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**IN THE MATTER OF THE *SECURITIES ACT*,
R.S.O. 1990, c. S.5, AS AMENDED**

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**IN THE MATTER OF
SINO-FOREST CORPORATION, ALLEN CHAN, ALBERT IP, ALFRED C.T. HUNG,
GEORGE HO, SIMON YEUNG and DAVID HORSLEY**

ORDER

WHEREAS the Ontario Securities Commission (“the Commission”) issued a Notice of Hearing (the “Notice of Hearing”) and Statement of Allegations in this matter dated May 22, 2012 pursuant to sections 127 and 127.1 of the *Securities Act*, R.S.O. 1990 c. S.5, as amended in respect of Sino-Forest Corporation (“Sino-Forest”), Allen Chan (“Chan”), Albert Ip (“Ip”), Alfred C.T. Hung (“Hung”), George Ho (“Ho”), Simon Yeung (“Yeung”) and David Horsley (“Horsley”);

AND WHEREAS on May 22, 2012, the Notice of Hearing gave notice that a hearing would be held on July 12, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. before the Commission;

AND WHEREAS on July 12, 2012, counsel for Staff, counsel for Sino-Forest, counsel for Chan, counsel for Ip, Hung, Ho and Yeung and counsel for Horsley appeared before the Commission and consented to the hearing being adjourned to October 10, 2012;

AND WHEREAS on July 12, 2012 the hearing in this matter was adjourned to October 10, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.;

AND WHEREAS on October 10, 2012 the hearing in this matter was adjourned to January 17, 2013;

AND WHEREAS on January 17, 2013 counsel for Staff, counsel for Chan, counsel for Ip, Hung, Ho and Yeung and counsel for Horsley appeared before the Commission and requested that the hearing be adjourned to May 13, 2013 for the purpose of conducting a pre-hearing conference;

AND WHEREAS on January 17, 2013 the Commission ordered that a pre-hearing conference be held on May 13, 2013;

AND WHEREAS on May 13, 2013 a pre-hearing conference was commenced before the Commission, at which counsel for Staff, counsel for Chan, counsel for Ip, Hung, Ho and Yeung and counsel for Horsley appeared and no one appeared on behalf of Sino-Forest;

AND WHEREAS the Commission was satisfied that Sino-Forest was provided with notice of the May 13, 2013 pre-hearing conference;

AND WHEREAS on May 13, 2013 the Commission ordered that the pre-hearing conference in this matter continue on July 19, 2013;

AND WHEREAS on July 19, 2013 the pre-hearing conference continued before the Commission, at which counsel for Staff, counsel for Chan, counsel for Ip, Hung, Ho and Yeung and counsel for Horsley appeared and no one appeared on behalf of Sino-Forest;

AND WHEREAS the Commission was satisfied that Sino-Forest was provided with notice of the July 19, 2013 pre-hearing conference;

AND WHEREAS on July 19, 2013 the Commission ordered that the pre-hearing conference in this matter continue on August 13, 2013;

AND WHEREAS on August 13, 2013 the pre-hearing conference continued before the Commission, at which counsel for Staff, counsel for Chan, counsel for Ip, Hung, Ho and Yeung and counsel for Horsley appeared and no one appeared on behalf of Sino-Forest;

AND WHEREAS the Commission was satisfied that Sino-Forest was provided with notice of the August 13, 2013 pre-hearing conference;

AND WHEREAS on August 13, 2013 counsel for Staff, counsel for Chan, counsel for Ip, Hung, Ho and Yeung and counsel for Horsley all made submissions regarding the scheduling of the hearing on the merits (the “Merits Hearing”);

AND WHEREAS on August 13, 2013 counsel for Ip, Hung, Ho and Yeung requested that a motion for particulars and further disclosure be scheduled (the “Particulars Motion”);

AND WHEREAS on August 13, 2013 the Commission ordered that:

1. the Merits Hearing shall commence on June 2, 2014 at 10:00 a.m., and continue as follows:
 - a) Staff’s case in the Merits Hearing shall be held on the following dates: June 2, 2014; June 4 to June 6, 2014; June 10 to June 13, 2014; June 16, 2014; June 18 to June 20, 2014; June 24 to June 27, 2014; June 30, 2014; July 3 to 4, 2014; July 8 to 11, 2014; July 14, 2014; July 16 to 18, 2014; July 22 to 25, 2014; August 11, 2014; August 13 to 15, 2014; August 19 to 22, 2014; August 25, 2014; August 27 to 29, 2014; September 2 to 5, 2014; September 8, 2014; September 10 to 12, 2014, and September 15, 2014 or on such other dates as ordered by the Commission;
 - b) the Respondents’ case in the Merits Hearing be held October 15 to 17, 2014; October 20, 2014; October 22 to 24, 2014; October 28 to 31, 2014; November 3, 2014; November 5 to 7, 2014; November 11, 2014; November 19 to 21, 2014; November 25 to 28, 2014; December 1, 2014; December 3 to 5, 2014; December 9 to 12, 2014; December 15, 2014; December 17 to 19, 2014; January 7 to 9, 2015; January 12, 2015; January 14 to 16, 2015; January 20 to 23, 2015; January 26, 2015; January 28 to 30, 2015; February 3 to 6, 2015; February 9, 2015; and February 11 to 13, 2015 or on such other dates as ordered by the Commission;
2. the Particulars Motion be held on October 16, 2013 commencing at 10:00 a.m., or such other date and time as ordered by the Commission; and

3. the pre-hearing conference in this matter be continued on September 10, 2013, at 2:00 p.m., or such other date and time as ordered by the Commission.

AND WHEREAS on September 10, 2013 the pre-hearing conference continued before the Commission, at which counsel for Staff, counsel for Chan, counsel for Ip, Hung, Ho and Yeung and counsel for Horsley appeared and no one appeared on behalf of Sino-Forest;

AND WHEREAS on September 10, 2013 counsel for Staff, counsel for Chan, counsel for Ip, Hung, Ho and Yeung and counsel for Horsley all made submissions with respect to the timetable for service of Staff's hearing briefs in connection with the Merits Hearing;

AND WHEREAS on September 10, 2013 the Commission ordered that (i) Staff shall serve its hearing briefs in connection with the Merits Hearing on the Respondents on or before February 3, 2014; and (ii) the pre-hearing conference in this matter be continued on October 10, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. (the "September 10 Order");

AND WHEREAS on October 10, 2013 the pre-hearing conference continued before the Commission, at which counsel for Staff, counsel for Chan, counsel for Ip, Hung, Ho and Yeung and counsel for Horsley appeared and no one appeared on behalf of Sino-Forest;

AND WHEREAS on October 10, 2013 counsel for Ip, Hung, Ho and Yeung requested that the hearing date scheduled for the Particulars Motion be vacated;

AND WHEREAS on October 10, 2013 counsel for Ip, Hung, Ho and Yeung further requested that the Commission vacate the dates scheduled for the Merits Hearing on October 20 and 22 to 24, 2014 to accommodate a scheduling conflict;

AND WHEREAS on October 10, 2013 the Commission ordered that:

1. the hearing date scheduled for the Particulars Motion, namely October 16, 2013, is vacated;
2. the hearing dates scheduled for October 20 and 22 to 24, 2014 for the Respondents' case in the Merits Hearing are vacated and further hearing dates are hereby scheduled for February 17 to 20, 2015; and

3. the pre-hearing conference in this matter be continued on November 21, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. or such other date and time as agreed to by the parties and set by the Office of the Secretary.

AND WHEREAS on November 21, 2013 the pre-hearing conference continued before the Commission, at which counsel for Staff, counsel for Chan, counsel for Ip, Hung, Ho and Yeung and counsel for Horsley appeared and no one appeared on behalf of Sino-Forest;

AND WHEREAS on November 21, 2013, the Commission ordered that the pre-hearing conference in this matter be continued on December 2, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.;

AND WHEREAS on December 2, 2013 the pre-hearing conference continued before the Commission, at which counsel for Staff, counsel for Chan, counsel for Ip, Hung, Ho and Yeung and counsel for Horsley appeared and no one appeared on behalf of Sino-Forest;

AND WHEREAS on December 2, 2013, counsel for Chan requested that a motion in connection with certain translated documents be scheduled (the "Translation Motion");

AND WHEREAS on December 2, 2013 counsel for Ip, Hung, Ho and Yeung requested that certain dates scheduled for the Merits Hearing be vacated and counsel for Chan and counsel for Horsley joined in the request;

AND WHEREAS Staff opposed the request to vacate the hearing dates;

AND WHEREAS on December 2, 2103 the Commission ordered that:

1. the hearing dates scheduled for June 2, 2014; June 4 to June 6, 2014; June 10 to June 13, 2014; June 16, 2014; June 18 to June 20, 2014; June 24 to June 27, 2014; June 30, 2014; July 3 to 4, 2014; July 8 to 11, 2014; July 14, 2014; July 16 to 18, 2014; July 22 to 25, 2014; August 11, 2014; August 13 to 15, 2014; August 19 to 22, 2014; August 25, 2014; August 27 to 29, 2014 are vacated;
2. the Merits Hearing shall commence on September 2, 2014 and continue on the dates previously agreed to by the parties and ordered by the Commission;

3. the parties shall discuss their availability for further hearing dates in advance of the next pre-hearing conference and further dates for the Merits Hearing shall be set at the next pre-hearing conference;
4. the September 10 Order is varied such that Staff shall serve its hearing briefs in connection with the Merits Hearing on the Respondents on or before April 1, 2014;
5. the Translation Motion shall be held on January 31, 2014 commencing at 10:00 a.m., or such other date and time as ordered by the Commission; and
6. the pre-hearing conference in this matter be continued on January 31, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. or such other date and time as agreed to by the parties and set by the Office of the Secretary;

AND WHEREAS by email to the Secretary's Office on January 24, 2014, counsel for Chan requested that the date scheduled for the Translation Motion be vacated;

AND WHEREAS on January 31, 2014 the pre-hearing conference continued before the Commission, at which counsel for Staff, counsel for Chan, counsel for Ip, Hung, Ho and Yeung and counsel for Horsley appeared and no one appeared on behalf of Sino-Forest;

AND WHEREAS on January 31, 2014, the parties requested that a further Translation Motion be scheduled (the "Revised Translation Motion");

AND WHEREAS on January 31, 2014, the parties provided the Panel with their availability for further hearing dates for the Merits Hearing;

AND WHEREAS on January 31, 2014, the Commission ordered that:

1. additional hearing dates for the Merits Hearing are hereby added on September 16-19, 2014; September 22, 2014; September 24-26, 2014; September 30, 2014; October 1-3, 2014; October 6, 2014; October 8-10, 2014; October 14, 2014; November 12-14, 2014; November 17, 2014; February 23, 2015; February 25 to 27, 2015; March 3 to 6, 2015; March 9, 2015; March 11 to 13, 2015; March 17 to

- 20, 2015; March 23, 2015; March 25 to 27, 2015; March 31, 2015; April 1 to 2, 2015; April 8 to 10, 2015; April 14 to 17, 2015; April 20, 2015; April 22 to 24, 2015; April 28 to 30, 2015; May 1, 2015; May 4, 2015; May 6 to 8, 2015; May 12 to 15, 2015; May 20 to 22, 2015; May 26 to 29, 2015; June 3 to 5, 2015; and June 9, 2015;
2. the hearing dates scheduled for January 7 to 9, 2015; January 12, 2015; January 14 to 16, 2015; January 20 to 23, 2015; January 26, 2015; January 28 to 30, 2015; February 3 to 6, 2015; February 9, 2015; February 11 to 13, 2015; and February 17 to 20, 2015 are hereby vacated;
 3. for clarity, Staff's case shall commence on September 2, 2014 and continue on all scheduled Merits Hearing dates up to and including December 19, 2014 and the Respondents' case shall commence on February 23, 2015 and continue on all scheduled Merits Hearing dates up to and including June 9, 2015;
 4. the Revised Translations Motion shall be held on June 23, 2014 commencing at 10:00 a.m. and shall continue on June 24 and 25, 2014, or such other dates and times as ordered by the Commission; and
 5. the pre-hearing conference in this matter be continued on February 18, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. or such other date and time as agreed to by the parties and set by the Office of the Secretary.

AND WHEREAS on February 18, 2014 the pre-hearing conference continued before the Commission, at which counsel for Staff, counsel for Chan, counsel for Ip, Hung, Ho and Yeung, counsel for Horsley and counsel for Sino-Forest appeared and made submissions;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Staff shall serve its witness statements on the Respondents in compliance with the following schedule:
 - a) for witnesses who are members of Staff, Staff shall serve its witness statements on the Respondents on or before May 1, 2014;

- b) for witnesses who are not members of Staff, Staff shall serve its witness statements on the Respondents on or before June 2, 2014;
2. the Respondents shall each serve their respective hearing briefs in connection with the Merits Hearing on Staff on or before July 2, 2014;
 3. the Respondents shall each serve their respective witness lists and witness statements on Staff on or before August 1, 2014; and
 4. the pre-hearing conference in this matter shall be continued on March 18, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. or such other date and time as agreed to by the parties and set by the Office of the Secretary.

Dated at Toronto this 18th day of February, 2014.

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