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DONALD P. BOLAND and MARY A. BOLAND,	:	Civil Action No. 1:16-cv-03925-LLS
Individually and on Behalf of All Others Similarly	:	
Situated,	:	<u>CLASS ACTION</u>
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Plaintiffs,	:	
	:	
vs.	:	
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GERDAU S.A., et al.,	:	
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Defendants.	:	
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PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE

I. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. To recover as a Member of the Class based on your claims in the action entitled *Boland v. Gerdau S.A., et al.*, No. 1:16-cv-03925-LLS (the "Litigation"), you must complete and, on page 6 hereof, sign this Proof of Claim and Release form ("Proof of Claim"). If you fail to submit a timely and properly addressed (as set forth in paragraph 3 below) Proof of Claim, your claim may be rejected and you may not receive any recovery from the Net Settlement Fund created in connection with the proposed Settlement.

2. Submission of this Proof of Claim, however, does not assure that you will share in the proceeds of the Settlement of the Litigation.

3. YOU MUST MAIL OR SUBMIT ONLINE YOUR COMPLETED AND SIGNED PROOF OF CLAIM, ACCOMPANIED BY COPIES OF THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED HEREIN, NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 28, 2017, ADDRESSED AS FOLLOWS:

Boland v. Gerdau S.A. Securities Litigation
 Claims Administrator
 c/o Gilardi & Co. LLC
 P.O. Box 404014
 Louisville, KY 40233-4014
 Online Submissions: www.bolandvgerdausa.com

4. If you are NOT a Member of the Class, as defined in the Notice of Proposed Settlement of Class Action ("Notice"), DO NOT submit a Proof of Claim.

5. If you are a Member of the Class and you do not timely request exclusion, you will be bound by the terms of any judgment entered in the Litigation, including the releases provided therein, WHETHER OR NOT YOU SUBMIT A PROOF OF CLAIM.

II. CLAIMANT IDENTIFICATION

If you purchased or acquired Gerdau S.A. ("Gerdau") American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs") and held the certificate(s) in your name, you are the beneficial purchaser or acquirer as well as the record purchaser or acquirer. If, however, you purchased or acquired Gerdau ADRs and the certificate(s) were registered in the name of a third party, such as a nominee or brokerage firm, you are the beneficial purchaser or acquirer and the third party is the record purchaser or acquirer.

Use Part I of this form entitled "Claimant Identification" to identify each purchaser or acquirer of record ("nominee"), if different from the beneficial purchaser or acquirer of the Gerdau ADRs that forms the basis of this claim. THIS CLAIM MUST BE FILED BY THE ACTUAL BENEFICIAL PURCHASER(S) OR ACQUIRER(S) OR THE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF SUCH PURCHASER(S) OR ACQUIRER(S) OF THE GERDAU ADRs UPON WHICH THIS CLAIM IS BASED.

Separate Proofs of Claim should be submitted for each separate legal entity (for example, a claim by joint owners should not include the transactions of just one of the joint owners, and an individual should not submit one claim that combines his or her IRA transactions with transactions made solely in the individual's name). Conversely, a combined Proof of Claim should be submitted on behalf of each legal entity (including an individual) that includes all transactions made by that entity, no matter how many separate accounts that entity has (for example, a corporation/individual with multiple brokerage accounts should include all transactions made in Gerdau ADRs during the Class Period on one Proof of Claim, no matter in how many accounts the transactions were made).

All joint purchasers or acquirers must sign this Proof of Claim. Executors, administrators, guardians, conservators and trustees or others acting in a representative capacity on behalf of a Class Member must complete and sign this Proof of Claim on behalf of persons represented by them, and submit evidence of their current authority to act on behalf of that Class Member, including that your titles or capacities must be stated. The Social Security (or taxpayer identification) number and telephone number of the beneficial owner may be used in verifying the claim. Failure to provide the foregoing information could delay verification of your claim or result in rejection of the claim.

III. CLAIM FORM

Use Part II of this form entitled "Schedule of Transactions in Gerdau ADRs" to supply all required details of your transaction(s) in Gerdau ADRs. If you need more space or additional schedules, attach separate sheets giving all of the required information in substantially the same form. Sign and print or type your name on each additional sheet.

On the schedules, provide all of the requested information with respect to **all** of your purchases or acquisitions and **all** of your sales of Gerdau ADRs which took place during the period April 23, 2012, through and including August 12, 2016, whether such transactions resulted in a profit or a loss. You must also provide all of the requested information with respect to **all** of the Gerdau ADRs you held at the close of trading on April 22, 2012, May 16, 2016, and August 12, 2016. Failure to report all such transactions may result in the rejection of your claim.

List each transaction separately and in chronological order, by trade date, beginning with the earliest. You must accurately provide the month, day and year of each transaction you list.

The date of covering a "short sale" is deemed to be the date of purchase of Gerdau ADRs. The date of a "short sale" is deemed to be the date of sale of Gerdau ADRs.

For each transaction, copies of broker confirmations or other documentation of your transactions in Gerdau ADRs should be attached to your Proof of Claim. Failure to provide this documentation could delay verification of your claim or result in rejection of your claim.

A purchase or sale of Gerdau ADRs shall be deemed to have occurred on the "contract" or "trade" date as opposed to the "settlement" or "payment" date; please provide any "contract" or "trade" dates in your claim.

NOTICE REGARDING ELECTRONIC FILES: Certain claimants with large numbers of transactions may request, or may be requested, to submit information regarding their transactions in electronic files. This is different from the online submission process that is available at www.bolandvgerdausa.com. If you have a large number of transactions and wish to file your claim electronically, you must contact the Claims Administrator at edata@gilardi.com to obtain the required file layout.

Must Be Postmarked (if Mailed)
or Received (if Submitted Online)
No Later Than November 28, 2017

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Boland v. Gerdau S.A., et al.

Case No. 1:16-cv-03925-LLS

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Please Type or Print in the Boxes Below
Do NOT use Red Ink, Pencil, or Staples

Official
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Only

PART I: CLAIMANT IDENTIFICATION

Last Name	M.I.	First Name
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Last Name (Co-Beneficial Owner)	M.I.	First Name (Co-Beneficial Owner)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

IRA
 Joint Tenancy
 Employee
 Individual
 Other _____ (specify)

Company Name (Beneficial Owner - If Claimant is not an Individual) or Custodian Name if an IRA

Trustee/Asset Manager/Nominee/Record Owner's Name (If Different from Beneficial Owner Listed Above)

Account#/Fund# (Not Necessary for Individual Filers)

Last Four Digits of Social Security Number	or	Taxpayer Identification Number
<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>

Telephone Number (Primary Daytime)	Telephone Number (Alternate)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Email Address

MAILING INFORMATION

Address

Address

City	State	Zip Code
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Foreign Province	Foreign Postal Code	Foreign Country Name/Abbreviation
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PART II. SCHEDULE OF TRANSACTIONS IN GERDAU ADRs

A. Number of Gerdau ADRs held at the close of trading on April 22, 2012: Proof Enclosed? Y N

B. Purchases or acquisitions of Gerdau ADRs (April 23, 2012 – August 12, 2016, inclusive):

PURCHASES				Total Purchase or Acquisition Price (Excluding Commissions, Taxes and Fees). Please round off to the nearest whole dollar	Proof of Purchase Enclosed?													
Trade Date(s) of ADRs (List Chronologically)				Number of ADRs Purchased or Acquired	Total Purchase or Acquisition Price (Excluding Commissions, Taxes and Fees). Please round off to the nearest whole dollar	Proof of Purchase Enclosed?												
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IMPORTANT: (i) If any purchase listed covered a "short sale," please mark Yes: Yes

(ii) If you received shares through an acquisition or merger, please identify the date, the share amount and the company acquired:

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C. Sales of Gerdau ADRs (April 23, 2012 – August 12, 2016, inclusive):

SALES				Total Sales Price (Excluding Commissions, Taxes and Fees). Please round off to the nearest whole dollar	Proof of Sales Enclosed?													
Trade Date(s) of ADRs (List Chronologically)				Number of ADRs Sold	Total Sales Price (Excluding Commissions, Taxes and Fees). Please round off to the nearest whole dollar	Proof of Sales Enclosed?												
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D. Number of Gerdau ADRs held at the close of trading on May 16, 2016: Proof Enclosed? Y N

E. Number of Gerdau ADRs held at the close of trading on August 12, 2016: Proof Enclosed? Y N

IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL SPACE TO LIST YOUR TRANSACTIONS PLEASE PHOTOCOPY THIS PAGE, WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE COPY AND FILL THIS CIRCLE:

IF YOU DO NOT FILL IN THIS CIRCLE THESE ADDITIONAL PAGES MAY NOT BE REVIEWED.

YOU MUST READ AND SIGN THE RELEASE ON PAGE 6. FAILURE TO SIGN THE RELEASE MAY RESULT IN A DELAY IN PROCESSING OR THE REJECTION OF YOUR CLAIM.



IV. SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION OF COURT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

On behalf of myself (ourselves) and each of my (our) heirs, agents, executors, trustees, administrators, predecessors, successors and assigns, I (we) submit this Proof of Claim under the terms of the Stipulation of Settlement described in the Notice. I (We) also submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York with respect to my (our) claim as a Class Member and for purposes of enforcing the release set forth herein. I (We) further acknowledge that I am (we are) bound by and subject to the terms of any judgment that may be entered in the Litigation. I (We) agree to furnish additional information to the Claims Administrator to support this claim (including transactions in other Gerdau securities) if requested to do so. I (We) have not submitted any other claim covering the same purchases, acquisitions or sales of Gerdau ADRs during the Class Period and know of no other person having done so on my (our) behalf.

V. RELEASE

1. Upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, I (we) acknowledge full and complete satisfaction of, and fully, finally and forever settle, release and discharge from the Released Claims each and all of the “Released Persons,” defined as each and all of the Defendants and their Related Parties. “Related Parties” means each Defendants’ direct controlling persons, associates, related or affiliated entities, and each and all of their respective past or present officers, directors, employees, partners, members, principals, agents, representatives, attorneys, auditors, financial or investment advisors, consultants, underwriters, accountants, investment bankers, commercial bankers, entities providing fairness opinions, advisors, insurers, reinsurers, heirs, spouses, executors, trustees, general or limited partners or partnerships, limited liability companies, members, joint ventures, personal or legal representatives, estates, administrators, predecessors, successors or assigns, any member of their immediate families, marital communities, or any trusts for which any of them are trustees, settlers or beneficiaries or anyone acting or purporting to act for or on behalf of them or their successors or collectively, the members of the Gerdau Johannpeter family, their lineal descendants or any trusts that are exclusively for the benefit of any of the foregoing, provided that any of the foregoing has the right to control such trust.

2. “Released Claims” means any and all claims, rights, duties, controversies, obligations, demands, actions, debts, sums of money, suits, contracts, agreements, promises, damages, losses, judgments, liabilities, allegations, arguments and causes of action of every nature and description, whether known or unknown, whether arising under federal, state, local, common, statutory, administrative or foreign law, or any other law, rule, ordinance, administrative provision or regulation, at law or in equity, whether class or individual in nature, whether fixed or contingent, whether accrued or unaccrued, whether liquidated or unliquidated, whether matured or unmatured, which arise out of or relate in any way to both: (i) the purchase or acquisition of Gerdau ADRs during the Class Period, and (ii) the allegations, transactions, facts, matters, events, disclosures, registration statements, public filings, acts, occurrences, representations, statements, omissions or failures to act that were or could have been alleged by Lead Plaintiff or any Class Member in the Litigation. “Released Claims” does not include claims to enforce the Settlement. “Released Claims” includes “Unknown Claims” as defined below.

3. “Unknown Claims” means any and all Released Claims which Lead Plaintiff, Lead Plaintiff’s Counsel or any Class Members do not know or suspect to exist in his, her, or its favor at the time of the release of the Released Persons and any and all Released Defendants’ Claims that the Released Persons do not know or suspect to exist in her, her or its favor at the time of the release of the Lead Plaintiff, Lead Plaintiff’s Counsel, or any Class Members, which, if known by him, her or it, might have affected his, her or its settlement with and release of the Released Persons, Lead Plaintiff, Lead Plaintiff’s Counsel or Class Members, or might have affected his, her or its decision(s) with respect to the Settlement, including, but not limited to, whether or not to object to this Settlement or to the release of the Released Persons, Lead Plaintiff, Lead Plaintiff’s Counsel or Class Members. With respect to any and all Released Claims and Released Defendants’ Claims, the Settling Parties stipulate and agree that, upon the Effective Date, the Settling Parties shall expressly waive and each of the Settling Parties shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, expressly waived to the fullest extent permitted by law, the provisions, rights, and benefits of 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 shall expressly waive and each of the Class Members shall be deemed to have, 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, principle of common law or any provision of foreign law, which is similar, comparable or equivalent to California Civil Code §1542. The Settling Parties acknowledge that they may hereafter discover facts in addition to or different from those which he, she, it or their counsel now knows or believes to be true with respect to the subject matter of the Released Claims or Released Defendants’ Claims, but the Settling Parties shall expressly settle and release, and each Class Member, upon the Effective Date, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, fully, finally and forever settled and released any and all Released Claims and Released Defendants’ Claims, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, contingent or non-contingent, whether or not concealed or hidden, which now exist, or heretofore have existed, upon any theory of law or equity now existing or coming into existence in the future, including, but not limited to, conduct which is negligent, intentional, with or without malice, or a breach of any duty, law or rule, without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of such different or additional facts. The Settling Parties acknowledge, and the Class Members shall be deemed by operation of the Judgment to have acknowledged, that the foregoing waiver was separately bargained for and is a key element of the Settlement of which this release is a part.



4. 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.

5. I (We) hereby warrant and represent that I (we) have included the information requested about all of my (our) transactions in Gerdau ADRs which are the subject of this claim, which occurred during the Class Period, as well as the opening and closing positions in such securities held by me (us) on the dates requested in this Proof of Claim.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that all of the foregoing information supplied on this Proof of Claim by the undersigned is true and correct.

Executed this _____ day of _____ in _____
(Month/Year) (City/State/Country)

(Sign your name here)

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

Reminder Checklist:

1. Please sign the above release and declaration.
2. If this claim is being made on behalf of Joint Claimants, then both must sign.
3. Remember to attach copies of supporting documentation, if available.
4. **Do not send** originals of certificates.
5. Keep a copy of your Proof of Claim and all supporting documentation for your records.
6. If you desire an acknowledgment of receipt of your Proof of Claim please send it Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested.
7. If you move, please send your new address to the address below.
8. **Do not use red pen or highlighter** on the Proof of Claim or supporting documentation.

**THIS PROOF OF CLAIM MUST BE POSTMARKED (IF MAILED) OR RECEIVED (IF SUBMITTED ONLINE)
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