## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re Altair Nanotechnologies Securities Litigation

Case No.: 1:14-cv-07828-AT

# NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF CLASS ACTION, MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES, AND SETTLEMENT FAIRNESS HEARING

If you purchased or otherwise acquired the common stock of Altair Nanotechnologies Inc. between May 15, 2013 and September 25, 2014, both dates inclusive (the "Class Period"), you could be entitled to a payment from a class action settlement (the "Settlement").

# A federal court authorized this Notice. It is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

- The Court will hold a Settlement Hearing on **June 15, 2016** to decide whether to approve the Settlement. If approved by the Court, the Settlement will provide \$1,500,000, plus interest earned thereon (the "Settlement Amount"), to pay claims of investors who purchased or otherwise acquired Altair common stock during the Class Period.
- The Settlement represents an average recovery of \$0.57 per share of Altair common stock for the 2,644,552 million estimated shares that Lead Plaintiff alleges were damaged and declined in value as a result of Defendants' alleged misconduct during the Class Period. This estimate solely reflects the average recovery per damaged share of Altair stock before deducting attorney fees and expenses. This is not an estimate of the actual recovery per share you should expect. Your actual recovery will depend on the aggregate losses of all Class Members, the date(s) you purchased and sold Altair common stock, and the total number of valid claims filed. See the Plan of Allocation on p. 7 below for more details.
- To claim your share of the Settlement, you must submit a valid Proof of Claim and Release form by **June 20, 2016**.
- Attorneys for the Lead Plaintiff ("Lead Counsel") intend to ask the Court to award them fees of up to 33% of the Settlement Amount and reimbursement of up to \$18,391.25 in litigation expenses. Since the Action's inception, Lead Counsel have expended considerable time and effort in the prosecution of this litigation on a contingent-fee basis and advanced the expenses of the litigation in the expectation that if they were successful in obtaining a recovery for the Class, they would be paid from such recovery. Lead Counsel also intends to ask the Court to grant Lead Plaintiff an award not to exceed \$3,500. Collectively, the attorneys' fees and litigation expenses and the award to Lead Plaintiff are estimated to average \$0.20 per damaged share of Altair common stock. The average cost per damaged share will vary depending on the number of acceptable Proofs of Claim submitted. If approved by the Court, these amounts will be paid from the Settlement Fund.
- The approximate recovery, after the deduction of attorneys' fees and expenses approved by the Court, is an average of \$0.37 per damaged share of Altair common stock. This estimate is based on the assumptions set forth in the preceding paragraph. Your actual recovery, if any, will vary depending on your purchase price and sales price and the number of valid Proof of Claim forms filed.
- The Settlement resolves the lawsuit concerning whether Defendants violated the federal securities laws by allegedly issuing materially false and misleading statements. All Defendants in the action deny the allegations in the lawsuit and deny any wrongdoing. Defendants and Plaintiffs disagree on liability and damages. Plaintiffs believe that, if they prevailed on all their claims and the Court accepted their theory of damages, that they would have been able to collect a substantial amount of monies, before deductions for fees and expenses and assuming that the full amount of the judgment was collectable. Defendants believe that they have not engaged in any wrongdoing, committed any violation of law, or acted improperly in any way. They expressly have denied and continue to deny all charges of wrongdoing, fault or liability against them arising out of any of the conduct, statements, acts or omissions alleged, or that could have been alleged, in the Litigation.
- Your legal rights will be affected whether you act or do not act. If you do not act, you may permanently forfeit your right to recover on any claim you might have. Therefore, you should read this notice carefully.

YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT			
SUBMIT A CLAIM FORMThe only way to get a payment. Proof of Claim forms must be postmarked or submitted online by June 20, 2016.			
EXCLUDE YOURSELF	Get no payment. This is the only option that allows you to ever be part of any other lawsuit against the Defendants or any other Released Parties about the legal claims in this case. Requests for Exclusion must be received by <b>May 11, 2016</b> .		
OBJECT	Write to the Court about why you do not like the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or the request for attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses. You will still be a member of the Class. Objections must be received by the Court and counsel by <b>May 11, 2016</b> .		
GO TO THE HEARING	Ask to speak in Court about the fairness of the Settlement. Requests to speak must be received by the Court and counsel by <b>May 11, 2016</b> .		
DO NOTHING	Get no payment. Give up your rights.		

# **INQUIRIES**

For further information regarding the Action or this Notice, or to review the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement, please contact the Claims Administrator toll-free at (866) 274-4004 or at https://www.strategicclaims.net/altair. You may also contact representatives of counsel for the Class at Pomerantz LLP, 600 Third Ave., 20th Floor, New York, NY 10016, (212) 661-1100, http://pomerantzlawfirm.com. **Please do not contact the Court or Defendants regarding this Notice**.

## **BASIC INFORMATION**

#### 1. Why did I get this notice package?

You or someone in your family may have purchased or otherwise acquired Altair common stock between May 15, 2013 and September 25, 2014 (the "Class Period").

The Court directed that this Notice be sent to Class Members because they have a right to know about the proposed Settlement of this class-action lawsuit and about all of their options before the Court decides whether to approve the Settlement. If the Court approves the Settlement, and after objections and appeals—if any—are resolved, the Claims Administrator appointed by the Court will make the payments provided for in the Settlement.

#### 2. What is this lawsuit about?

This case is known as *In re Altair Nanotechnologies Securities Litigation*, Civil Action No. 1:14-cv-07828 (AT) (the "Action"). The United States District Court for the Southern District of New York is in charge of the Action, and the case has been assigned to the Honorable Analisa Torres. The individual representing the Class is the "Lead Plaintiff," and the company and individuals he sued and who have now settled are called the "Defendants".

This Action brings claims against Altair Nanotechnologies Inc. ("Altair") and several of Altair's executives: Alexander Lee, who served as CEO until August 26, 2013; Richard W. Lee, who served as CEO from August 26, 2013 until February 21, 2014; Guohua Sun, who served as Interim CEO from March 18, 2014 until August 13, 2014; James T. Zhan, who served as CEO from August 15, 2014 until at least September 25, 2014; Stephen B. Huang, who served as Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") until September 26, 2013; Paula Conroy, who served as CFO from September 26, 2013 until January 13, 2014; Karen Werner, who served as Interim CFO from March 18, 2014 until at least September 25, 2014; and Yincang Wei, who has been a director and chairman of the Altair Board since July 22, 2011 and is also the Chairman of Canon Investment Holdings Limited, which is the majority owner of Altair.

Altair is a Delaware corporation that designs and manufactures energy storage systems, particularly a nano-lithium-titanate battery that purports to charge faster and offer higher power density than conventional lithium-ion batteries. In 2012, Altair launched operations in China and by the end of 2013, Altair began to operate primarily in China.

Lead Plaintiff asserts claims under Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 10b-5. Lead Plaintiff alleges that, between May 15, 2013 and September 25, 2014, Altair issued false and misleading statements about its business, operational, and compliance policies and its internal controls over financial reporting. In particular, the Complaint alleged that Altair failed to disclose that it was experiencing significant executive management upheaval, which rendered it unable to implement adequate procedures and controls to properly review transactions, communicate with subsidiaries in China, comply with financial reporting requirements, and ensure the accuracy and completeness of its financial statements. Lead Plaintiff alleges that a series of twelve disclosures and events from August 2013 to September 2014 revealed these deficiencies to the market, thus causing shareholders' losses.

## 3. Why is this a class action?

In a class action, one or more people called plaintiffs sue on behalf of people who have similar claims. All of the people with similar claims are referred to as a class or class members. One court resolves the issues for all class members, except for those who exclude themselves from the class.

#### 4. Why is there a settlement?

This Action has been litigated since September 2014. This Action has not gone to trial, and the Court has not decided in favor of either side. Instead, both sides agreed to the Settlement to avoid the distraction, costs, and risks of further litigation.

Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel believe that the Settlement provides the Class with a benefit now, instead of after years of further uncertain litigation, and is in the best interests of all Class Members in light of the real possibility that continued litigation could result in no recovery at all. Continuing to litigate the case would require all parties to expend substantial resources. If the Action continued, fact discovery would be extremely expensive, both sides would likely engage expert witnesses, and Lead Plaintiff believes that much of the proof would be highly technical, making the outcome of any trial unpredictable.

Defendants have denied and continue to deny each and all of the allegations made and claims brought by Lead Plaintiff, maintain that they have meritorious defenses, and contend that many of the factual allegations are materially inaccurate. Defendants have also denied and continue to deny, *inter alia*, the allegations that Lead Plaintiff or the Class have suffered damages, that the prices of Altair common stock were artificially inflated by reason of alleged misrepresentations, non-disclosures, or otherwise, or that Lead Plaintiff or the Class were harmed by the conduct alleged. Nonetheless, Defendants have concluded that further litigation of this Action would be protracted and expensive and that the Action should be fully and finally settled under the terms and conditions of this Settlement.

The Settlement shall in no event be construed as, or deemed to be evidence of, an admission or concession by Defendants with respect to any claim of any fault or liability or wrongdoing or damage to the Class Members in this Litigation.

#### WHO IS IN THE SETTLEMENT

To see if you will get money from this Settlement, you first have to decide if you are a Class Member.

## 5. How do I know if I am part of the Settlement?

The Class includes all persons or entities that purchased or otherwise acquired Altair common stock during the period commencing May 15, 2013 through the market close on September 25, 2014, except those persons and entities that are excluded, as described below.

If one of your mutual funds own Altair common stock, that alone does not make you a Class Member. You are a Class Member only if you directly purchased or otherwise acquired Altair common stock during the Class Period. Contact your broker to see if you have made any of these purchases.

If you sold Altair common stock during the Class Period, that alone does not make you a Class Member. You are a Class Member only if you purchased or otherwise acquired Altair common stock during the Class Period.

#### 6. **Are there exceptions to being included?**

Yes. You are not a Class Member if you are a Defendant; a member of a Defendant's immediate family; a Defendant's legal representative, heir, predecessor, successor, or assign; a current or former director or officer of the Company during the Class Period; or any entity in which any Defendant has or had a controlling interest. Also, if you validly exclude yourself from the Class in accordance with the requirements set forth in question 13 below, you are not a part of the Class.

#### 7. What if I am still not sure if I am included?

If you are still not sure whether you are included, you can ask for free help. You can contact the Claims Administrator toll-free at (866) 274-4004, or you can fill out and return the Proof of Claim form enclosed with this Notice package, to see if you qualify.

## THE SETTLEMENT BENEFITS - WHAT YOU GET

#### 8. What does the Settlement provide?

In exchange for the Settlement and the release of the Settled Claims (defined below) as well as dismissal of the Action, Defendants have agreed that a payment of \$1.5 million will be made by Defendants (or on their behalf) to be divided, after taxes, fees, and expenses, *pro rata* among all Class Members who send in a valid Proof of Claim form.

## 9. How much will my payment be?

Your share of the fund will depend on several factors, including the following: how many Class Members submit timely and valid Proof of Claim forms; the total Recognized Losses represented by the valid Proof of Claim forms that the Class Members send in; the number of shares of Altair common stock that you purchased or acquired during the Class Period; how much you paid for the shares; when you purchased; and if you sold your shares and for how much.

By following the instructions in the Plan of Allocation, you can calculate what is called your Recognized Loss. It is unlikely that you will get a payment for all of your Recognized Loss. After all Class Members have sent in their Proof of Claim forms, the payment you get will be a part of the Net Settlement Fund equal to your Recognized Loss divided by the total of everyone's Recognized Losses. See the Plan of Allocation at page 7 for more information.

## HOW YOU GET A PAYMENT - SUBMITTING A CLAIM FORM

#### 10. **How can I get a payment?**

To qualify for a payment, you must submit a Proof of Claim form. A Proof of Claim form is enclosed with this Notice and may be downloaded at https://www.strategicclaims.net/altair. Read the instructions carefully, fill out the Proof of Claim form, include all the documents that the form asks for, sign it, and mail or submit it online so that it is postmarked or received no later than June 20, 2016. The claim form may be submitted online at info@strategicclaims.net.

## 11. When would I get my payment?

The Court will hold a Settlement Hearing on June 15, 2016 to decide whether to approve the Settlement. If the Court approves the Settlement, there might be appeals afterwards. It is always uncertain whether these appeals can be resolved, and resolving them can take time, perhaps more than a year. It also takes time for all the Proofs of Claim to be processed. Please be patient.

## 12. What am I giving up to get a payment or to stay in the Class?

Unless you exclude yourself, you will remain a Class Member, and this means that, if the Settlement is approved, you will give up all "Settled Claims," including "Unknown Claims," against the "Released Parties" (as all of these terms are defined below):

- "Settled Claims" means and includes any and all claims, debts, demands, controversies, obligations, losses, rights or causes of action or liabilities of any kind or nature whatsoever (including, but not limited to, any claims for damages (whether compensatory, special, incidental, consequential, punitive, exemplary or otherwise), injunctive relief, declaratory relief, rescission or rescissionary damages, interest, attorneys' fees, expert or consulting fees, costs, expenses, or any other form of legal or equitable relief whatsoever), whether based on federal, state, local, statutory or common law or any other law, rule or regulation, whether fixed or contingent, accrued or unaccrued, liquidated or unliquidated, at law or in equity, matured or unmatured, whether class or individual in nature, including both known claims and Unknown Claims and related to or based upon the purchase or other acquisition of Altair common stock from May 15, 2013 and September 25, 2014, and any claims, debts, demands, controversies, obligations, losses, rights or causes of action that Plaintiffs, Class Members or any of them may have against the Released Parties or any of them which involve or relate in any way to the defense of the Action or the Settlement of the Action or Plaintiffs or Class Members' investment in Altair. However, claims to enforce the Settlement are not released.
- "Released Parties" means Defendants Altair Nanotechnologies, Inc., James Zhan, Alexander Lee, Karen Werner, Paula Conroy, Stephen Huang, Richard W. Lee, Guohua Sun and Yincang Wei, and each of any Defendant's past or present directors, officers, employees, partners, principals, members, insurers, co-insurers, re-insurers, controlling shareholders, attorneys, advisors, accountants, auditors, personal or legal representatives, predecessors, successors, parents, subsidiaries, divisions, joint ventures, assigns, spouses, estates, executors, administrators, heirs, related or affiliated entities, any entity in which any Defendant has a controlling interest, any member of any Defendant's immediate family, or any trust of which any Defendant is the settlor or which is for the benefit of any member of an Defendant's immediate family. All Released Parties (other than the Settling Defendants) are intended third-party beneficiaries of this Stipulation of Settlement.
- "Unknown Claims" means and includes any and all claims that Plaintiff or any Class Member does not know or suspect to exist in his, her or its favor at the time of the release of the Released Parties which, if known by him, her or it, might have affected his, her or its settlement with and release of the Released Parties, or might have affected his, her or its decision to object or not to object to this Settlement. Plaintiffs, Class Members, and each of them may hereafter discover facts in addition to or different from those which he, she or it now knows or believes to be true with respect to the subject matter of the Settled Claims. Nevertheless, with respect to any and all Settled Claims, the Settling Parties stipulate and agree that, upon the Effective Date, the Settling Parties shall expressly waive and each of the Class Members shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, waived all provisions, rights and benefits of California Civil Code § 1542 and all provisions, rights and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States, or principle of common 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 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.

The Settling Parties expressly acknowledge, and the Class Members shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have acknowledged, that the waiver and release of Unknown Claims constituting Settled Claims was separately bargained for and a material element of the Settlement.

If you remain a member of the Class, all of the Court's orders will apply to you and legally bind you.

# EXCLUDING YOURSELF FROM THE SETTLEMENT

If you do not want a payment from this Settlement, and you want to keep the right to sue the Defendants and the other Released Parties on your own about the legal issues in this case, then you must take steps to remove yourself from the Settlement. This is called excluding yourself—sometimes referred to as "opting out."

#### 13. How do I get out of the proposed Settlement?

To exclude yourself from the Class, you must send a letter by First-Class Mail stating that you "request exclusion from the Class in the *Altair Nanotechnologies Securities Litigation*." Your letter must include the date(s), price(s), and number(s) of all purchases and sales of Altair common stock during the Class Period. In addition, you must include your name, address, telephone number, and your signature. You must submit your exclusion request so that it is **received no later than May 11**, **2016 to**:

Altair Nanotechnologies Securities Litigation c/o Strategic Claims Services Claims Administrator P.O. Box 230 600 North Jackson Street - Suite 3 Media, PA 19063

If you ask to be excluded, you will not get any payment, and you cannot object to the Settlement. You will not be legally bound by anything that happens in this lawsuit, and you may be able to sue the Defendants and the other Released Parties in the future.

#### 14. If I do not exclude myself, can I sue the Defendants and the other Released Parties for the same thing later?

No. Unless you exclude yourself, you give up any rights to sue the Defendants and the other Released Parties for any and all Settled Claims. If you have a pending lawsuit against the Released Parties, speak to your lawyer in that case immediately. You must exclude yourself from this Action to continue your own lawsuit. Remember, the exclusion deadline is May 11, 2016.

## 15. If I exclude myself, can I get money from the proposed Settlement?

No. If you exclude yourself, you may not send in a Proof of Claim to ask for any money. But you may sue or be part of a different lawsuit against the Defendants and the other Released Parties.

## THE LAWYERS REPRESENTING YOU

#### 16. **Do I have a lawyer in this case?**

The Court ordered that the law firm of Pomerantz LLP represent the Class Members, including you. These lawyers are called Lead Counsel. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense.

## 17. **How will the lawyers be paid?**

Lead Counsel will move the Court for an award of attorneys' fees in an amount not greater than 33 percent of the Settlement Fund and for expenses and costs in an amount not to exceed \$18,391.25 in connection with the litigation, plus interest on such fees, costs, and expenses at the same rate earned by the Settlement Fund. Such sums as may be approved by the Court will be paid from the Settlement Fund.

## **OBJECTING TO THE SETTLEMENT**

# 18. How do I tell the Court that I object to the proposed Settlement?

If you are a Class Member, you can object to the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, and/or Lead Counsel's fee, cost, and expense application. You can write to the Court setting out your objection. The Court will consider your views. To object, you must send a signed letter saying that you object to the proposed Settlement in the *Altair Nanotechnologies Securities Litigation*. Be sure to include your name, address, telephone number, and your signature; identify the date(s), price(s), and number(s) of shares of Altair common stock that you purchased or otherwise acquired during the Class Period; and state the reasons why you object to the proposed Settlement. Your objection must be filed with the Court and mailed or delivered to each of the following addresses such that it is **received no later than May 11, 2016:** 

COURT	LEAD COUNSEL	SETTLING DEFENDANTS' COUNSEL
Clerk of the Court United States District Court Southern District of New York Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse 500 Pearl St. New York, NY 10007-1312	Jeremy A. Lieberman POMERANTZ LLP 600 Third Avenue 20th Floor New York, NY 10016	William M. Regan KATTEN MUCHIN ROSENMAN LLP 575 Madison Avenue New York, NY 10022

## 19. What is the difference between objecting and excluding myself?

Objecting is simply telling the Court that you do not like something about the proposed Settlement. You can object only if you stay in the Class. Excluding yourself is telling the Court that you do not want to be part of the Class. If you exclude yourself, you have no basis to object because the case no longer affects you.

## THE COURT'S SETTLEMENT HEARING

The Court will hold a hearing to decide whether to approve the proposed Settlement. You may attend, and you may ask to speak, but you do not have to.

#### 20. When and where will the Court decide whether to approve the proposed Settlement?

The Court will hold a Settlement Hearing on June 15, 2016, at 4:00 p.m., at the Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse, Courtroom 15D, 500 Pearl St., New York, NY 10007-1312, for the following: to determine whether the proposed Settlement of the Litigation on the terms and conditions provided for in the Stipulation is fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Settlement Classes and should be approved by the Court; to determine whether an Order and Final Judgment as provided in the Stipulation should be entered; to determine whether the proposed Plan of Allocation should be approved; to determine any amount of fees, costs, and expenses that should be awarded to Plaintiffs' Counsel and Plaintiffs for their service to the Settlement Classes; to hear any objections by Settlement Class Members to the Stipulation or Plan of Allocation or any award of fees and expenses to Plaintiffs' Counsel or to Plaintiffs; and to consider such other matters as the Court may deem appropriate.

If there are objections, the Court will consider them. The Court will listen to people who have asked to speak at the hearing. The Court may also decide how much to pay to Lead Counsel. After the Settlement Hearing, the Court will decide whether to approve the Settlement.

We do not know how long these decisions will take. You should be aware that the Court may change the date and time of the Settlement Hearing without another notice being sent to Class Members. If you want to attend the hearing, you should check with Lead Counsel beforehand to be sure that the date and/or time has not changed.

## 21. **Do I have to come to the hearing?**

No. Lead Counsel will answer questions the Court may have. But you are welcome to come at your own expense. If you send an objection, you do not have to come to Court to talk about it. As long as you mailed your written objection on time, the Court will consider it. You may also pay your own lawyer to attend, but it is not necessary. Class Members do not need to appear at the hearing or take any other action to indicate their approval.

## 22. May I speak at the hearing?

If you object to the Settlement, you may ask the Court for permission to speak at the Settlement Hearing. To do so, you must include with your objection (see question 18 above) a statement saying that it is your "intention to appear in the *Altair Nanotechnologies Securities Litigation.*" Persons who intend to object to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or the application for an award of attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses and desire to present evidence at the Settlement Hearing must include in their written objections the identity of any witnesses they may call to testify and exhibits they intend to introduce into evidence at the Settlement Hearing. You cannot speak at the hearing if you exclude yourself.

## IF YOU DO NOTHING

## 23. What happens if I do nothing at all?

If you do nothing, you will get no money from this Settlement. But, unless you exclude yourself, you will not be able to start a lawsuit or be part of any other lawsuit against the Released Parties about the legal issues in this case ever again.

## GETTING MORE INFORMATION

#### 24. Are there more details about the proposed Settlement?

This Notice summarizes the proposed Settlement. More details are in a Stipulation of Settlement dated November 30, 2015 (the "Stipulation"). The Stipulation is the controlling document describing the proposed Settlement, and its terms govern

anything to the contrary in this Notice. You can get a copy of the Stipulation and obtain answers to common questions regarding the proposed Settlement by contacting the Claims Administrator toll-free at (866) 274-4004. A copy of the Stipulation is also available on the Claims Administrator's website at https://www.strategicclaims.net/altair.

## 25. How do I get more information?

For even more detailed information concerning the matters involved in this Action, reference is made to the Stipulation, to the pleadings in support of the Settlement, to the Orders entered by the Court, and to the other papers filed in the Action, which will be posted on the settlement website https://www.strategicclaims.net/altair, and which may be inspected at the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse, 500 Pearl St., New York, NY 10007-1312, during regular business hours. For a fee, all papers filed in this Action are available at www.pacer.gov.

# PLAN OF ALLOCATION OF NET SETTLEMENT FUND AMONG CLASS MEMBERS

The Settlement Amount of \$1.5 million and any interest earned thereon shall be the "Settlement Fund." The Settlement Fund, less all taxes, approved costs, fees, and expenses (the "Net Settlement Fund") will be distributed to Class Members who submit timely and valid Proof of Claim forms to the Claims Administrator ("Authorized Claimants").

The objective of the Plan of Allocation is to equitably distribute the Net Settlement Fund among Authorized Claimants based on their respective alleged economic losses as a result of the alleged fraud, as opposed to losses caused by market- or industrywide factors, or company-specific factors unrelated to the alleged fraud. The calculations made pursuant to the Plan of Allocation are generally based upon the measure of damages set forth in Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Claims Administrator shall determine each Authorized Claimant's *pro rata* share of the Net Settlement Fund based upon each Authorized Claimant's "Recognized Loss" calculated using the Court-approved Plan of Allocation. The Recognized Loss will be calculated for each share of Altair common stock purchased or otherwise acquired during the Class Period (*i.e.*, from May 15, 2013 through September 25, 2014, inclusive). The calculation of Recognized Loss will depend upon several factors, including when the shares of Altair common stock were purchased or otherwise acquired during the Class Period, and in what amounts, and whether those shares were sold, and if sold, when they were sold, and for what amounts. The Recognized Loss formula (below) is not intended to estimate the amount a Class Member might have been able to recover after a trial nor to estimate the amount that will be paid to Authorized Claimants pursuant to the Settlement. The Recognized Loss formula is the basis upon which the Net Settlement Fund will be proportionately allocated to the Authorized Claimants. The Court may approve the Plan of Allocation, or modify it, without additional notice to the Class. Any order modifying the Plan will be posted on the settlement website at https://www.strategicclaims.net/altair.

The following proposed Plan of Allocation reflects the assumption that the prices of Altair common stock were artificially inflated during the Class Period from May 15, 2013, the first date of the Class Period, until September 25, 2014, inclusive, the last date of the Class Period. The Plan of Allocation was created with the assistance of a consulting damages expert who analyzed the movement of Altair's common stock after the alleged disclosures.

The estimated alleged artificial inflation in the price of Altair common stock during the Class Period is reflected in Table 1 below. The computation of the estimated alleged artificial inflation in the price of Altair common stock during the Class Period is based on certain misrepresentations alleged by Lead Plaintiff and the price change of Altair common stock, net of marketand industry-wide factors, in reaction to the public announcements that allegedly corrected the misrepresentations alleged by Lead Plaintiff.

Federal securities laws allow investors to recover for losses caused by disclosures which correct Defendants' previous misleading statements or omissions. Thus, in order to have been damaged by the alleged violations of the federal securities laws, shares of Altair common stock purchased or otherwise acquired during the Class Period must have been held during a period of time in which its price declined due to the disclosure of information which corrected an allegedly misleading statement or omission. Lead Plaintiff and Lead Plaintiff's Counsel have determined that such price declines occurred on September 24, 2014 and September 25, 2014. Accordingly, if Altair common stock was sold before September 24, 2014 (the earliest corrective disclosure date), the Recognized Loss for those shares is \$0.00, and any loss suffered is not compensable under the federal securities laws.

Table 1 Artificial Inflation in Altair Common Stock*				
From	То	Per-Share Price Inflation		
May 15, 2013	September 23, 2014	\$3.56		
September 24, 2014	September 24, 2014	\$0.20		
September 25, 2014	Thereafter	\$0.00		

\* If the price inflation reflected in Table 1 exceeds the purchase price paid for shares of Altair common stock, then the price inflation shall be equal to the purchase price paid for such shares of Altair common stock, excluding all fees, taxes and commissions.

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. The limitations on the calculation of the Recognized Loss imposed by the PSLRA are applied such that losses on shares of Altair common stock purchased/acquired during the Class Period and held as of the close of the 90-day period subsequent to the Class Period (the "90-day look back period") cannot exceed the difference between the purchase price paid for the Altair common stock and the average price of Altair common stock during the 90-day look back period. The Recognized Loss on Altair common stock purchased/acquired during the Class Period and sold *during* the 90-day look back period cannot exceed the difference between the purchase price paid for the Altair common stock purchased/acquired during the Class Period and sold *during* the 90-day look back period cannot exceed the difference between the purchase price paid for the Altair common stock during the portion of the 90-day look back period and sold *during* the 90-day look back period cannot exceed the difference between the purchase price paid for the Altair common stock during the portion of the 90-day look back period elapsed as of the date of sale.

# Calculation of Recognized Loss for Altair Common Stock Purchases

The following is the formula for determining Recognized Loss per share of Altair common stock:<sup>1</sup>

- i. For each share of Altair common stock purchased or acquired during the Class Period and subsequently sold prior to September 24, 2014, the Recognized Loss is \$0.
- ii. For each share of Altair common stock purchased or acquired during the Class Period and subsequently sold on September 24, 2014, the Recognized Loss shall be calculated as the amount of per-share price inflation on the date of purchase or acquisition as appears in Table 1 above, *minus* the amount of per-share price inflation on the date of sale or disposition as appears in Table 1 above. If this calculation results in a negative number, then the Recognized Loss shall be \$0.
- iii. For each share of Altair common stock purchased or acquired during the Class Period and subsequently sold between September 25, 2014 and December 23, 2014, inclusive, the Recognized Loss shall be calculated as <u>the lesser of</u>:
  - a. the amount of per-share price inflation on the date of purchase/acquisition as appears in Table 1 above; and
  - b. the purchase/acquisition price (excluding all fees, taxes and commissions) *minus* the "90-day look back value" on the date of sale/disposition provided in Table 2 below. If this calculation results in a negative number, then the Recognized Loss shall be \$0.
- iv. For each share of Altair common stock purchased or acquired during the Class Period and still held as of the close of trading on December 23, 2014, the Recognized Loss shall be calculated as the lesser of:
  - a. the amount of per-share price inflation on the date of purchase/acquisition as appears in Table 1 above; and
  - b. the purchase/acquisition price (excluding all fees, taxes and commissions) minus the average closing price for Altair common stock during the 90-day period following the Class Period, which is \$1.20. If this calculation results in a negative number, then the Recognized Loss shall be \$0.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Any transactions in Altair common stock executed outside of regular trading hours for the U.S. financial markets shall be deemed to have occurred during the previous regular trading session.

Table 2   PSLRA Loss Limitation for 90-day Lookback Period				
Sale / Disposition Date	Rolling Average Price during 90-day Lookback Period as of the Date of Sale/Disposition	Sale / Disposition Date	Rolling Average Price during 90-day Lookback Period as of the Date of Sale/Disposition	
9/25/2014	\$0.75	11/11/2014	\$1.16	
9/26/2014	\$0.68	11/12/2014	\$1.16	
9/29/2014	\$0.66	11/13/2014	\$1.16	
9/30/2014	\$0.65	11/14/2014	\$1.16	
10/1/2014	\$0.68	11/17/2014	\$1.17	
10/2/2014	\$0.73	11/18/2014	\$1.17	
10/3/2014	\$0.78	11/19/2014	\$1.17	
10/6/2014	\$0.81	11/20/2014	\$1.17	
10/7/2014	\$0.81	11/21/2014	\$1.17	
10/8/2014	\$0.81	11/24/2014	\$1.16	
10/9/2014	\$0.81	11/25/2014	\$1.16	
10/10/2014	\$0.84	11/26/2014	\$1.15	
10/13/2014	\$0.86	11/28/2014	\$1.15	
10/14/2014	\$0.88	12/1/2014	\$1.15	
10/15/2014	\$0.91	12/2/2014	\$1.15	
10/16/2014	\$0.94	12/3/2014	\$1.15	
10/17/2014	\$0.96	12/4/2014	\$1.16	
10/20/2014	\$0.97	12/5/2014	\$1.16	
10/21/2014	\$0.99	12/8/2014	\$1.16	
10/22/2014	\$1.01	12/9/2014	\$1.17	
10/23/2014	\$1.03	12/10/2014	\$1.17	
10/24/2014	\$1.04	12/11/2014	\$1.18	
10/27/2014	\$1.05	12/12/2014	\$1.18	
10/28/2014	\$1.06	12/15/2014	\$1.18	
10/29/2014	\$1.07	12/16/2014	\$1.19	
10/30/2014	\$1.07	12/17/2014	\$1.19	
10/31/2014	\$1.08	12/18/2014	\$1.19	
11/3/2014	\$1.09	12/19/2014	\$1.20	
11/4/2014	\$1.11	12/22/2014	\$1.20	
11/5/2014	\$1.12	12/23/2014	\$1.20	
11/6/2014	\$1.13			
11/7/2014	\$1.14			
11/10/2014	\$1.16			

In the event a Class Member has more than one purchase or acquisition of Altair common stock during the Class Period, all purchases and sales within the Class Period shall be matched on a First-In, First-Out ("FIFO") basis. Class Period sales will be matched first against any holdings at the beginning of the Class Period, and then against purchases in chronological order, beginning with the earliest purchase made during the Class Period.

A purchase or acquisition of Altair common stock will be deemed to have occurred on the "contract" or "trade" date as opposed to the "settlement" or "payment" date. All purchase and sale prices shall exclude any fees and commissions. The receipt or grant by gift, devise, or operation of law of Altair common stock during the Class Period will not be deemed a purchase or sale of Altair common stock for the calculation of a claimant's Recognized Loss, nor will it be deemed an assignment of any claim relating to the purchase of such shares unless specifically provided in the instrument of gift or assignment. The receipt of Altair common stock during the Class Period or entity shall not be deemed a purchase or sale of Altair common stock during the Class Period in exchange for securities of any other corporation or entity shall not be deemed a purchase or sale of Altair common stock.

To the extent that a claimant had a gain from his, her, or its overall transactions in Altair common stock during the Class Period, the value of the claim will be zero. The date of covering a "short sale" is deemed to be the date of purchase of shares. The date of a "short sale" is deemed to be the date of sale of shares. In accordance with the Plan of Allocation, however, the Recognized Loss on "short sales" is zero. In the event that a claimant has an opening short position in Altair common stock, the earliest Class Period purchases shall be matched against such opening short position and not be entitled to a recovery until that short position is fully covered.

Payment according to the Plan of Allocation will be deemed conclusive against all Authorized Claimants. A Recognized Loss will be calculated as defined herein and cannot be less than zero. The Claims Administrator shall allocate to each Authorized Claimant a *pro rata* share of the Net Settlement Fund based on his, her, or its Recognized Loss as compared to the total Recognized Losses of all Authorized Claimants. No distribution will be made to Authorized Claimants who would otherwise receive a distribution of less than \$10.00.

Class Members who do not submit acceptable Proofs of Claim will not share in the Settlement proceeds. The Settlement and the Final Judgment and Order of Dismissal with Prejudice dismissing this Action will nevertheless bind Class Members who do not submit a request for exclusion and/or submit an acceptable Proof of Claim.

Please contact the Claims Administrator or Lead Counsel if you disagree with any determinations made by the Claims Administrator regarding your Proof of Claim. If you are unsatisfied with the determinations, you may ask the Court, which retains jurisdiction over all Class Members and the claims-administration process, to decide the issue by submitting a written request.

Defendants, their respective counsel, and all other Released Parties will have no responsibility or liability whatsoever for the investment of the Settlement Fund, the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund, the Plan of Allocation, or the payment of any claim. Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel, likewise, will have no liability for their reasonable efforts to execute, administer, and distribute the Settlement.

Distributions will be made to Authorized Claimants after all claims have been processed and after the Court has finally approved the Settlement. If any funds remain in the Net Settlement Fund by reason of uncashed distribution checks or otherwise, then, after the Claims Administrator has made reasonable and diligent efforts to have Class Members who are entitled to participate in the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund cash their distributions, any balance remaining in the Net Settlement Fund after at least six (6) months after the initial distribution of such funds will be used in the following fashion: (a) first, to pay any amounts mistakenly omitted from the initial disbursement; (b) second, to pay any additional settlement administration fees, costs, and expenses, including those of Lead Counsel as may be approved by the Court; and (c) finally, to make a second distribution to claimants who cashed their checks from the initial distribution and who would receive at least \$10.00, after payment of the estimated costs, expenses, or fees to be incurred in administering the Net Settlement Fund and in making this second distribution, if such second distribution is economically feasible. These redistributions shall be repeated, if economically feasible, until the balance remaining in the Net Settlement Fund is *de minimis*, and such remaining balance will then be distributed to a non-sectarian, not-for-profit organization identified by Lead Counsel.

## SPECIAL NOTICE TO SECURITIES BROKERS AND OTHER NOMINEES

If you purchased Altair common stock during the Class Period (CUSIP: 021373303) for the beneficial interest of an individual or organization other than yourself, the Court has directed that, WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE, you either (a) provide to the Claims Administrator the name and last known address of each person or organization for whom or which you purchased such securities during such time period or (b) request additional copies of this Notice and the Proof of Claim form, which will be provided to you free of charge, and within ten (10) days mail the Notice and Proof of Claim form directly to the beneficial owners of the securities referred to herein. If you choose to follow alternative procedure (b), upon such mailing, you must send a statement to the Claims Administrator confirming that the mailing was made as directed and retain the names and addresses for any future mailings to Class Members. You are entitled to reimbursement from the Settlement Fund of your reasonable expenses actually incurred in connection with the foregoing, including reimbursement of postage expense and the cost of ascertaining the names and addresses of beneficial owners. Your reasonable expenses will be

paid upon request and submission of appropriate supporting documentation. All communications concerning the foregoing should be addressed to the Claims Administrator:

Altair Nanotechnologies Securities Litigation c/o Strategic Claims Services Claims Administrator P.O. Box 230 600 N. Jackson Street, Suite 3 Media, PA 19063 (866) 274-4004 info@strategicclaims.net

Dated: February 19, 2016

BY ORDER OF THE COURT UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re Altair Nanotechnologies Securities Litigation

Case No.: 1:14-cv-07828-AT

# CLASS ACTION

# PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE

## A. <u>GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS</u>

1. You are urged to read carefully the accompanying Notice of Proposed Settlement of Class Action, Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Expenses, and Settlement Fairness Hearing (the "Notice").

2. To recover under the Settlement of this Action, you must have purchased or otherwise acquired the common stock of Altair Nanotechnologies Inc. ("Altair") traded on the NASDAQ Capital Market or otherwise in the United States between May 15, 2013 and September 25, 2014, both dates inclusive (the "Class Period"). You must not be a person who is excluded from the Class, as defined in the Notice. You also must not have requested exclusion from the Class.

3. If you are a Class member and not one of the excluded persons, and wish to participate in the proposed Settlement, you must complete and sign this Proof of Claim and Release ("Proof of Claim"). If you fail to file a properly addressed and fully completed Proof of Claim, fail to provide required documentation, or are not eligible to recover under the Settlement, your claim may be rejected and you may be precluded from any recovery from the proposed Settlement.

4. You must mail your completed and signed Proof Of Claim, postmarked on or before June 20, 2016, to the Claims Administrator at:

Altair Nanotechnologies Securities Litigation c/o Strategic Claims Services P.O. Box 230 600 N. Jackson Street, Suite 3 Media, PA 19063 info@strategicclaims.net

5. If you are a member of the Settlement Class and did not timely request exclusion, you will be bound by any judgment entered in the Action whether or not you submit a proof of claim.

## B. CLAIMANT IDENTIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. If you purchased Altair common stock and registered the certificate in your name, you are the beneficial owner as well as the record purchaser. If, however, you purchased Altair common stock and the certificate was registered in the name of a third party, such as your stock broker or some other nominee or trustee, you are the beneficial owner even though the third party is the record purchaser listed on Altair's records. Proceeds of this Settlement will be distributed to Class members who are beneficial owners of Altair common stock.

2. Use Section D of this form, entitled "Claimant Identification Schedule," to identify yourself and each owner of record, such as your stock broker, if different from the beneficial owner, of Altair common stock that forms the basis of this claim. THIS CLAIM MUST BE FILED BY THE ACTUAL BENEFICIAL OWNER(S), OR THE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF SUCH OWNER(S), OF THE COMMON STOCK UPON WHICH THIS CLAIM IS BASED.

3. All joint owners must sign this claim. Executors, administrators, guardians, conservators, and trustees must complete and sign this claim on behalf of persons represented by them and must identify each beneficial owner or owners for whom they are acting; proof of their authority must accompany this claim, and their titles or capacities must be stated.

4. The Social Security (or Taxpayer Identification) number and telephone number of the beneficial owner must be provided.

5. If you fail to provide the foregoing information, your claim may be delayed or rejected.

# C. INSTRUCTIONS FOR SCHEDULE OF TRANSACTIONS

1. Use Section E of this form, entitled "Schedule of Transactions," to supply all required details of your transactions (purchases and sales) in Altair common stock between May 15, 2013 and December 23, 2014, both dates inclusive.

2. On the schedules, provide all of the requested information with respect to all of your purchases and sales of Altair common stock that took place at any time during the Class Period, whether such transactions resulted in a profit or a loss. If you need more space, attach separate, numbered sheets giving all of the required information in substantially the same form. Print your name and Social Security or Taxpayer Identification number at the top of each additional sheet.

3. The failure to report all such transactions may result in the rejection of your claim.

4. List each transaction during the Class Period, separately and in the order in which they took place, by trade date, beginning with the earliest. You must accurately provide the month, day, and year of each transaction you list, as well as the purchase and/or sales price, excluding commissions, taxes, and other fees. If you do not have this information, your broker may be able to help you find it.

5. Altair common stock acquired or disposed of for any consideration other than, or in addition to, cash must be reported as having been acquired or disposed of.

6. COPIES OF BROKER'S CONFIRMATIONS, BROKER'S ACCOUNT STATEMENTS, OR OTHER ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTATION OF YOUR TRANSACTIONS IN ALTAIR COMMON STOCK MUST BE ATTACHED TO YOUR CLAIM. DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING SHARES OF STOCK. If you no longer have copies of your broker's confirmations or statements, your broker may be able to get you copies. A complete list of acceptable supporting documentation can be found on the website: www.strategicclaims.net.

7. Any claims submitted that contain more than 50 transactions during the Class Period are requested to be filed electronically and to provide all the purchase and sale information required in the Schedule of Transactions. For a copy of instructions and parameters concerning such a submission, contact the Claims Administrator: (1) at the website address above, and click on Altair Nanotechnologies Securities Litigation; (2) by phone at (866) 274-4004; or (3) by fax at (610) 565-7985.

# D. CLAIMANT IDENTIFICATION SCHEDULE

Claims must be received by the Claims Administrator postmarked no later than June 20, 2016.

<u>Please Type or Print</u>					
Beneficial Owner's Name (as it appears on your brokerage statement)					
Joint Beneficial Owner's Name (as it appears on	Joint Beneficial Owner's Name (as it appears on your brokerage statement)				
Record Owner's Name and Address (if different f	rom be	nef	ficial owner listed abo	ve)	
Street Address					
Street Address 2					
City		State		Zip Code	
Foreign Provence		Foreign Country			
Social Security Number	or		Taxpayer Identificati	on Number	
Telephone Number (Day)		Telephone Number (Evening)			
Facsimile Number		E	-Mail Address		

# Specify one of the following.

Claimant holder of Altair Common Stock is:

A. Individual Claimant: I am a claimant acting in my own interest, and am the sole owner of the shares.				
B. Joint Claimants: We are claimants acting jointly.				
C. Corporate Claimant: I am the of, a corporation whose address is I am authorized to make this claim on behalf of the corporation. The corporation is the owner of the shares.				
D. IRA Claimant: I am a claimant acting on behalf of my IRA. The shares are held in my IRA.				
E. Partnership Claimant: I am a partner of, a partnership whose business address is I am authorized to make this claim on behalf of the partnership. The partnership is the owner of the shares.				
F. Decedent's Estate Claimant: I am the executor or the administrator (circle which) of the estate of, whose last address was				
(Valid proof of authority must accompany this claim.)   G. Trust Claimant: I am a trustee of, a trust authorized under the laws of, a trust authorized to make this claim on behalf of the trust. The trust is the owner of the shares.				
H. Custodial or Guardian Claimant: I am the custodian or the guardian (circle which) for whose address is				
 (Valid proof of authority must accompany this claim.)				
I. Other: (Specify)				

## E. SCHEDULE OF TRANSACTIONS IN ALTAIR COMMON STOCK

1. State the total number of shares of Altair common stock owned at the close of trading on Tuesday, May 14, 2013, long or short *(if none, enter "0"; if other than zero, must be documented):* 

2. Separately list each and every **purchase** of Altair common stock between Wednesday, May 15, 2013 **through** Tuesday, December 23, 2014 and provide the following information (*must be documented*):

Trade (list chrone Month/D	ologically)	Number of Shares Purchased	Price Per Share (excluding commissions, taxes, and other fees)	Total Purchase Price (excluding commissions, taxes, and other fees)
//			\$	\$
//_			\$	\$
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*3.* Separately list each and every **sale** of Altair common stock between Wednesday, May 15, 2013 **through** Tuesday, December 23, 2014 and provide the following information (*must be documented*):

Trade Date (list chronologically) Month/Day/Year	Number of Shares Sold	Price Per Share (excluding commissions, taxes, and other fees)	Total Sale Price (excluding commissions, taxes, and other fees)
//		\$	\$
//		\$	\$
//		\$	\$
//		\$	\$

4. State the total number of shares of Altair common stock owned at the close of trading on Tuesday, December 23, 2014, long or short (*if none, enter "0"; if other than zero, must be documented*):

If you need additional space, attach the required information on separate, numbered sheets in the same format as above and print your name and Social Security or Taxpayer Identification number at the top of each additional sheet.

## YOU MUST ALSO READ AND SIGN THE RELEASE

## F. SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION OF THE COURT

By submitting this Proof of Claim Form and Release, I/we, and every Class member I/we represent, submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York for purposes of this Action and the Settlement of the Action, as reflected in the Stipulation of Settlement (the "Settlement"). I/we agree to furnish additional information to Co-Lead Counsel to support this claim if requested to do so. I/we authorize Altair or any brokerage house with whom I/we transacted business to release to Co-Lead Counsel or their designee, upon their request and without notice to me/us, any and all information relating to any purchase or sale of Altair common stock by me/us during the Class Period. I/We further agree to be bound by the orders of the Court; agree that this Proof of Claim Form, my/our status or the status of the Class member I/we represent as a Claimant, and the allowable amount of this claim will be subject to review and further inquiry; and that I/we will furnish such additional documentation with respect to this Proof of Claim as may be required.

## G. <u>RELEASE</u>

1. By signing this Proof of Claim Form and Release, and in consideration of the establishment of the Settlement Consideration, as of the effective date thereof, the undersigned claimant ("Claimant"), on behalf of Claimant and Claimant's predecessors, successors, parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, custodians, agents, assigns, representatives, heirs, executors, trustees, and administrators, hereby fully, finally, and forever releases, relinquishes and discharges each and every Settled Claim (as defined below) against the Released Parties (as defined below). Claimant shall be forever barred and enjoined from instituting, prosecuting, participating, continuing, maintaining or asserting any or all of the Settled Claims, whether known or unknown, against the Released Parties, whether directly or indirectly, whether in the United States or elsewhere, and whether on Claimant's own behalf or on the behalf of others.

2. "Settled Claims" means and includes any and all claims, debts, demands, controversies, obligations, losses, rights or causes of action or liabilities of any kind or nature whatsoever (including, but not limited to, any claims for damages (whether compensatory, special, incidental, consequential, punitive, exemplary or otherwise), injunctive relief, declaratory relief, rescission or rescissionary damages, interest, attorneys' fees, expert or consulting fees, costs, expenses, or any other form of legal or equitable relief whatsoever), whether based on federal, state, local, statutory or common law or any other law, rule or regulation, whether fixed or contingent, accrued or unaccrued, liquidated or unliquidated, at law or in equity, matured or unmatured, whether class or individual in nature, including both known claims and Unknown Claims and related to or based upon the purchase or other acquisition of Altair common stock from May 15, 2013 and September 25, 2014, and any claims, debts, demands, controversies, obligations, losses, rights or causes of action that Plaintiffs, Class Members or any of them may have against the Released Parties or any of them which involve or relate in any way to the defense of the Action or the Settlement of the Action or Plaintiffs or Class Members' investment in Altair. However, claims to enforce the Settlement are not released.

3. "Unknown Claims" means and includes any and all claims that Plaintiffs or any Class Member does not know or suspect to exist in his, her or its favor at the time of the release of the Released Parties which, if known by him, her or it, might have affected his, her or its settlement with and release of the Released Parties, or might have affected his, her or its decision to object to this Settlement. Plaintiffs, Class Members, and each of them may hereafter discover facts in addition to or different from those which he, she or it now knows or believes to be true with respect to the subject matter of the Settled Claims. Nevertheless, with respect to any and all Settled Claims, the Settling Parties stipulate and agree that, upon the Effective Date, the Settling Parties shall expressly waive and each of the Class Members shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, waived all provisions, rights and benefits of California Civil Code § 1542 and all provisions, rights and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States, or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable or equivalent to California Civil Code § 1542. California Civil Code § 1542 provides:

A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor 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.

The Settling Parties expressly acknowledge, and the Class Members shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have acknowledged, that the waiver and release of Unknown Claims constituting Settled Claims was separately bargained for and a material element of the Settlement.

4. "Released Parties" means Defendants Altair Nanotechnologies, Inc., James Zhan, Alexander Lee, Karen Werner, Paula Conroy, Stephen Huang, Richard W. Lee, Guohua Sun and Yincang Wei, and each of any Defendant's past or present directors, officers, employees, partners, principals, members, insurers, co-insurers, re-insurers, controlling shareholders, attorneys, advisors, accountants, auditors, personal or legal representatives, predecessors, successors, parents, subsidiaries, divisions, joint ventures, assigns, spouses, estates, executors, administrators, heirs, related or affiliated entities, any entity in which any Defendant has a controlling interest, any member of any Defendant's immediate family, or any trust of which any Defendant is the settlor or which is for the benefit of any member of an Defendant's immediate family. All Released Parties (other than the Settling Defendants) are intended third-party beneficiaries of this Stipulation of Settlement.

5. I/we hereby warrant and represent that I/we have not assigned or transferred or purported to assign or transfer, voluntarily or involuntarily, any matter released pursuant to this Release or any other part or portion thereof.

6. This Release shall be of no force or effect unless the United States District Court approves the Stipulation and unless the Stipulation becomes effective as to the Defendants on the Effective Date (as defined in the Stipulation).

# H. CERTIFICATION

1. I/we certify that I/we believe in good faith that I am/we are a Settlement Class Member, as defined in the Notice, or am/are acting for such person; that I/we have read and understood the contents of the Notice; that I/we have not submitted a Request for Exclusion seeking to be excluded from the Class; that I/we believe that I am/we are entitled to receive a portion of the Net Settlement Fund; and that the foregoing information is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my/our knowledge, information, and belief.

2. Federal law provides that the filing of a false claim is punishable by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than five years, or both.

3. I/we certify that I am/we are NOT subject to backup withholding under the provisions of Section 3406(a)(1)(c) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(<u>NOTE</u>: If you have been notified by the Internal Revenue Service that you are subject to backup withholding, please strike out the word "NOT" in the certification above.)

4. I/we declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing information supplied by the undersigned and the supporting documentation attached hereto are true and correct, that I/we wish to enter into the Release, and that this Proof of Claim form was executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ (month), \_\_\_\_\_ (year)

in \_

(City, State, Country)

Signature of Claimant

Signature of Joint Claimant, if any

(Print your name here)

(Print your name here)

Signature of person signing on behalf of claimant

(Print your name here)

(Capacity of persons signing on behalf of claimant, e.g., Executor, Custodian, etc.)

IMPORTANT: IF THIS CLAIM IS ON BEHALF OF JOINT OWNERS, ALL JOINT OWNERS MUST SIGN.

# ACCURATE CLAIMS PROCESSING TAKES A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TIME. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.

## **Reminder Checklist:**

- 1. Remember to sign the above Release and Certification (or W-8 Certification).
- 2. Remember to attach only **copies** of acceptable supporting documentation, a complete list of which can be found on the Claims Administrator's website.
- 3. Do not send originals of securities certificates.
- 4. Keep copies of the completed claim form and documentation for your own records.
- 5. If you desire an acknowledgment of receipt of your claim form, please send it Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, or its equivalent. You will bear all risks of delay or non-delivery of your claim.
- 6. If your address changes in the future, or if these documents were sent to an old or incorrect address, please send us **written** notification of your new address.
- 7. If you have questions or concerns regarding your claim, please contact the Claims Administrator at:

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