## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

GLENN FREEDMAN, individually and on behalf of all similarly situated,

Civil Action No. 12-CV-2121 (LAK)

Plaintiff,

V.

WEATHERFORD INTERNATIONAL, LTD., et al.,

Defendants.

## [PROPOSED] ORDER AWARDING ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES

THIS MATTER having come before the Court on November 3, 2015 for a hearing to determine, among other things, whether and in what amount to award Class Counsel in the above-captioned consolidated securities class action (the "Action") attorneys' fees and litigation expenses and Class Representatives expenses relating to their representation of the Class. All capitalized terms used herein have the meanings as set forth and defined in the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement, dated as of dated June 30, 2015 (the "Stipulation"). The Court having considered all matters submitted to it at the hearing and otherwise; and it appearing that a notice of the hearing, substantially in the form approved by the Court (the "Settlement Notice"), was mailed to all reasonably identified Class Members; and that a summary notice of the hearing (the "Summary Settlement Notice"), substantially in the form approved by the Court, was published in *The Wall Street Journal* and transmitted over *PR Newswire*; and the Court having considered and determined the fairness and reasonableness of the award of attorneys' fees and expenses requested;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Action and over all parties to the Action, including all Class Members and the Claims Administrator.
- 2. Notice of Class Counsel's motion for attorneys' fees and payment of expenses was given to all Class Members who could be identified with reasonable effort. The form and method of notifying the Class of the motion for attorneys' fees and expenses met the requirements of Rules 23 and 54 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Section 21D(a)(7) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(a)(7), as amended by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the "PSLRA"), due process, and other applicable law, constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances, and constituted due and sufficient notice to all persons and entities entitled thereto.

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5. The award of attorneys' fees and expenses may be paid to Class Counsel according to the terms, conditions, and obligations of the Stipulation, which terms, conditions, and obligations are incorporated herein.

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reasonable lost wages directly related to their representation of the Class.

- 6. In making the award to Class Counsel of attorneys' fees and litigation expenses to be paid from the Settlement Fund, the Court has considered and found that:
- (a) The Settlement has created a common fund of \$120 million in cash and that numerous Class Members who submit acceptable Proofs of Claim will benefit from the Settlement created by the efforts of Class Counsel;
- (b) The requested attorneys' fees and payment of litigation expenses have been reviewed and approved as fair and reasonable by the Class Representatives, sophisticated institutional investors that have been directly involved in the prosecution and resolution of the Action and which have a substantial interest in ensuring that any fees paid to Class Counsel are duly earned and not excessive;
- (c) Notice was disseminated to putative Class Members stating that Class Counsel would be moving for attorneys' fees in an amount not to exceed 25% of the Settlement Fund, including accrued interest, and payment of litigation expenses and the expenses of Class Representatives for reimbursement of their reasonable lost wages and costs directly related to their representation of the Class, in an amount not to exceed \$5.6 million, plus accrued interest;
- (d) There were no objections to the requested litigation expenses or to the expense requests by Class Representatives. The Court has received only one objection to the fee request, which was submitted by Jeff M. Brown. The Court finds and concludes that Mr. Brown has not established that he is a Class Member with standing to bring the objection and it is overruled on that basis. The Court has also considered the issues raised in the objection and finds that, even if Mr. Brown were to have standing to object, the objection is without merit. The objection is therefore overruled in its entirety.
  - (e) Class Counsel have expended substantial time and effort pursuing the

Action on behalf of the Class;

- (f) The Action involves complex factual and legal issues and, in the absence of settlement, would involve lengthy proceedings whose resolution would be uncertain;
- (g) Class Counsel pursued the Action on a contingent basis, having received no compensation during the Action, and any fee award has been contingent on the result achieved;
- (h) Class Counsel conducted the Action and achieved the Settlement with skillful and diligent advocacy;
- (i) Public policy concerns favor the award of reasonable attorneys' fees in securities class action litigation;
- (j) The amount of attorneys' fees awarded are fair and reasonable and consistent with awards in similar cases; and
- (k) Plaintiffs' counsel have devoted 37,484 hours of time, with a lodestar value of \$18,620,366.75, to achieve the Settlement.
- 7. Any appeal or any challenge affecting this Court's approval of any attorneys' fee and expense application shall in no way disturb or affect the finality of the Judgment entered with respect to the Settlement.
- 8. Exclusive jurisdiction is hereby retained over the subject matter of this Action and over all parties to the Action, including the administration and distribution of the Net Settlement Fund to Class Members.
- 9. In the event that the Settlement is terminated or does not become Final or the Effective Date does not occur in accordance with the terms of the Stipulation, this order shall be rendered null and void to the extent provided by the Stipulation and shall be vacated in

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accordance with the Stipulation.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: Nov. 23, 2015

The Honorable Lewis A. Kaplan United States District Judge

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The following is inserted into paragraph 3 of the order awarding attorneys' fees and expenses where indicated:

"Class Counsel are awarded attorneys' fees and expenses as follows: (1) Bleichmar Fonti Tountas & Auld LLP - \$12,921,620.11 in attorneys' fees and \$1,945,120.14 in litigation expenses, and (2) Labaton Sucharow LLP - \$12,215,874.89 in attorneys' fees and \$2,730,304.51 in litigation expenses."

SO ORDERED.

Dated:

November 23, 2015

Lewis A. Riplan
United States District Judge