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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN**

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IN RE SPECTRUM BRANDS SECURITIES LITIGATION	)	No. 19-cv-347-jdp
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**STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT OF SETTLEMENT**

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This Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement, dated as of August 27, 2021 (the “Stipulation”) is entered into between (a) Lead Plaintiffs the Public School Teachers’ Pension and Retirement Fund of Chicago and the Cambridge Retirement System (collectively, “Lead Plaintiffs”), on behalf of themselves and the Spectrum Subclass (defined below); and (b) Defendants Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc. (“Spectrum” or the “Company”), Spectrum Brands Legacy, Inc. (“Old Spectrum”), HRG Group, Inc. (“HRG”), Andreas R. Rouvé, David M. Maura, and Douglas L. Martin (collectively, “Defendants”), and embodies the terms and conditions of the settlement of the above-captioned action (the “Action”).<sup>1</sup> 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, settle, release, resolve, and dismiss with prejudice all claims asserted by the Spectrum Subclass in the Action and all Released Plaintiffs’ Claims (defined below) against Defendants.

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

WHEREAS:

A. Beginning on March 7, 2019, certain related class actions (*Earl S. Wagner v. Spectrum Brands Legacy, Inc., et al.*, No. 19-cv-178-jdp and *West Palm Beach Firefighters' Pension Fund v. Spectrum Brands Legacy, Inc., et al.*, No. 19-cv-347-jdp) were filed in the United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin (the "Court") alleging violations of the federal securities laws.

B. By Opinion and Order dated June 12, 2019, the Court: (i) consolidated the related actions; (ii) appointed the Public School Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund of Chicago and the Cambridge Retirement System to serve as lead plaintiffs; and (iii) approved lead plaintiffs' choice of Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP as lead counsel and Rathje Woodward LLC as liaison counsel.

C. On July 12, 2019, Lead Plaintiffs filed the Amended Class Action Complaint for Violations of the Federal Securities Laws (the "Amended Complaint" or "Complaint") asserting claims against Defendants Spectrum, Old Spectrum, and the Individual 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 and Defendant HRG under Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act. Among other things, the Amended Complaint alleged that Defendants made materially false and misleading statements about the Company's operations and financial results during the Class Period. The Amended Complaint further alleged that the prices of Spectrum's, Old Spectrum's, and HRG's common stock were artificially inflated during the Class Period as a result of Defendants' allegedly false and misleading statements, and declined when the truth was revealed.

D. On August 26, 2019, Defendants filed their motion to dismiss the Amended Complaint (the “Motion to Dismiss”). On October 10, 2019, Lead Plaintiffs filed their memorandum of law in opposition to Defendants’ Motion to Dismiss and, on November 6, 2019, Defendants filed their reply papers in further support of the Motion to Dismiss.

E. On January 7, 2020, the Parties filed a letter notifying the Court that they had agreed to a mediation of the Action before a private mediator and jointly requested that the Court defer decision on the pending motion to dismiss until the Parties could report to the Court on the result of the mediation. That same day, the Court entered an order denying without prejudice the Motion to Dismiss and directing the Parties to file a status report no later than April 1, 2020 advising the Court of the status of the mediation and whether Defendants wished to renew their Motion to Dismiss.

F. On January 10, 2020, the Parties filed a joint motion requesting that the Court extend the April 1, 2020 deadline for filing the post-mediation status report to April 15, 2020, based on the fact that the Parties had scheduled their mediation session for April 6, 2020. That same day, the Court granted the Parties’ motion.

G. After agreeing to postpone the mediation session to June 3, 2020 due to COVID19-related hardships, on April 9, 2020, the Parties filed a joint status report requesting that the Court extend the deadline for the joint status report on the results of the mediation to June 15, 2020.

H. On June 3, 2020, the Parties conducted a full-day mediation under the auspices of Jed Melnick, Esq. of JAMS (the “Mediator”). In advance of that session, the Parties exchanged detailed mediation statements, which addressed the issues of liability and damages. The session ended without any agreement being reached.

I. On June 15, 2020, the Parties filed another joint status report advising the Court that, while they did not reach a resolution of the Action at the June 3, 2020 mediation session, the Parties were continuing to work with the Mediator, and in view of their ongoing settlement negotiations, requested that the Court extend the deadline for filing a status report by two weeks, to June 29, 2020.

J. Following the mediation session, the Parties engaged in additional settlement negotiations under the supervision and guidance of the Mediator. On August 10, 2020, Parties entered into a Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement providing for the settlement of the Action for \$39 million in cash (the “Prior Settlement”). The Prior Settlement was on behalf of a settlement class consisting of persons and entities who purchased Spectrum, Old Spectrum, or HRG common stock during the period from January 26, 2017 to November 19, 2018, inclusive (the “Class Period”), and were damaged thereby.

K. On February 6, 2021, the Court entered an Order denying without prejudice Lead Plaintiffs’ motion for final approval of the Prior Settlement.

L. Pursuant to the Court’s February 6, 2021 Order, on February 19, 2021, Lead Plaintiffs submitted a proposed plan to the Court to divide the putative class into separate subclasses of Spectrum investors and HRG investors, and to provide a Private Securities Litigation Reform Act (“PSLRA”) notice for an additional lead plaintiff to represent the purchasers of HRG common stock during the Class Period (the “HRG Subclass”).

M. Upon approval by the Court, on April 2, 2021, Lead Plaintiffs issued the PSLRA notice to purchasers of HRG common stock during the asserted Class Period via *PRNewswire*.

N. On June 10, 2021, the Court granted the motion of Jet Capital Master Fund LP (“Jet Capital”) to serve as lead plaintiff for the HRG Subclass.

O. Lead Plaintiffs, Defendants, and Jet Capital engaged in mediation before Jed Melnick, Esq. in an effort to reach a settlement on behalf of both the Spectrum Subclass and the HRG Subclass, which included a formal mediation session on July 22, 2021.

P. Lead Plaintiffs, Defendants, and Jet Capital were unsuccessful in negotiating a mutually acceptable allocation of the \$39 million in settlement consideration that had previously been agreed for both sub-classes.

Q. Lead Plaintiffs and Defendants now seek to resolve the claims of the Spectrum Subclass. Lead Plaintiffs and Defendants reached an agreement in principle to settle the Action with respect to the Spectrum Subclass, which was memorialized in a term sheet executed on August 3, 2021 (the “Term Sheet”). The Term Sheet set forth, among other things, the Parties’ agreement to settle and release all claims of the Spectrum Subclass against Defendants in the Action in return for a cash payment of \$32,000,000 for the benefit of the Spectrum Subclass, subject to certain terms and conditions and the execution of a customary “long form” stipulation and agreement of settlement and related papers.

R. This Stipulation (together with the exhibits hereto) reflects the final and binding agreement between the Parties and supersedes the Term Sheet and the Prior Settlement.

S. Based upon their investigation, prosecution, and mediation of the case, and further confirmation through due diligence discovery, Lead Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel have concluded that the terms and conditions of this Stipulation are fair, reasonable, and adequate to Lead Plaintiffs and the other members of the Spectrum Subclass, and in their best interests. Based on Lead Plaintiffs’ direct oversight of the prosecution of this matter and with the advice of their counsel,

Lead Plaintiffs have agreed to settle and release the Released Plaintiffs' Claims pursuant to the terms and provisions of this Stipulation, after considering, among other things: (a) the substantial financial benefit that Lead Plaintiffs and the other members of the Spectrum Subclass will receive under the proposed Settlement; and (b) the significant risks and costs of continued litigation and trial.

T. This Stipulation constitutes a compromise of all 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 Lead 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 Lead Plaintiffs 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.

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

the 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 *In re Spectrum Brands Securities Litigation*, No. 19-cv-347-jdp, and includes all actions consolidated therein. To the extent that the Court severs the claims of the HRG Subclass under Rule 21 or Rule 42 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, "Action" or "Spectrum Action" shall refer to the action that continues with respect to the claims of the Spectrum Subclass.

(b) "Authorized Claimant" means a Spectrum Subclass Member who submits a Claim to the Claims Administrator that is approved by the Court for payment from the Net Settlement Fund.

(c) "Claim" means a paper claim submitted on a Proof of Claim Form or an electronic claim that is submitted to the Claims Administrator.

(d) "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 must complete and submit should that Claimant seek to share in a distribution of the Net Settlement Fund. Claimants who previously submitted a claim form in connection with the Prior Settlement will not be required to submit a new Claim Form. The information those Claimants previously submitted will be used to calculate their claim for this Settlement.

(e) "Claimant" means a person or entity who or which submits a Claim to the Claims Administrator seeking to be eligible to share in the proceeds of the Net Settlement Fund.

(f) “Claims Administrator” means the firm retained by Lead Counsel, subject to approval of the Court, to provide all notices approved by the Court to potential Spectrum Subclass Members and to administer the Settlement.

(g) “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.

(h) “Complaint” means the Amended Class Action Complaint for Violations of the Federal Securities Laws filed by Lead Plaintiffs in the Action on July 12, 2019.

(i) “Court” means the United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin.

(j) “Defendants” means Spectrum, Old Spectrum, HRG, and the Individual Defendants.

(k) “Defendants’ Counsel” means the law firms of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP and Foley & Lardner LLP.

(l) “Defendants’ Releasees” means (i) Defendants; (ii) the present and former parents, subsidiaries, divisions, and affiliates of Spectrum, Old Spectrum, and HRG; (iii) the present and former employees, Officers, and directors of each of the foregoing in (i)-(ii); (iv) the present and former attorneys, insurers, and agents of each of the foregoing in (i)-(iii); and (v) the predecessors, heirs, successors, and assigns of each of the foregoing in (i)-(iv).

(m) “Effective Date” with respect to the Settlement means the first date by which all of the events and conditions specified in ¶ 32 of this Stipulation have been met and have occurred or have been waived.



(n) “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.

(o) “Escrow Agent” means Huntington National Bank.

(p) “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.

(q) “Excluded Defendants’ Claims” means (i) any claims relating to the enforcement of the Settlement, and (ii) any claims against any person or entity who or which previously submitted a request for exclusion from the settlement class in connection with the Prior Settlement or any person or entity that submits a request for exclusion from the Spectrum Subclass that is accepted by the Court.

(r) “Excluded Plaintiffs’ Claims” means (i) any claims relating to the enforcement of the Settlement; (ii) any claims arising out of purchases of HRG common stock on the open market from January 26, 2017 to November 19, 2018; (iii) any claims asserted in *Plymouth Cnty. Ret. Ass’n v. Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc., et al.*, 2019CV000982 (Wis. Cir. Ct. Dane Cnty.); (iv) any claims asserted in any derivative action or ERISA action; and (v) any claims of any person or entity who or which previously submitted a request for exclusion from the settlement class in connection with the Prior Settlement or any person or entity that submits a request for exclusion from the Spectrum Subclass that is accepted by the Court.

(s) “Final,” with respect to the 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.

(t) "HRG" means HRG Group, Inc.

(u) "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.

(v) "Individual Defendants" means Andreas R. Rouvé, David M. Maura, and Douglas L. Martin.

(w) "Judgment" means the final judgment, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B, to be entered by the Court approving the Settlement.

(x) "Lead Counsel" means the law firm of Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP.

(y) "Liaison Counsel" means the law firm of Stafford Rosenbaum LLP.

(z) "Lead Plaintiffs" means the Public School Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund of Chicago and the Cambridge Retirement System.

(aa) “Litigation Expenses” means costs and expenses incurred in connection with commencing, prosecuting, and settling the Action (which may include the costs and expenses of Lead Plaintiffs directly related to their representation of the Spectrum Subclass and their previous representation of the HRG Subclass), for which Lead Counsel intends to apply to the Court for payment from the Settlement Fund.

(bb) “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; (iv) any attorneys’ fees awarded by the Court; and (v) any other costs or fees approved by the Court.

(cc) “Notice” means the Notice of (I) Pendency of Class Action and Proposed Settlement; (II) Settlement Fairness Hearing; and (III) Motion for an Award of Attorneys’ Fees and Litigation Expenses, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 1 to Exhibit A, which is to be mailed to Spectrum Subclass Members.

(dd) “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 of the Prior Settlement and the Settlement; and (ii) administering the Prior Settlement and Settlement, including but not limited to the Claims process, as well as the costs, fees, and expenses incurred in connection with the Escrow Account.

(ee) “Officer” means any officer as that term is defined in Securities and Exchange Act Rule 16a-1(f).

(ff) “Old Spectrum” means Spectrum Brands Legacy, Inc.

(gg) “Parties” means Defendants and Lead Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and the Spectrum Subclass.

(hh) “Plaintiffs’ Counsel” means Lead Counsel and all other legal counsel who, at the direction and under the supervision of Lead Counsel, performed services on behalf of the Spectrum Subclass (and on behalf of the HRG Subclass before the Court’s appointment of a separate lead plaintiff and separate counsel for the HRG Subclass) in the Action.

(ii) “Plaintiffs’ Releasees” means (i) Lead Plaintiffs, all other plaintiffs in the Action, all other Spectrum Subclass Members, and Plaintiffs’ Counsel; (ii) the present and former parents, subsidiaries, divisions, and affiliates of each of the foregoing in (i); (iii) the present and former employees, Officers, directors, and trustees of each of the foregoing in (i)-(ii); (iv) the present and former attorneys, insurers, and agents of each of the foregoing in (i)-(iii); and (v) the predecessors, heirs, successors, and assigns of each of the foregoing in (i)-(iv).

(jj) “Plan of Allocation” means the proposed plan of allocation of the Net Settlement Fund set forth in the Notice.

(kk) “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 Spectrum Subclass.

(ll) “Prior Settlement” means the prior settlement between the Parties pursuant to the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement dated August 10, 2020.

(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, demands, losses, liabilities, rights, and causes of action of any nature whatsoever, whether known claims or

Unknown Claims, whether arising under federal, state, common, or foreign law, whether brought directly or indirectly, 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 of the Excluded Defendants' Claims.

(pp) "Released Plaintiffs' Claims" means all claims, demands, losses, liabilities, rights, and causes of action of any nature whatsoever, whether known claims or Unknown Claims, whether arising under federal, state, common, or foreign law, whether brought directly or indirectly, that (i) Lead Plaintiffs asserted on behalf of members of the Spectrum Subclass in the Complaint or (ii) that Lead Plaintiffs or any other members of the Spectrum Subclass, on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, executors, administrators, representatives, attorneys, and agents, in their capacities as such, could have asserted in this Action or could in the future assert in any forum that arise out of, are based upon, or relate to in any way to (a) any of the allegations, acts, transactions, facts, events, matters, occurrences, representations or omissions involved, set forth, alleged, or referred to in the Complaint and (b) the purchase, acquisition, sale, or holding of Spectrum common stock or Old Spectrum common stock during the Class Period by members of the Spectrum Subclass. The Released Plaintiffs' Claims do not include any of the Excluded Plaintiffs' Claims.

(qq) "Releasee(s)" means each and any of the Defendants' Releasees and each and any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees.

(rr) "Releases" means the releases set forth in ¶¶ 5-6 of this Stipulation.

(ss) "Settlement" means the settlement between Lead Plaintiffs and Defendants on the terms and conditions set forth in this Stipulation.

(tt) "Settlement Amount" means \$32,000,000 in cash.

(uu) “Settlement Class Period” or “Class Period” means the period from January 26, 2017 to November 19, 2018.

(vv) “Settlement Fund” means the Settlement Amount plus any and all interest earned thereon.

(ww) “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.

(xx) “Spectrum” or the “Company” means Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc.

(yy) “Spectrum Subclass” means all persons and entities that (i) purchased common stock of Old Spectrum from January 26, 2017 to July 13, 2018; and/or (ii) purchased common stock of Spectrum from July 13, 2018 to November 19, 2018, and were damaged thereby. Excluded from the Spectrum Subclass are: (i) Defendants (including Spectrum); (ii) the Immediate Family members of the Individual Defendants; (iii) the Officers and directors of Old Spectrum, Spectrum, and HRG currently and during the Class Period and their Immediate Family members; (iv) any entity in which any of the foregoing excluded persons or entities has or had a controlling interest; and (v) the legal representatives, heirs, successors, or assigns of any such excluded person or entity. Also excluded from the Spectrum Subclass are any persons and entities who or which excluded themselves the settlement class in connection with the Prior Settlement, or any persons or entities who exclude themselves from the Spectrum Subclass in connection with this Settlement by submitting a request for exclusion that is accepted by the Court. This Settlement does not settle or release claims arising out of purchases of HRG common stock on the open market from January 26, 2017 to November 19, 2018.

(zz) “Spectrum Subclass Member” means each person and entity who or which is a member of the Spectrum Subclass.

(aaa) “Summary Notice” means the Summary Notice of (I) Pendency of Class Action and Proposed Settlement; (II) Settlement Fairness Hearing; and (III) Motion for an Award of Attorneys’ Fees and 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.

(bbb) “Taxes” means: (i) all federal, state and local taxes of any kind (including any interest or penalties thereon) on any income earned by the Settlement Fund; and (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).

(ccc) “Unknown Claims” means any Released Plaintiffs’ Claims which any Lead Plaintiff or any other Spectrum Subclass 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 Defendant 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, Lead Plaintiffs and Defendants shall expressly waive, and each of the other Spectrum Subclass Members shall be deemed to have waived, and by operation of the Judgment 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 that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release and that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

Lead Plaintiffs and Defendants acknowledge, and each of the other Spectrum Subclass Members 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 Spectrum Subclass; (b) certification of Lead Plaintiffs as Class Representatives for the Spectrum Subclass; and (c) appointment of Lead Counsel as Class Counsel for the Spectrum Subclass pursuant to Rule 23(g) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

### **PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT**

3. Promptly upon execution of this Stipulation, Lead Plaintiffs will move for preliminary approval of the Settlement, authorization to provide notice of the Settlement to the Spectrum Subclass, 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, Lead 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: (a) the full and final disposition of all Released Plaintiffs' Claims as against Defendants; and (b) the Releases provided for herein.

5. Pursuant to the Judgment, without further action by anyone, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Lead Plaintiffs and each of the other Spectrum Subclass Members 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 the Defendants' Releasees. This Release shall not apply to any Excluded Plaintiffs' Claim.

6. Pursuant to the Judgment, without further action by anyone, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Defendants, on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, executors, administrators, representatives, attorneys, and agents, 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 Lead 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 the Plaintiffs' Releasees. This release shall not apply to any person or entity who or which previously submitted a request for exclusion from the Settlement Class in connection with the Prior Settlement or any person or entity that submits a request for exclusion from the Spectrum Subclass that is accepted by the Court. This Release shall not apply to any Excluded Defendants' Claim.

7. Notwithstanding ¶¶ 5-6 above, nothing in the Judgment shall bar any action by any of the Parties to enforce or effectuate the terms of this Stipulation or the Judgment.

#### **THE SETTLEMENT CONSIDERATION**

8. In consideration of the Settlement of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims against Defendants and the other Defendants' Releasees, Spectrum, on behalf of all Defendants and the

other Defendants' Releasees, 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 (i) preliminary approval of the Settlement by the Court; or (ii) Defendants' Counsel's receipt of a complete IRS Form W-9 and wire transfer, ACH transfer, and check payment instructions (including contact information and a physical address for the recipient of the Settlement Amount).

#### **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; (d) any attorneys' fees awarded by the Court; and (e) any other costs and fees approved 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 ¶¶ 18-30 below.

10. Except as provided herein or pursuant to orders of the Court, the Net Settlement 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 United States Treasury Bills (or a mutual fund invested solely in such instruments) and shall collect and reinvest all interest accrued thereon, except that any residual cash balances up to the amount that is insured by the FDIC may be deposited in any account that is fully insured by the FDIC. In the event that the yield on United States Treasury Bills is negative, in lieu of purchasing such Treasury Bills, all or any portion of the funds held by the Escrow Agent may be deposited in any account that is fully insured by the FDIC or backed by the full faith and credit of the United States. Additionally, if short-term placement of the funds is

necessary, all or any portion of the funds held by the Escrow Agent may be deposited in any account that is fully insured by the FDIC or backed by the full faith and credit of the United States.

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, or caused to be paid, by Lead Counsel 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 Claims 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 up to \$750,000 from the Settlement Fund, without further approval from Defendants or further order of the Court, for Notice and Administration Costs actually incurred and paid or payable. Such costs and expenses shall include, without limitation, costs associated with notice and administration of the Prior Settlement, 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 and 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 solely from (and out of) the Settlement Fund. Lead Counsel also will apply to the Court for an award of Litigation Expenses, which may include a request for reimbursement of Lead Plaintiffs' costs and expenses directly related to their representation of the Spectrum Subclass, to be paid solely from (and out of) the Settlement Fund. Lead Counsel's application for an award of attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses is not the subject of any agreement between Defendants and Lead 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 Plaintiffs' 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 Litigation Expenses is reduced or reversed and such order reducing or reversing the award has become Final. Plaintiffs' Counsel shall make the appropriate refund or repayment in full no later than thirty (30) calendar 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 Litigation Expenses has become Final. An award of attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses is not a necessary term of this Stipulation and is not a condition of the Settlement embodied herein. Neither Lead 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 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 Plaintiffs' Counsel shall be payable solely from the Escrow Account.

**NOTICE AND SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION**

18. As part of the Preliminary Approval Order, Lead Counsel 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 Spectrum's obligation to provide its securities holders records as provided in ¶ 19 below, none of the Defendants, nor any other Defendants' Releasees, 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, Lead Plaintiffs, any other Spectrum Subclass Members, 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 Proof of

Claim Form to those members of the Spectrum Subclass 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 Spectrum Subclass, within five (5) business days of the date of entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, Defendants 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) a list (consisting of names and addresses) of the purchasers of Spectrum and Old Spectrum common stock during the Class Period, to the extent not previously provided in connection with the Prior Settlement.

20. No later than ten (10) calendar days following the filing of this Stipulation with the Court, Defendants shall serve any notice required under the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1715 *et seq.* (“CAFA”). Defendants are solely responsible for the costs of the CAFA notice and administering the CAFA notice. At least seven (7) calendar days before the Settlement Hearing, Defendants shall cause to be served on Lead Counsel and filed with the Court proof, by affidavit or declaration, regarding compliance with CAFA § 1715(b).

21. Spectrum Subclass Members who wish to be eligible for a payment from the Net Settlement Fund must submit a Claim Form by the date set forth in the Preliminary Approval Order. However, Spectrum Subclass Members who previously submitted a claim form in connection with the Prior Settlement will not be required to submit a new Claim Form. The information those Claimants previously submitted will be used to calculate their claim for this Settlement. 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).

22. 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. Lead 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 and the other 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.

23. Any Spectrum Subclass Member who does not submit a valid Claim 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 the Settlement, including the terms of the Judgment 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.

24. 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' Releasees, shall be permitted to review, contest, or object to any Claim, or any decision of the Claims Administrator or Lead Counsel with respect to accepting



or rejecting any Claim for payment. Lead Counsel shall have the right, but not the obligation, to waive what it deems to be formal or technical defects in any Claims submitted in the interests of achieving substantial justice.

25. For purposes of determining the extent, if any, to which a Spectrum Subclass Member shall be entitled to be treated as an Authorized Claimant, the following conditions shall apply:

(a) Each Claimant shall be required to submit a Claim in paper form, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 2 to Exhibit A, or in electronic form, in accordance with the instructions for the submission of such Claims, and 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. Claimants who previously submitted a claim form in connection with the Prior Settlement will not be required to submit a new Claim Form. The information those Claimants previously submitted will be used to calculate their claim for this Settlement;

(b) All Claims must be submitted by the date set by the Court in the Preliminary Approval Order and specified in the Notice. Any Spectrum Subclass Member who fails to submit a Claim 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 Spectrum Subclass Member's Claim 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 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' Releasees 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 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) Claims 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 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) calendar days after the date of mailing of the notice required in subparagraph (d) above or a lesser time period if the Claim was untimely, 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.

26. 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 Spectrum Subclass 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 Claims.

27. 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.

28. Payment pursuant to the Class Distribution Order shall be final and conclusive against all Claimants. All Spectrum Subclass 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 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.

29. No person or entity shall have any claim against Lead Plaintiffs, Lead Counsel, the Claims Administrator, or any other agent designated by Lead Counsel, or Defendants' Releasees 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. Lead Plaintiffs

and Defendants, and their respective counsel, and Lead 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.

30. 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 Spectrum Subclass Members, other Claimants, 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**

31. 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**

32. 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) Spectrum has not exercised its option to terminate the Settlement pursuant to the provisions of this Stipulation;

(d) Lead 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 Spectrum Subclass 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.

33. Upon the occurrence of all of the events referenced in ¶ 32 above, 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.

34. If (i) Spectrum exercises its right to terminate the Settlement as provided in this Stipulation; (ii) Lead 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) Lead Plaintiffs and Defendants shall revert to their respective positions in the Action as of immediately prior to the execution of the Term Sheet on August 3, 2021.

(c) The terms and provisions of this Stipulation, with the exception of this ¶ 34 and ¶¶ 14, 16, 38, and 58 of this Stipulation, 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 order entered by the Court in accordance with the terms of this Stipulation shall be treated as vacated, *nunc pro tunc*.

(d) Within thirty (30) calendar 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, any change in value as a result of the investment of the Settlement Fund, 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 Spectrum (or such other persons or entities as Spectrum 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 thirty (30) calendar days specified in this paragraph, those funds shall be refunded by the Escrow Agent to Spectrum (or such other persons or entities as Spectrum may direct) immediately upon their deposit into the Escrow Account consistent with ¶ 16 above.

35. It is further stipulated and agreed that Spectrum and Lead Plaintiffs 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) calendar 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; or (d) the date upon which the Judgment is modified or reversed in any material respect by the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit or the United States Supreme Court, and the provisions of ¶ 34 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 payment 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, and shall not be grounds for termination of the Settlement.

36. In addition to the grounds set forth in ¶ 35 above, Spectrum shall have the unilateral right to terminate the Settlement in the event that Spectrum Subclass Members timely and validly requesting exclusion from the Spectrum Subclass meet the conditions set forth in Spectrum's confidential supplemental agreement with Lead 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 the Court otherwise directs or a dispute arises between Lead Plaintiffs and Spectrum 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. Lead Counsel and Spectrum's Counsel shall jointly request that the deadline for submitting requests for exclusion from the Spectrum Subclass be no later than twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to the Settlement Fairness Hearing. Copies of all requests for exclusion from the Spectrum Subclass received by the Claims Administrator (or other person designated to receive exclusion requests) shall be provided to Spectrum's Counsel no later than fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the Settlement Fairness Hearing. To be valid for purposes of the Supplemental Agreement, a request for exclusion must be timely and contain all of the information requested in the Notice.

37. In addition to the grounds set forth in ¶ 35 above, Lead Plaintiffs shall also have the right to terminate the Settlement in the event that the Settlement Amount has not been paid as

provided for in ¶ 8 above, by providing written notice of the election to terminate to Defendants' Counsel.

**NO ADMISSION OF WRONGDOING**

38. Neither the Term Sheet, 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 Term Sheet and this Stipulation, nor any proceedings taken pursuant to or in connection with the Term Sheet, this Stipulation, 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 Lead 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 arbitration proceeding or other 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 arbitration proceeding or other 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**

39. 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.

40. Defendants warrant that, as to the payments made or to be made on behalf of them, at the time of entering into this Stipulation and at the time of such payment they, or to the best of 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 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.

41. 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 Lead Plaintiffs, Lead Plaintiffs and Defendants shall jointly move the Court to vacate and set aside the Releases given and the Judgment entered in favor of Defendants and the other Releasees pursuant to this Stipulation, in which event the Releases and Judgment shall be null and void, and the Parties shall be restored to their respective positions in the litigation as provided in ¶ 34 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 ¶ 34 above.

42. 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 Lead Plaintiffs and any other Spectrum Subclass Members against the Defendants' Releasees with respect to the Released Plaintiffs' Claims. 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 by the Parties. 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 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.

43. 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, Lead Plaintiffs and their counsel and Defendants and their counsel shall not make any accusations of wrongful or actionable conduct by any 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.

44. 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 Lead Plaintiffs and Defendants (or their successors-in-interest).

45. The headings herein are used for the purpose of convenience only and are not meant to have legal effect.

46. 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 Plaintiffs' 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 Spectrum Subclass Members.

47. 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.

48. This Stipulation and its exhibits and the Supplemental Agreement constitute the entire agreement among Lead Plaintiffs and Defendants concerning the Settlement and this Stipulation and its exhibits and the Supplemental Agreement. 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.

49. This Stipulation may be executed in one or more counterparts, including by signature transmitted via facsimile, or 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.

50. 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.

51. The construction, interpretation, operation, effect, and validity of this Stipulation, the Supplemental Agreement, and all documents necessary to effectuate them shall be governed by the internal laws of the State of Wisconsin without regard to conflicts of laws, except to the extent that federal law requires that federal law govern.

52. Any action arising under or to enforce this Stipulation or any portion thereof, shall be commenced and maintained only in the Court.

53. 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.

54. 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.

55. 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.

56. 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 facsimile or email transmission, with confirmation of receipt. Notice shall be provided as follows:

If to Lead Plaintiffs or Lead Counsel: Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP  
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57. Except as otherwise provided herein, each Party shall bear its own costs.


58. 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.

59. All agreements made and orders entered during the course of this Action relating to the confidentiality of information shall survive this Settlement.

60. No opinion or advice concerning the tax consequences of the proposed Settlement to individual Spectrum Subclass 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 Spectrum Subclass Member's tax obligations, and the determination thereof, are the sole responsibility of the Spectrum Subclass Member, and it is understood that the tax consequences may vary depending on the particular circumstances of each individual Spectrum Subclass Member.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties hereto have caused this Stipulation to be executed, by their duly authorized attorneys, as of August 27, 2021.

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