes of calculating market gains or losses). The total amount paid for the remaining purchases during the Settlement Class Period to close out positions in Eagle Put Options is the "Total Purchase Amount."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> For each Eagle Put Option written during the Settlement Class Period that was still open as of the close of trading on July 17, 2019, the Claims Administrator shall ascribe a "Holding Value"

If the sum of the Claimant's Total Purchase Amount and the Holding Value <u>minus</u> the Total Sales Proceeds is a positive number, that number will be the Claimant's market loss on such securities; if the number is a negative number or zero, that number will be the Claimant's market gain on such securities.

- After the initial distribution of the Net Settlement Fund, the Claims Administrator shall make reasonable and diligent efforts to have Authorized Claimants cash their distribution checks. To the extent any monies remain in the fund nine (9) months after the initial distribution, if Lead Counsel, in consultation with the Claims Administrator, determines that it is cost-effective to do so, the Claims Administrator shall conduct a re-distribution of the funds remaining after payment of any unpaid fees and expenses incurred in administering the Settlement, including for such redistribution, to Authorized Claimants who have cashed their initial distributions and who would receive at least \$10.00 from such re-distribution. Additional re-distributions to Authorized Claimants who have cashed their prior checks and who would receive at least \$10.00 on such additional re-distributions may occur thereafter if Lead Counsel, in consultation with the Claims Administrator, determines that additional re-distributions, after the deduction of any additional fees and expenses incurred in administering the Settlement, including for such re-distributions, would be cost-effective. At such time as it is determined that the re-distribution of funds remaining in the Net Settlement Fund is not cost-effective, the remaining balance shall be contributed to non-sectarian, not-for-profit organization(s), to be recommended by Lead Counsel and approved by the Court.
- 68. Payment pursuant to the Plan of Allocation, or such other plan of allocation as may be approved by the Court, shall be conclusive against all Authorized Claimants. No person shall have any claim against Plaintiffs, Plaintiffs' Counsel, Plaintiffs' damages expert, Defendants, Defendants' Counsel, or any of the other Releasees, or the Claims Administrator or other agent designated by Lead Counsel arising from distributions made substantially in accordance with the Stipulation, the plan of allocation approved by the Court, or further Orders of the Court. Plaintiffs, Defendants and their respective counsel, and all other Defendants' Releasees, shall have no responsibility or liability whatsoever for the investment or distribution of the Settlement Fund, the Net Settlement Fund, the plan of allocation, or the determination, administration, calculation, or payment of any Claim Form or nonperformance of the Claims Administrator, the payment or withholding of taxes owed by the Settlement Fund, or any losses incurred in connection therewith.
- 69. The Plan of Allocation set forth herein is the plan that is being proposed to the Court for its approval by Plaintiffs after consultation with their damages expert. The Court may approve this plan as proposed or it may modify the Plan of Allocation without further notice to the Settlement Class. Any Orders regarding any modification of the Plan of Allocation will be posted on the settlement website, www.EagleSecuritiesSettlement.com.

for that option which shall be *the greater of*: (i) \$0.00 or (ii) the strike price of the option *minus* \$39.15.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> For Eagle Put Options, the total amount received for put options written during the Settlement Class Period is the "Total Sales Proceeds."

# WHAT PAYMENT ARE THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE SETTLEMENT CLASS SEEKING? HOW WILL THE LAWYERS BE PAID?

70. Plaintiffs' Counsel have not received any payment for their services in pursuing claims against the Defendants on behalf of the Settlement Class, nor have Plaintiffs' Counsel been reimbursed for their out-of-pocket expenses. Before final approval of the Settlement, Lead Counsel will apply to the Court for an award of attorneys' fees for all Plaintiffs' Counsel in an amount not to exceed 33½% of the Settlement Fund. At the same time, Lead Counsel also intends to apply for reimbursement of Litigation Expenses in an amount not to exceed \$105,000, which may include an application for reimbursement of the reasonable costs and expenses incurred by Plaintiffs directly related to their representation of the Settlement Class. Lead Counsel intends to share part of any attorneys' fees awarded by the Court with Labaton Sucharow LLP in accordance with its level of contribution to the initiation, prosecution, and resolution of the Action. The Court will determine the amount of any award of attorneys' fees or reimbursement of Litigation Expenses. Such sums as may be approved by the Court will be paid from the Settlement Fund. Settlement Class Members are not personally liable for any such fees or expenses.

# WHAT IF I DO NOT WANT TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SETTLEMENT CLASS? HOW DO I EXCLUDE MYSELF?

- 71. Each Settlement Class Member will be bound by all determinations and judgments in this lawsuit, whether favorable or unfavorable, unless such person or entity mails or delivers a written Request for Exclusion from the Settlement Class, addressed to Eagle Bancorp, Inc. Securities Litigation, EXCLUSIONS, c/o JND Legal Administration, P.O. Box 91107, Seattle, WA 98111. The exclusion request must be *received* no later than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2021. You will not be able to exclude yourself from the Settlement Class after that date. Each Request for Exclusion must (a) state the name, address and telephone number of the person or entity requesting exclusion, and in the case of entities the name and telephone number of the appropriate contact person; (b) state that such person or entity "requests exclusion from the Settlement Class in Stein v. Eagle Bancorp, Inc., et al., Case No. 1:19-cv-06873-LGS"; (c) identify and state the number of each Eagle Common Stock, Eagle Call Options, or Eagle Put Options that the person or entity requesting exclusion purchased/acquired and/or sold during the Settlement Class Period (i.e., between March 2, 2015 and July 17, 2019, inclusive), as well as the dates and prices of each such purchase/acquisition and sale; and (d) be signed by the person or entity requesting exclusion or an authorized representative. A Request for Exclusion shall not be valid and effective unless it provides all the information called for in this paragraph and is received within the time stated above, or is otherwise accepted by the Court.
- 72. If you do not want to be part of the Settlement Class, you must follow these instructions for exclusion even if you have pending, or later file, another lawsuit, arbitration, or other proceeding relating to any Released Plaintiffs' Claim against any of the Defendants' Releasees.
- 73. If you ask to be excluded from the Settlement Class, you will not be eligible to receive any payment out of the Net Settlement Fund.

74. Defendants have the right to terminate the Settlement if valid requests for exclusion are received from persons and entities entitled to be members of the Settlement Class in an amount that exceeds an amount agreed to by Plaintiffs and Defendants.

# WHEN AND WHERE WILL THE COURT DECIDE WHETHER TO APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT? DO I HAVE TO COME TO THE HEARING? MAY I SPEAK AT THE HEARING IF I DON'T LIKE THE SETTLEMENT?

- 75. Settlement Class Members do not need to attend the Settlement Hearing. The Court will consider any submission made in accordance with the provisions below even if a Settlement Class Member does not attend the hearing. You can participate in the Settlement without attending the Settlement Hearing.

## **Clerk's Office**

# **Lead Counsel**

**Glancy Prongay &** 

## **Defendants' Counsel**

United States District Court Southern District of New York Clerk of the Court United States Courthouse 40 Foley Square New York, NY 10007

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Los Angeles, CA 90067

Baker & Hostetler LLP Doug Greene, Esq. 45 Rockefeller Plaza New York, NY10111

78. Any objection: (a) must state the name, address and telephone number of the person or entity objecting and must be signed by the objector; (b) must contain a statement of the Settlement Class Member's objection or objections, and the specific reasons for each objection, including any legal and evidentiary support the Settlement Class Member wishes to bring to the Court's attention; and (c) must include documents sufficient to prove membership in the Settlement Class, including the number of each Eagle Security that the objecting Settlement Class Member purchased/acquired and/or sold during the Settlement Class Period (*i.e.*, between March 2, 2015 and July 17, 2019, inclusive), as well as the dates and prices of each such

purchase/acquisition and sale. You may not object to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation or Lead Counsel's motion for attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses if you exclude yourself from the Settlement Class or if you are not a member of the Settlement Class.

- 79. You may file a written objection without having to appear at the Settlement Hearing. You may not, however, appear at the Settlement Hearing to present your objection unless you first file and serve a written objection in accordance with the procedures described above, unless the Court orders otherwise.
- 80. If you wish to be heard orally at the hearing in opposition to the approval of the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation or Lead Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, and if you timely file and serve a written objection as described above, you must also file a notice of appearance with the Clerk's Office and serve it on Lead Counsel and Defendants' Counsel at the addresses set forth above so that it is *received* on or before \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2021. Persons who intend to object and desire to present evidence at the Settlement Hearing must include in their written objection or notice of appearance the identity of any witnesses they may call to testify and exhibits they intend to introduce into evidence at the hearing. Such persons may be heard orally at the discretion of the Court.
- 81. You are not required to hire an attorney to represent you in making written objections or in appearing at the Settlement Hearing. However, if you decide to hire an attorney, it will be at your own expense, and that attorney must file a notice of appearance with the Court and serve it on Lead Counsel and Defendants' Counsel at the addresses set forth in ¶77 above so that the notice is *received* on or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2021.
- 82. The Settlement Hearing may be adjourned by the Court, or held telephonically, without further written notice to the Settlement Class. If you intend to attend the Settlement Hearing, you should confirm the date, time and location on the settlement website, www.EagleSecuritiesSettlement.com, and Lead Counsel, given potential changes as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 83. Unless the Court orders otherwise, any Settlement Class Member who does not object in the manner described above will be deemed to have waived any objection and shall be forever foreclosed from making any objection to the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation or Lead Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses. Settlement Class Members do not need to appear at the Settlement Hearing or take any other action to indicate their approval.

#### WHAT IF I BOUGHT SHARES ON SOMEONE ELSE'S BEHALF?

84. If you purchased or otherwise acquired any of the Eagle Securities between March 2, 2015 and July 17, 2019, inclusive, for the beneficial interest of persons or organizations other than yourself, you must either (a) within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of this Notice, request from the Claims Administrator sufficient copies of the Notice and Claim Form (the "Notice Packet") to forward to all such beneficial owners and within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of those Notice Packets forward them to all such beneficial owners; (b) within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the Notice, request a link to the Notice Packet and email the link to all such beneficial owners for whom valid email addresses are available; or (c) within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of this Notice, provide a list of the names and addresses of all such beneficial

owners to *Eagle Bancorp, Inc. Securities Litigation*, c/o JND Legal Administration, P.O. Box 91107, Seattle, WA 98111. If you choose the third option, the Claims Administrator will send a copy of the Notice Packet to the beneficial owners. Upon full compliance with these directions, such nominees may seek reimbursement of their reasonable expenses actually incurred up to a maximum of \$0.10 per name and address provided to the Claims Administrator; up to \$0.50 per Notice Packet actually mailed, plus postage; or up to \$0.05 per link to the Notice Packet transmitted by email, by providing the Claims Administrator with proper documentation supporting the expenses for which reimbursement is sought. Copies of this Notice and the Claim Form may also be obtained from the website maintained by the Claims Administrator, www.EagleSecuritiesSettlement.com, or by calling the Claims Administrator toll-free at 833-677-1091.

### CAN I SEE THE COURT FILE? WHOM SHOULD I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

85. This Notice contains only a summary of the terms of the proposed Settlement. For more detailed information about the matters involved in this Action, you are referred to the papers on file in the Action, including the Stipulation, which may be inspected during regular office hours at the Office of the Clerk, United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse, 40 Foley Square, New York, NY 10007. Additionally, copies of the Stipulation and any related orders entered by the Court will be posted on the website maintained by the Claims Administrator, www.EagleSecuritiesSettlement.com.

All inquiries concerning this Notice and the Claim Form should be directed to:

Eagle Bancorp, Inc. Securities and/or Leanne Heine Solish, Esq.

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DO NOT CALL OR WRITE THE COURT, THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COURT, DEFENDANTS OR THEIR COUNSEL REGARDING THIS NOTICE.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2021 By Order of the Court
United States District Court
Southern District of New York

Exhibit A-2

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Toll Free Number: (833) 677-1091 Settlement Website: www.EagleSecuritiesSettlement.com Email: info@EagleSecuritiesSettlement.com

# PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE FORM

To be eligible to receive a share of the Net Settlement Fund in connection with the Settlement of this Action, you must be a Settlement Class Member and complete and sign this Proof of Claim and Release Form ("Claim Form") and either submit it online at www.EagleSecuritiesSettlement.com or mail it by first-class mail to the above address, **submitted online or postmarked no later than \_\_\_\_\_\_.** 

Failure to submit your Claim Form by the date specified will subject your claim to rejection and may preclude you from being eligible to recover any money in connection with the Settlement.

Do not mail or deliver your Claim Form to the Court, the settling parties or their counsel. Submit your Claim Form only to the Claims Administrator at the address set forth above.

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## PART I – CLAIMANT INFORMATION

(Please read General Instructions below before completing this page.)

The Claims Administrator will use this information for all communications regarding this Claim Form. If this information changes, you MUST notify the Claims Administrator in writing at the address above.

Beneficial Owner's Name			
Co-Beneficial Owner's Name			
Co-Beneficial Owner 3 Name			
Entity Name (if Beneficial Owner is not an individual)			
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Representative or Custodian Name (if different from Benef	icial O	wner(s) listed above	)
Address1 (street name and number)			
Address2 (apartment, unit or box number)			
City		State	Zip Code
Foreign Country (only if not USA)			
Last four digits of Social Security Number or Taxpayer Ide	ntifica	tion Number	
Telephone Number (home)	Teler	ohone Number (work	(c)
Email address (E-mail address is not required, but if you p you with information relevant to this claim.):		it you authorize the	
Account Number (account(s) through which the securities v	were tr	aded)1:	
Claimant Account Type (check appropriate box):  □ Individual (includes joint owner accounts)	□ P	ension Plan	□ Trust
☐ Corporation ☐ IRA/401K		Estate Other	(please specify)

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  If the account number is unknown, you may leave blank. If the same legal entity traded through more than one account you may write "multiple." Please see paragraph 12 of the General Instructions for more information on when to file separate Claim Forms for multiple accounts, *i.e.*, when you are filing on behalf of distinct legal entities.

#### **PART II – GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. It is important that you completely read and understand the Notice of (I) Pendency of Class Action, Certification of Settlement Class, and Proposed Settlement; (II) Settlement Hearing; and (III) Motion for an Award of Attorneys' Fees and Reimbursement of Litigation Expenses (the "Settlement Notice") that accompanies this Claim Form, including the Plan of Allocation of the Net Settlement Fund set forth in the Settlement Notice. The Settlement Notice describes the proposed Settlement, how Settlement Class Members are affected by the Settlement, and the manner in which the Net Settlement Fund will be distributed if the Settlement and Plan of Allocation are approved by the Court. The Settlement Notice also contains the definitions of many of the defined terms (which are indicated by initial capital letters) used in this Claim Form. By signing and submitting this Claim Form, you will be certifying that you have read and that you understand the Settlement Notice, including the terms of the releases described therein and provided for herein.
- 2. This Claim Form is directed to all persons or entities who between March 2, 2015 and July 17, 2019, inclusive (the "Settlement Class Period"), purchased or otherwise acquired (1) Eagle Bancorp, Inc. common stock ("Eagle Common Stock"), or (2) call options on Eagle Common Stock ("Eagle Call Options"), and/or (3) wrote put options on Eagle Common Stock ("Eagle Put Options") (together, the "Settlement Class"). Eagle Common Stock, Call Options, and Put Options are referred to collectively as "Eagle Securities." All persons and entities that are members of the Settlement Class are referred to as "Settlement Class Members."
- 3. Excluded from the Settlement Class are: (1) persons who suffered no compensable losses; and (2) (a) Defendants; (b) the legal representatives, heirs, successors, assigns, and members of the Immediate Families of the Individual Defendants; (c) the parents, subsidiaries, assigns, successors, predecessors, and affiliates of Eagle; (d) any persons who served as officers and/or directors of Eagle during the Settlement Class Period; (e) any entity in which any of the foregoing (a) (d) excluded persons have or had a majority ownership interest during the Settlement Class Period; (f) any trust of which any Individual Defendants is the grantor or settlor or which is for the benefit of any Individual Defendant and/or member(s) of his or her Immediate Family; and (g) Defendants' liability insurance carriers. Also excluded from the Settlement Class are any persons and entities who or which exclude themselves by submitting a request for exclusion that is accepted by the Court.
- 4. If you are not a Settlement Class Member do not submit a Claim Form. YOU MAY NOT, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, PARTICIPATE IN THE SETTLEMENT IF YOU ARE NOT A SETTLEMENT CLASS MEMBER. THUS, IF YOU ARE EXCLUDED FROM THE CLASS (AS SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE), ANY CLAIM FORM THAT YOU SUBMIT, OR THAT MAY BE SUBMITTED ON YOUR BEHALF, WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
- 5. If you are a Settlement Class Member, you will be bound by the terms of any judgments or orders entered in the Action WHETHER OR NOT YOU SUBMIT A CLAIM FORM, unless you submit a request for exclusion from the Settlement Class. Thus, if you are a Class Member, the Judgment will release, and you will be barred and enjoined from commencing, instituting, prosecuting or continuing to prosecute any action or other proceeding in any court of law or equity, arbitration tribunal or administrative forum, asserting each and every Released Plaintiffs' Claims (including Unknown Claims) against Defendants' Releasees.

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- 6. You are eligible to participate in the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund only if you are a member of the Settlement Class and if you complete and return this form as specified below. If you fail to submit a timely, properly addressed, and completed Claim Form with the required documentation, your claim may be rejected and you may be precluded from receiving any distribution from the Net Settlement Fund.
- 7. Submission of this Claim Form does not guarantee that you will share in the proceeds of the Settlement. The distribution of the Net Settlement Fund will be governed by the Plan of Allocation set forth in the Settlement Notice, if it is approved by the Court, or by such other plan of allocation approved by the Court.
- 8. Use the Schedules of Transactions in Parts III–V of this Claim Form to supply all required details of your transaction(s) (including free transfers) in and holdings of the applicable Eagle Securities. On the Schedules of Transactions, please provide all of the requested information with respect to your holdings, purchases, acquisitions and sales of the applicable Eagle Securities, whether such transactions resulted in a profit or a loss. Failure to report all transaction and holding information during the requested time periods may result in the rejection of your claim.
- 9. Please note: Only Eagle Common Stock and Eagle Call Options purchased/acquired, and Eagle Put Options written during the Settlement Class Period (*i.e.*, from March 2, 2015 through July 17, 2019, inclusive) are eligible under the Settlement. However, because the PSLRA provides for a "90-day look-back period" (described in the Plan of Allocation set forth in the Settlement Notice), you must provide documentation related to your purchases and sales of Eagle Common Stock during the period from July 18, 2019, through and including October 15, 2019 (*i.e.*, the 90-day look-back period) in order for the Claims Administrator to calculate your Recognized Loss Amount under the Plan of Allocation and process your claim.
- You are required to submit genuine and sufficient documentation for all of your transactions and holdings of the applicable Eagle Securities set forth in the Schedules of Transactions in Parts III–V of this Claim Form. Documentation may consist of copies of brokerage confirmation slips or monthly brokerage account statements, or an authorized statement from your broker containing the transactional and holding information found in a broker confirmation slip or account statement. The Parties and the Claims Administrator do not independently have information about your investments in Eagle Securities. IF SUCH DOCUMENTS ARE NOT IN **YOUR** POSSESSION, PLEASE **OBTAIN COPIES** OR **EQUIVALENT** CONTEMPORANEOUS DOCUMENTS FROM YOUR BROKER. FAILURE TO SUPPLY THIS DOCUMENTATION MAY RESULT IN THE REJECTION OF YOUR CLAIM. DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. Please keep a copy of all documents that you send to the Claims Administrator. Also, please do not highlight any portion of the Claim Form or any supporting documents.
- 11. Eagle Call Options and Eagle Put Options are identified by strike price, expiration date and Option Class Symbols.
- 12. Separate Claim Forms should be submitted for each separate legal entity (e.g., a claim from joint owners should not include separate transactions through an account that is in the name of just one of the joint owners, and an individual should not combine his or her IRA transactions with transactions made through an account in the individual's name). Conversely, a single Claim Form should be submitted on behalf of one legal entity including all transactions made by that entity on one Claim Form, no matter how many separate accounts that entity has

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(e.g., a corporation with multiple brokerage accounts should include all transactions made in all accounts on one Claim Form).

- 13. All joint beneficial owners must sign this Claim Form. If you purchased or otherwise acquired Eagle Common Stock or Eagle Call Options, or wrote Eagle Put Options, during the Settlement Class Period and held the securities in your name, you are the beneficial owner as well as the record owner and you must sign this Claim Form to participate in the Settlement. If, however, you purchased or otherwise acquired Eagle Common Stock or Eagle Call Options, or wrote Eagle Put Options, during the Settlement Class Period and the securities were registered in the name of a third party, such as a nominee or brokerage firm, you are the beneficial owner of these securities, but the third party is the record owner. The beneficial owner, not the record owner, must sign this Claim Form.
- 14. Agents, executors, administrators, guardians, and trustees must complete and sign the Claim Form on behalf of persons represented by them, and they must:
  - (a) expressly state the capacity in which they are acting;
  - (b) identify the name, account number, Social Security Number (or taxpayer identification number), address and telephone number of the beneficial owner of (or other person or entity on whose behalf they are acting with respect to) the Eagle Securities; and
  - (c) furnish herewith evidence of their authority to bind to the Claim Form the person or entity on whose behalf they are acting. (Authority to complete and sign a Claim Form cannot be established by stockbrokers demonstrating only that they have discretionary authority to trade stock in another person's accounts.)
  - 15. By submitting a signed Claim Form, you will be swearing that you:
    - (a) own(ed) the Eagle Securities you have listed in the Claim Form; or
    - (b) are expressly authorized to act on behalf of the owner thereof.
- 16. By submitting a signed Claim Form, you will be swearing to the truth of the statements contained therein and the genuineness of the documents attached thereto, subject to penalties of perjury under the laws of the United States of America. The making of false statements, or the submission of forged or fraudulent documentation, will result in the rejection of your claim and may subject you to civil liability or criminal prosecution.
- 17. If the Court approves the Settlement, payments to eligible Authorized Claimants pursuant to the Plan of Allocation (or such other plan of allocation as the Court approves) will be made after the completion of all claims processing. This could take substantial time. Please be patient.
- 18. PLEASE NOTE: As set forth in the Plan of Allocation, each Authorized Claimant shall receive his, her or its pro rata share of the Net Settlement Fund. If the prorated payment to any Authorized Claimant, however, calculates to less than \$10.00, it will not be included in the calculation and no distribution will be made to that Authorized Claimant.
- 19. If you have questions concerning the Claim Form, or need additional copies of the Claim Form or the Settlement Notice, you may contact the Claims Administrator, JND Legal

Administration at P.O. Box 91107, Seattle, WA,98111, or by email at info@EagleSecuritiesSettlement.com, or by toll-free phone at (833)-677-1091, or you may download the documents from the Settlement website, www.EagleSecuritiesSettlement.com.

20. NOTICE REGARDING ELECTRONIC FILES: Certain Claimants with large numbers of transactions may request, or may be requested, to submit information regarding their transactions in electronic files. To obtain the mandatory electronic filing requirements and file layout, you may visit the Settlement website at www. EagleSecuritiesSettlement.com or you may email the Claims Administrator's electronic filing department at EAGSecurities@jndla.com. Any file not in accordance with the required electronic filing format will be subject to rejection. No electronic files will be considered to have been properly submitted unless the Claims Administrator issues an email to that effect after processing your file with your claim numbers and respective account information. Do not assume that your file has been received or processed until you receive this email. If you do not receive such an email within 10 days of your submission, you should contact the electronic filing department at info@EagleSecuritiesSettlement.com to inquire about your file and confirm it was received and acceptable.

## **IMPORTANT: PLEASE NOTE**

YOUR CLAIM IS NOT DEEMED FILED UNTIL YOU RECEIVE AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT POSTCARD. THE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR WILL ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF YOUR CLAIM FORM BY MAIL WITHIN 60 DAYS. IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT POSTCARD WITHIN 60 DAYS, PLEASE CALL THE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR TOLL FREE AT (833) 677-1091.

# PART III - SCHEDULE OF TRANSACTIONS IN EAGLE COMMON STOCK

Complete this Part III if and only if you purchased/acquired Eagle Common Stock during the period from March 2, 2015 through and including July 17, 2019. Please include proper documentation with your Claim Form as described in detail in Part II – General Instructions, Paragraph 10, above. Do not include information in this section regarding securities other than Eagle Common Stock.

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# PART V – SCHEDULE OF TRANSACTIONS IN EAGLE PUT OPTIONS

Complete this Part V if and only if you sold (wrote) Eagle Put Options during the period from March 2, 2015 through July 17, 2019, inclusive. Please include proper documentation with your Claim Form as described in detail in Part II - General Instructions, Paragraph 10, above. Do not include information in this section regarding securities other than Eagle Put Options.

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# <u>PART VI – RELEASE OF CLAIMS AND SIGNATURE</u>

# YOU MUST ALSO READ THE RELEASE AND CERTIFICATION BELOW AND SIGN ON PAGE 13 OF THIS CLAIM FORM.

I (we) hereby acknowledge that as of the Effective Date of the Settlement, pursuant to the terms set forth in the Stipulation, I (we), on behalf of myself (ourselves) and my (our) heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, officers, directors, agents, parents, affiliates, subsidiaries, employees, attorneys, assignees and assigns, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of law and of the Judgment shall have, fully, finally and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived, discharged and dismissed each and every Released Plaintiffs' Claim (as defined in the Stipulation and in the Settlement Notice) against Defendants' Releasees (as defined in the Stipulation and in the Settlement Notice) and shall forever be barred and enjoined from commencing, instituting, prosecuting or continuing to prosecute any action or other proceeding in any court of law or equity, arbitration tribunal or administrative forum asserting any or all of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims against any Defendants' Releasee.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

By signing and submitting this Claim Form, the Claimant(s) or the person(s) who represent(s) the Claimant(s) certifies (certify), as follows:

- 1. that I (we) have read and understand the contents of the Settlement Notice and this Claim Form, including the releases provided for in the Settlement and the terms of the Plan of Allocation:
- 2. that the Claimant(s) is a (are) Settlement Class Member(s), as defined in the Settlement Notice and in paragraph 2 on page 3 of this Claim Form, and is (are) not excluded from the Class by definition or pursuant to request as set forth in the Settlement Notice and in paragraph 3 on page \_\_ of this Claim Form;
- 3. that I (we) own(ed) the Eagle Common Stock and Eagle Call Options and had an interest in the Eagle Put Options identified in the Claim Form and have not assigned the claim against the Defendants' Releasees to another, or that, in signing and submitting this Claim Form, I (we) have the authority to act on behalf of the owner(s) thereof;
- 4. that the Claimant(s) has (have) not submitted any other claim covering the same purchases/acquisitions of Eagle Common Stock or Eagle Call Options, or sales of Eagle Put Options, and knows (know) of no other person having done so on the Claimant's (Claimants') behalf;
- 5. that the Claimant(s) submit(s) to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to Claimant's (Claimants') claim and for purposes of enforcing the releases set forth herein;
- 6. that I (we) agree to furnish such additional information with respect to this Claim Form as Lead Counsel, the Claims Administrator or the Court may require;
- 7. that the Claimant(s) waive(s) the right to trial by jury, to the extent it exists, and agree(s) to the Court's summary disposition of the determination of the validity or amount of the claim made by this Claim Form;

- 8. that I (we) acknowledge that the Claimant(s) will be bound by and subject to the terms of any judgment(s) that may be entered in the Action; and
- 9. that the Claimant(s) is (are) NOT subject to backup withholding under the provisions of Section 3406(a)(1)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code because (a) the Claimant(s) is (are) exempt from backup withholding or (b) the Claimant(s) has (have) not been notified by the IRS that he/she/it is subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends or (c) the IRS has notified the Claimant(s) that he/she/it is no longer subject to backup withholding. If the IRS has notified the Claimant(s) that he, she or it is subject to backup withholding, please strike out the language in the preceding sentence indicating that the claim is not subject to backup withholding in the certification above.

UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I (WE) CERTIFY THAT ALL OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY ME (US) ON THIS CLAIM FORM IS TRUE, CORRECT, AND COMPLETE, AND THAT THE DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED HEREWITH ARE TRUE AND CORRECT COPIES OF WHAT THEY PURPORT TO BE.

Signature of Claimant	Date
Print your name here	
Signature of joint Claimant, if any	Date
Print your name here	
If the Claimant is other than an individual, or is not the person completing following also must be provided:	this form, the
Signature of person signing on behalf of Claimant	Date
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CAPACITY OF PERSON SIGNING ON BEHALF OF CLAIMANT, IF OTHER THAN AN INDIVIDUAL, *E.G.*, EXECUTOR, PRESIDENT, TRUSTEE, CUSTODIAN, *ETC.* (MUST PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF AUTHORITY TO ACT ON BEHALF OF CLAIMANT – SEE PARAGRAPH 14 ON PAGE 5 OF THIS CLAIM FORM.)

#### **REMINDER CHECKLIST:**

- 1. Please sign the above release and certification. If this Claim Form is being made on behalf of joint Claimants, then both must sign.
- 2. Remember to attach only **copies** of acceptable supporting documentation as these documents will not be returned to you.
- 3. Please do not highlight any portion of the Claim Form or any supporting documents.
- 4. Do not send original security certificates or documentation. These items cannot be returned to you by the Claims Administrator.
- 5. Keep copies of the completed Claim Form and documentation for your own records.
- 6. The Claims Administrator will acknowledge receipt of your Claim Form by mail, within 60 days. Your claim is not deemed filed until you receive an acknowledgement postcard. If you do not receive an acknowledgement postcard within 60 days, please call the Claims Administrator toll free at (833) 677-1091.
- 7. If your address changes in the future, or if this Claim Form was sent to an old or incorrect address, please send the Claims Administrator written notification of your new address. If you change your name, please inform the Claims Administrator.
- 8. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your claim, please contact the Claims Administrator at the address below, by email at info@ EagleSecuritiesSettlement.com, or toll-free at (833) 677-1091 or visit www.EagleSecuritiesSettlement.com. Please DO NOT call Eagle Bancorp, Inc. or any of the other Defendants or their counsel with questions regarding your claim.

THIS CLAIM FORM MUST BE MAILED TO THE CLAI	MS ADMINISTRATOR BY FIRST-
CLASS MAIL, <b>POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN</b>	<b>,</b> 2021,
ADDRESSED AS FOLLOWS:	

Stein v. Eagle Bancorp, Inc., et al. c/o JND Legal Administration P.O. Box 91107 Seattle, WA 9811

# OR SUBMITTED ONLINE AT www.EagleSecuritiesSettlement.com ON OR BEFORE \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

You should be aware that it will take a significant amount of time to fully process all of the

Claim Forms. Please be patient and notify the Claims Administrator of any change of address.

Exhibit A-3

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SHIVA STEIN, Individually and On Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Case No. 1:19-cv-06873-LGS

Plaintiff,

v.

EAGLE BANCORP, INC., SUSAN G. RIEL, RONALD D. PAUL, CHARLES D. LEVINGSTON, JAMES H. LANGMEAD, and LAURENCE E. BENSIGNOR,

Defendants.

SUMMARY NOTICE OF (I) PENDENCY OF CLASS ACTION, CERTIFICATION OF SETTLEMENT CLASS, AND PROPOSED SETTLEMENT; (II) SETTLEMENT HEARING; AND (III) MOTION FOR AN AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND REIMBURSEMENT OF LITIGATION EXPENSES

TO: All persons and entities who, during the period between March 2, 2015 and July 17, 2019, inclusive, purchased or otherwise acquired Eagle Bancorp, Inc. ("Eagle") Common Stock and/or Eagle Call Options, and/or wrote Eagle Put Options, and were damaged thereby (the "Settlement Class"):

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY, YOUR RIGHTS WILL BE AFFECTED BY A CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT PENDING IN THIS COURT.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and an Order of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, that the above-captioned litigation (the "Action") has been certified as a class action on behalf of the Settlement Class, except for certain persons and entities who are excluded from the Settlement Class by definition as set forth in the full printed Notice of (I) Pendency of Class Action, Certification of Settlement Class, and Proposed Settlement; (II) Settlement Hearing; and (III) Motion for an Award of Attorneys' Fees and Reimbursement of Litigation Expenses (the "Notice"). Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized words used in this Summary Notice are defined in the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement dated June 28, 2021 ("Stipulation"), which is available at www.EagleSecuritiesSettlement.com.

YOU ARE ALSO NOTIFIED that Plaintiffs in the Action have reached a proposed settlement of the Action for \$7,500,000 in cash (the "Settlement"), that, if approved, will resolve all claims in the Action.

If you are a member of the Settlement Class, your rights will be affected by the pending Action and the Settlement, and you may be entitled to share in the Settlement Fund. If you have not yet received the Notice and Claim Form, you may obtain copies of these documents by contacting the Claims Administrator at *Eagle Bancorp, Inc. Securities Litigation*, c/o JND Legal Administration, P.O. Box 91107, Seattle WA, 98111, 833-677-1091. Copies of the Notice and Claim Form can also be downloaded from the website maintained by the Claims Administrator, www.EagleSecuritiesSettlement.com.

If you are a member of the Settlement Class, in order to be eligible to receive a payment under the proposed Settlement, you must submit a Claim Form *postmarked or submitted online* no later than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2021. If you are a Settlement Class Member and do not submit a proper Claim Form, you will not be eligible to share in the distribution of the net proceeds of the Settlement but you will nevertheless be bound by any judgments or orders entered by the Court in the Action.

If you are a member of the Settlement Class and wish to exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, you must submit a request for exclusion such that it is *received* no later than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2021, in accordance with the instructions set forth in the Notice. If you properly exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, you will not be bound by any judgments or orders entered by the Court in the Action and you will not be eligible to share in the proceeds of the Settlement.

Any objections to the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, or Lead Counsel's motion for attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, must be filed with the Court and delivered to Lead Counsel and Defendants' Counsel such that they are received no later than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2021, in accordance with the instructions set forth in the Notice.

Please do not contact the Court, the Clerk's office, Eagle, or its counsel regarding this notice. All questions about this notice, the proposed Settlement, or your eligibility to participate in the Settlement should be directed to Lead Counsel or the Claims Administrator.

Requests for the Notice and Claim Form should be made to:

Eagle Bancorp, Inc. Securities Litigation c/o JND Legal Administration P.O. Box 91107 Seattle, WA 98111

# 833-677-1091 www.EagleSecuritiesSettlement.com

Inquiries, other than requests for the Notice and Claim Form, should be made to Lead Counsel:

GLANCY PRONGAY & MURRAY LLP Leanne Heine Solish, Esq. 1925 Century Park East, Suite 2100 Los Angeles, California 90067 (888) 773-9224 settlements@glancylaw.com

By Order of the Court

Exhibit B

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SHIVA STEIN, Individually and On Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Case No. 1:19-cv-06873-LGS

Plaintiff.

v.

EAGLE BANCORP, INC., SUSAN G. RIEL, RONALD D. PAUL, CHARLES D. LEVINGSTON, JAMES H. LANGMEAD, and LAURENCE E. BENSIGNOR,

Defendants.

# JUDGMENT APPROVING CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

WHEREAS, a consolidated class action is pending in this Court entitled *Stein v. Eagle Bancorp, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 1:19-cv-06873-LGS (the "Action");

WHEREAS, (a) Lead Plaintiff Danilee Cassinelli, as Trustee of the Danilee Cassinelli Trust DTD 7-23-93 ("Lead Plaintiff") and additional plaintiff Norfolk County Retirement System ("Norfolk") (together with Lead Plaintiff, "Plaintiffs"), on behalf of themselves and the Settlement Class (defined below), and (b) defendant Eagle Bancorp, Inc. ("Eagle" or the "Company"), and defendants Ronald D. Paul ("Paul"), Susan G. Riel ("Riel"), Charles D. Levingston ("Levingston"), James H. Langmead ("Langmead"), and Laurence E. Bensignor ("Bensignor") (collectively, the "Individual Defendants," and, together with Eagle, the "Defendants"; and together with Plaintiffs, the "Parties") have entered into a Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement dated June 28, 2021 (the "Stipulation"), that provides for a complete dismissal with prejudice of the claims asserted against Defendants in the Action on the terms and conditions set forth in the Stipulation, subject to the approval of this Court (the "Settlement");

WHEREAS, unless otherwise defined in this Judgment, the capitalized terms herein shall have the same meaning as they have in the Stipulation;

WHEREAS, due and adequate notice has been given to the Settlement Class;

WHEREAS, the Court having reviewed and considered the Stipulation, all papers filed and proceedings held herein in connection with the Settlement, all oral and written comments received regarding the Settlement, and the record in the Action, and good cause appearing therefor;

#### IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

- 1. <u>Jurisdiction</u> The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Action, and all matters relating to the Settlement, as well as personal jurisdiction over all of the Parties and each of the Settlement Class Members.
- 2. <u>Incorporation of Settlement Documents</u> This Judgment incorporates and makes a part hereof: (a) the Stipulation filed with the Court on June 28, 2021; and (b) the Notice and the

Summary Notice, both of which were filed with the Court on June 28, 2021.

- 3. Class Certification for Settlement Purposes – The Court hereby affirms its determinations in the Preliminary Approval Order certifying, for the purposes of the Settlement only, the Action as a class action pursuant to Rules 23(a) and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on behalf of the Settlement Class consisting of all persons and entities who or which purchased or otherwise acquired Eagle Common Stock and/or Eagle Call Options, or wrote Eagle Put Options, between March 2, 2015 and July 17, 2019, inclusive (the "Settlement Class Period"), and were damaged thereby. Excluded from the Settlement Class are: (1) persons who suffered no compensable losses; and (2) (a) Defendants; (b) the legal representatives, heirs, successors, assigns and members of the Immediate Families of the Individual Defendants; (c) the parents, subsidiaries, assigns, successors, predecessors and affiliates of Eagle; (d) any persons who served as officers and/or directors of Eagle during the Settlement Class Period; (e) any entity in which any of the foregoing (a) – (d) excluded persons have or had a majority ownership interest during the Settlement Class Period; (f) any trust of which any Individual Defendants is the grantor or settlor or which is for the benefit of any Individual Defendant and/or member(s) of his or her Immediate Family; and (g) Defendants' liability insurance carriers. [Also excluded from the Settlement Class are the persons and entities listed on Exhibit 1 hereto who or which are excluded from the Settlement Class pursuant to request.]
- 4. Adequacy of Representation Pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and for the purposes of the Settlement only, the Court hereby affirms its determinations in the Preliminary Approval Order certifying Plaintiffs as Class Representatives for the Settlement Class and appointing Lead Counsel as Class Counsel for the Settlement Class. Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel have fairly and adequately represented the Settlement Class both in terms of litigating the

Action and for purposes of entering into and implementing the Settlement and have satisfied the requirements of Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23(a)(4) and 23(g), respectively.

- 5. Notice The Court finds that the dissemination of the Notice and the publication of the Summary Notice: (a) were implemented in accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order; (b) constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances; (c) constituted notice that was reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise Settlement Class Members of (i) the pendency of the Action; (ii) the effect of the proposed Settlement (including the Releases to be provided thereunder); (iii) Lead Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses; (iv) their right to object to any aspect of the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation and/or Lead Counsel's motion for attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses; (v) their right to exclude themselves from the Settlement Class; and (vi) their right to appear at the Settlement Hearing; (d) constituted due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons and entities entitled to receive notice of the proposed Settlement; and (e) satisfied the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the United States Constitution (including the Due Process Clause), the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4, as amended, and all other applicable law and rules.
- 6. **Final Settlement Approval and Dismissal of Claims** Pursuant to, and in accordance with, Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, this Court hereby fully and finally approves the Settlement set forth in the Stipulation in all respects (including, without limitation: the amount of the Settlement; the Releases provided for therein; and the dismissal with prejudice of the claims asserted against Defendants in the Action), and finds that the Settlement is, in all respects, fair, reasonable and adequate to the Settlement Class. The Parties are directed to

implement, perform and consummate the Settlement in accordance with the terms and provisions contained in the Stipulation.

- 7. The Action and all of the claims asserted against Defendants in the Action by Plaintiffs and the other Settlement Class Members are hereby dismissed with prejudice. The Parties shall bear their own costs and expenses, except as otherwise expressly provided in the Stipulation.
- 8. <u>Binding Effect</u> The terms of the Stipulation and of this Judgment shall be forever binding on Defendants, Plaintiffs and all other Settlement Class Members (regardless of whether or not any individual Settlement Class Member submits a Claim Form or seeks or obtains a distribution from the Net Settlement Fund), as well as their respective successors and assigns. [The persons and entities listed on Exhibit 1 hereto are excluded from the Settlement Class pursuant to request and are not bound by the terms of the Stipulation or this Judgment.]
- 9. Releases The Releases set forth in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Stipulation, together with the definitions contained in paragraph 1 of the Stipulation relating thereto, are expressly incorporated herein in all respects. The Releases are effective as of the Effective Date. Accordingly, this Court orders that:
- (a) Without further action by anyone, and subject to paragraph 10 below, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Plaintiffs and each of the other Settlement Class Members, on behalf of themselves, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns in their capacities as such, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of law and of this Judgment shall have, fully, finally and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived and discharged each and every Released Plaintiffs' Claim against the Defendants and the other Defendants' Releasees, and shall forever be enjoined from

prosecuting any or all of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims against any of the Defendants' Releasees.

This Release shall not apply to any of the Excluded Claims (as that term is defined in paragraph 1(w) of the Stipulation).

- (b) Without further action by anyone, and subject to paragraph 10 below, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Defendants, on behalf of themselves, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns in their capacities as such, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of law and of this Judgment shall have, fully, finally and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived and discharged each and every Released Defendants' Claim against Plaintiffs and the other Plaintiffs' Releasees, and shall forever be enjoined from prosecuting any or all of the Released Defendants' Claims against any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees. [This Release shall not apply to any person or entity listed on Exhibit 1 hereto.]
- 10. Notwithstanding paragraphs 9(a) (b) above, nothing in this Judgment shall bar any action by any of the Parties to enforce or effectuate the terms of the Stipulation or this Judgment.
- 11. **Rule 11 Findings** The Court finds and concludes that the Parties and their respective counsel have complied in all respects with the requirements of Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure in connection with the institution, prosecution, defense, and settlement of the Action.
- 12. <u>No Admissions</u> Neither this Judgment, MOU, the Stipulation (whether or not consummated), including the exhibits thereto and the Plan of Allocation contained therein (or any other plan of allocation that may be approved by the Court), the negotiations leading to the execution of the MOU and the Stipulation, nor any proceedings taken pursuant to or in connection

with the MOU, the Stipulation and/or approval of the Settlement (including any arguments proffered in connection therewith):

- (a) shall be offered against any of the Defendants' Releasees as evidence of, or construed as, or deemed to be evidence of any presumption, concession, or admission by any of the Defendants' Releasees with respect to the truth of any fact alleged by Plaintiffs or the validity of any claim that was or could have been asserted or the deficiency of any defense that has been or could have been asserted in this Action or in any other litigation, or of any liability, negligence, fault, or other wrongdoing of any kind of any of the Defendants' Releasees or in any way referred to for any other reason as against any of the Defendants' Releasees, in any civil, criminal or administrative action or proceeding, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of the Stipulation;
- (b) shall be offered against any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees, as evidence of, or construed as, or deemed to be evidence of any presumption, concession or admission by any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees that any of their claims are without merit, that any of the Defendants' Releasees had meritorious defenses, or that damages recoverable under the Complaint would not have exceeded the Settlement Amount or with respect to any liability, negligence, fault or wrongdoing of any kind, or in any way referred to for any other reason as against any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees, in any civil, criminal or administrative action or proceeding, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of the Stipulation; or
- (c) shall be construed against any of the Releasees as an admission, concession, or presumption that the consideration to be given under the Settlement represents the amount which could be or would have been recovered after trial;

provided, however, that the Parties and the Releasees and their respective counsel may refer to this Judgment and the Stipulation to effectuate the protections from liability granted hereunder and thereunder or otherwise to enforce the terms of the Settlement.

- way, this Court retains continuing and exclusive jurisdiction over: (a) the Parties for purposes of the administration, interpretation, implementation and enforcement of the Settlement; (b) the disposition of the Settlement Fund; (c) any motion for an award of attorneys' fees and/or Litigation Expenses by Lead Counsel in the Action that will be paid from the Settlement Fund; (d) any motion to approve the Plan of Allocation; (e) any motion to approve the Class Distribution Order; and (f) the Settlement Class Members for all matters relating to the Action.
- 14. Separate orders shall be entered regarding approval of a plan of allocation and the motion of Lead Counsel for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses. Such orders shall in no way affect or delay the finality of this Judgment and shall not affect or delay the Effective Date of the Settlement.
- 15. Modification of the Agreement of Settlement Without further approval from the Court, Plaintiffs and Defendants are hereby authorized to agree to and adopt such amendments or modifications of the Stipulation or any exhibits attached thereto to effectuate the Settlement that: (a) are not materially inconsistent with this Judgment; and (b) do not materially limit the rights of Settlement Class Members in connection with the Settlement. Without further order of the Court, Plaintiffs and Defendants may agree to reasonable extensions of time to carry out any provisions of the Settlement.
- 16. <u>Termination of Settlement</u> If the Settlement is terminated as provided in the Stipulation or the Effective Date of the Settlement otherwise fails to occur, this Judgment shall be

vacated, rendered null and void and be of no further force and effect, except as otherwise provided by the Stipulation, and this Judgment shall be without prejudice to the rights of Plaintiffs, the other Settlement Class Members and Defendants, and the Parties shall revert to their respective positions in the Action as of April 19, 2021, as provided in the Stipulation.

17. **Entry of Final Judgment** – There is no just reason to delay the entry of this Judgment as a final judgment in this Action. Accordingly, the Clerk of the Court is expressly directed to immediately enter this final judgment in this Action.

SO ORDERED this	day of	, 2021.
		The Honorable Lorna G. Schofield

United States District Judge

# Exhibit 1

[List of Persons and Entities Excluded from the Settlement Class Pursuant to Request]