# SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Made as of the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2010

Between

# SUZANNE LAVIER

and -

# MYTRAVEL CANADA HOLIDAYS INC.

WHEREAS the parties wish to settle any and all issues amongst themselves in any way relating to individuals in Canada, except Québec residents, who booked a vacation package from MyTravel Canada Holidays Inc. to Dominican Republic and stayed at the Riu Resorts (defined herein) from December 20, 2004 to March 31, 2005 and who have not previously entered into a settlement with MyTravel Canada Holidays Inc;

NOW THEREFORE the parties to this Settlement Agreement (defined below) agree to settle the issues in dispute in the Action (defined below) on the following terms and conditions:

#### **DEFINED TERMS**

- 1. For the purposes of this Settlement Agreement (defined herein), the following definitions apply:
  - a) "Act" means the Class Proceedings Act, 1992, S.O. 1992, c. 6, as amended;
  - b) "Action" means action number 05-CV-300187CP in the Ontario Court;
  - c) "Administration Costs" means all costs to administer and distribute the Settlement Fund including the costs and professional fees of the Administrator, Trustee, Arbitrator (except as otherwise provided for in the

- Claims Protocol) and the costs of disseminating the Notice to the Class all of which shall be paid from the Settlement Fund;
- "Administrator" means NPT Ricepoint Class Action Services appointed by the Ontario Court to administer the Settlement Fund;
- e) "Approval Hearing" means the hearing before the Ontario Court to certify the Action and approve the settlement of the claim;
- f) "Approval Order" means the Order of the Ontario Court approving the certification and settlement;
- g) "Arbitration" means the process for resolution of claims under Level 3 of the Compensation Grid;
- h) "Arbitrator" means the person jointly selected by the parties and approved by the Ontario Court to resolve those claims submitted for Arbitration;
- i) "Care Giver Class" or "Care Giver Class Members" means Class Members who:
  - (a) do not meet the requirements for compensation pursuant to the Compensation Grid under Levels 1, 2 or 3 and have not previously received compensation from MyTravel for illness while at the Riu Resorts;
  - (b) spent a portion of their holiday caring for a Class Member while at the Riu Resorts who meets the requirements for and can receive compensation pursuant to the Compensation Grid under Level 3 and who (1) booked his or her vacation package to the Riu Resorts under the same booking reference as the Care Giver Class Member, or (2) was the spouse, adult child, parent, grandparent, adult brother or adult sister of the Care Giver Class Member; and
  - (c) have not already been found eligible for compensation in connection with any other Level 3 claimant.
- j) "Claims Period" means the period of time four (4) months from the date of the publication of the Notice;
- k) "Claims Protocol" means the procedures setting out the Administrator's and Arbitrator's duties and responsibilities, as well as the claims and Arbitration process, as attached hereto as Schedule "C" to this Settlement Agreement;

- 1) "Class" or "Class Members" means all persons in Canada, except Quebec residents, who booked a vacation package through MyTravel Canada Holidays Inc. to stay at the Riu Resorts in Dominican Republic between December 20, 2004 and March 31, 2005 and who have not previously signed a release with MyTravel Canada Holidays Inc.;
- m) "Class Counsel" means Rochon Genova LLP;
- n) "Compensation Grid" means the grid detailing financial compensation to Eligible Claimants and the availability of arbitration attached as Schedule "A" to this Settlement Agreement;
- o) "Eligible Claimants" means those Class Members who meet the requirements for compensation in accordance with the Compensation Grid;
- p) "Eligible Claims" means claims of Class Members who meet the requirements for compensation pursuant the Compensation Grid;
- q) "Initial Counsel Fee" means the fees, disbursements and taxes awarded to Class Counsel by the Ontario Court at the Approval Hearing. Pursuant to this Agreement, MyTravel agrees to pay counsel fees in the amount of \$600,000, inclusive of disbursements and applicable taxes;
- r) "MyTravel" means the defendant, MyTravel Canada Holidays Inc;
- s) "Notice" means the notice to Class Members of certification and of the settlement approval hearing in accordance with a court order issued by the Ontario Court and providing information as to how Class Members may opt out and object to the Settlement, substantially in the form attached hereto as Schedule "D";
- t) "Notice Plan" means the plan approved by the Ontario Court in relation to the publishing and dissemination of the Notice, substantially in the form attached hereto as Schedule "B";
- u) "Ontario Court" means the Ontario Superior Court of Justice;
- v) "Opt Out Deadline" means 60 days from publication of the Notice;
- w) "Public Health Insurers" means all of the Canadian Provincial Ministries of Health, Provincial and Territorial Governments, and/or plans funding health care programs in Canada, including medical and hospital services, including the Northwest Territories, Nunavut and Yukon;
- x) "Residue" means the balance remaining in the Settlement Fund following payment of all Eligible Claims, Administration Costs, claims

- of the Public Health Insurers and any fees awarded by the Ontario Court in addition to the Initial Counsel Fees;
- y) "Riu Resorts" means the Riu Bachata, Riu Mambo and Riu Merengue in Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic;
- z) "Settlement Agreement" means the within Settlement Agreement and Schedules;
- aa) "Settlement Fund" means a fund totalling \$2.25 million plus accrued interest from which all Eligible Claims shall be paid together with Administration Costs, claims of the Public Health Insurers and any fees awarded by the Ontario Court to Class Counsel in addition to the Initial Counsel Fee:
- bb) "Trustee" means a person designated by the Ontario Court to receive the Settlement Funds from MyTravel.

# CONSENT CERTIFICATION AND APPROVAL ORDERS

- 2. Upon execution of this Settlement Agreement the parties shall seek the following Orders in the Ontario Court:
  - a) An Order certifying the Action on consent;
  - b) An Order appointing the Administrator;
  - c) An Order approving the form of the Notice and the Notice Plan, and directing the publication/dissemination of the Notice in accordance with the Notice Plan;
  - d) An Order dismissing the action against MyTravel Group PLC; and,
  - e) An Order approving the Settlement Agreement and an order appointing the Trustee and Arbitrator;

# SETTLEMENT FUND

3. Following the issuance of the Approval Order, MyTravel shall immediately pay to the Trustee the Settlement Fund to be held in trust.

- 4. The Trustee shall invest the Settlement Fund in a GIC issued by a Schedule 1 Canadian Bank.
- 5. All taxes payable on the Settlement Fund while in the hands of the Trustee shall be paid by the Trustee as may be required from time to time and any interest shall accrue to the benefit of the Settlement Fund.

# COMPENSATION TO ELIGIBLE CLAIMANTS

- 6. Subject to paragraphs 8 and 10 of this agreement, Eligible Claimants shall be compensated in accordance with the Compensation Grid.
- 7. Class Member claims shall be processed by the Administrator in accordance with the Claims Protocol as attached hereto or such other protocol as may be approved by the Ontario Court.
- 8. The maximum total payable from the Settlement Fund to all Eligible Claimants with a Level 1 or Level 2 claim is \$800,000. If this maximum total is insufficient to pay all Level 1 and Level 2 claims in full, then the amount payable to each Eligible Claimant at Level 1 or Level 2 will be reduced on a *pro rata* basis such that each Claimant will receive a share of the maximum total of \$800,000. In such an event, no Claimant receiving less than the full amount set out in the Compensation Grid will have any claim against MyTravel for the difference between that amount and the amount actually received.
- 9. In the event that a Level 3 claim proceeds to Arbitration, the Arbitrator shall evaluate such claim and render a decision as to the value of such claim in accordance with the Claims Protocol.
- 10. MyTravel will not in any event be liable to pay any amount in addition to the Settlement Fund and the Initial Counsel Fee. If the Settlement Fund is insufficient to pay

the total claims payable to Eligible Claimants and the Public Health Insurers once Administration Costs have been paid, the amount payable to each Eligible Claimant, including those who have proceeded to Arbitration, and to the Public Health Insurers will be reduced on a *pro rata* basis and paid out of the remaining amount in the Settlement Fund. In such an event, no Claimant or Public Health Insurer receiving less than the full amount set out in the Compensation Grid will have any claim against MyTravel for the difference between that amount and the amount actually received.

# **COUNSEL FEES**

11. In addition to the Settlement Fund, MyTravel shall pay, subject to court approval, an Initial Counsel Fee of \$600,000, inclusive of applicable taxes and disbursements. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if there is a balance in the Settlement Fund following the payment of Eligible Claims, Administration Costs and claims of the Public Health Insurers, Class Counsel may apply to the Ontario Court for additional counsel fees. MyTravel reserves the right to object to the payment of any additional counsel fees.

#### RESIDUE

- 12. If, following the full payment of:
  - a) all Eligible Claims;
  - b) Administration Costs;
  - c) claims of the Public Health Insurers; and,
  - d) additional counsel fees,

there remains a Residue in the Settlement Fund, such Residue shall be returned to MyTravel.

# **OPT OUTS**

- 13. Those Class Members wishing to opt out of the Class must do so within 60 days from publication of the Notice.
- 14. Class Members who have commenced individual proceedings against the Defendants which are ongoing at the time of publication of Notice and who do not opt out by the Opt Out Deadline are bound by the terms of this Settlement Agreement and are deemed to have consented to a dismissal of their action without costs, whether or not the Class Member submits a claim and/or receives compensation.
- 15. Any persons who do not opt out are barred from commencing an action against the Defendants at a later time.
- 16. Those Class Members wishing to opt out of the settlement must do so by providing notice in a form to be approved by the Ontario Court prior to the Opt Out Deadline.

# **OBJECTORS**

17. In the event that a Class Member opposes the implementation of the Settlement Agreement, including any dates provided for making any payments or taking any other action under this Settlement Agreement, he or she shall have the right to register such objection in accordance with the provisions of the Order approving the Notice.

# NOTICE TO THE CLASS

18. The form and content of the Notice shall be substantially in the form as attached hereto as Schedule "D".

- 19. The method of dissemination/publication of the Notice shall be substantially in the form as described in the Notice Plan.
- 20. The parties shall co-operate, assist and undertake all reasonable actions in order to ensure that the Notice is published in a timely basis.
- 21. The Defendants shall pay the cost of disseminating/publishing the Notice at first instance. If the Settlement Agreement is approved by the Ontario Court, the Defendants will be reimbursed for such costs from the Settlement Fund.

# PAYMENTS TO PUBLIC HEALTH INSURERS

- 22. The claims of the Public Health Insurers shall be assessed by the Administrator on a claim by claim basis according to the value of health services provided to Eligible Claimants only in respect of level 3 Compensation Grid claims which proceed to Arbitration, or alternatively, shall be paid from the Settlement Fund in the form of a lump-sum payment.
- 23. All payments made under this Settlement Agreement shall be full and final and include all obligations, payments or costs payable to the Public Health Insurers.

#### RELEASES

24. Following the Opt Out Deadline, each Class Member who does not opt out, whether he or she submits a claim or receives a payment under this agreement, will be deemed to have completely and unconditionally released, forever discharged and acquitted the Defendants from any and all further claims that are, were or may have been asserted in or referred to in the Action, and will be forever barred and enjoined from commencing, instituting or prosecuting any action, litigation, investigation, or other proceeding in any court of law or equity, arbitration, tribunal, council, governmental forum, administrative forum or any other forum, directly, representatively or derivatively, asserting claims:

- (a) against the Defendants in respect of an obligation released in this Settlement Agreement; or
- (b) against a third party that results in that third party seeking indemnification from any or all of the Defendants in respect of an obligation released in this Settlement Agreement. Should any Class Member commence such a claim, he or she shall indemnify and hold harmless the Defendants from any obligation to indemnify such third party, and compensate the Defendants for any legal fees or costs which may be payable in defence of such claim.
- 25. At the Approval Hearing, Class Counsel shall seek an Order which shall include a term releasing the claims of the Public Health Insurers generally in the following form:

In consideration of the payments made to the Public Health Insurers set out in this Settlement Agreement, Public Health Insurers shall be deemed to release and forever discharge the Defendants from any and all actions, causes of action, suits, debts, duties, accounts, bonds, covenants, contracts, claims and demands whatsoever that were asserted or could have been asserted by or on behalf of any Class Member related to the Action. Public Health Insurers may not make any claims, or take or continue any proceedings against any person, partnership, corporation, or any other entity who might claim contribution or indemnity or any other relief of a monetary, declaratory or injunctive nature from the Defendants in connection with the claims released in this Settlement Agreement.

# **NO ADMISSIONS**

26. This Settlement Agreement, whether or not consummated, and any other proceedings taken pursuant to this Settlement Agreement are for settlement purposes only. Nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall be construed, offered or received and/or be deemed to be evidence of a presumption, concession of admission of any kind by any of the parties of the truth of any fact alleged or the validity of any claim or defence that has been, could have been or may be asserted in any litigation, court of law or equity, proceeding, arbitration, tribunal, council, investigation, government action, administrative forum or any other forum, or of any liability, responsibility, fault,

wrongdoing or otherwise of any of the parties except as may be required to enforce or give effect to the settlement and this Settlement Agreement.

# TERMINATION OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

- 27. This Settlement Agreement shall, without notice, be automatically terminated if the Ontario Court does not approve the settlement of the Action and order certification of the Action.
- 28. In the event of termination due to non-approval, this Settlement Agreement shall have no further force or effect save and except for this section, which shall survive termination.
- 29. In the event of termination, and notwithstanding any other provision of this Settlement Agreement, all parties shall be restored to their respective positions immediately prior to the date on which the Settlement Agreement is executed by the parties. All statutes of limitation and/or repose for all claims asserted in such cases shall be deemed to have been tolled from the date of signature of this Settlement Agreement by all parties until the date of reinstatement and reactivation, or for such longer period as the law of Ontario may provide without reference to this Settlement Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties has caused this Settlement Agreement to be executed on its behalf by its duly authorized counsel of record, effective as of this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2010.

Witness

JOEL P. ROCHON, on behalf of

the Plaintiff

Witness

SALLY GOMERY, on behalf of

MyTravel Canada Holidays/Inc.

# Schedule "A"

QUALIFYING CRITERIA AND REQUIRED  DOCUMENTATION  COMPENSATION	Sworn declaration affesting to physical illness consistent with norovirus.  Completed claims form containing further information on illness and reason for not seeking medical attention.		Sworn declaration attesting to physical illness consistent with norovirus.  Completed claims form containing further information on illness and reason for not seeking medical attention.
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INJURY LEVEL	Class Members who stayed at a Riu Resort between December 20, 2004 to March 31, 2005 for seven (7) or less days, had physical symptoms consistent with norovirus including nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and stomach cramps, low-grade fever, chills, headache, muscle aches and fatigue lasting between for one (1) or more days, but did not seek medical attention.	Class Members who stayed at a Riu Resort between December 20, 2004 to March 31, 2005 for more than seven (7) days, had physical symptoms consistent with norovirus including nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and stomach cramps, low-grade fever, chills, headache, muscle aches and fatigue lasting between one (1) and three (3) days, but did not seek medical attention.	Level 2  Class Members who stayed at a Riu Resort between December 20, 2004 to March 31, 2005 for more than seven (7) days, had physical symptoms consistent with norovirus including nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and stomach cramps, low-grade fever, chills, headache, muscle aches and fatigue lasting for four (4) or more days, but

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The second secon	\$2,500 per Class Member	+ documented out-of-pocket expenses and loss of income together to a maximum of \$2,500 per Class Member	+ \$250 per Care Giver Class Member	OR, ALTERNATIVELY	Arbitration is available for claimants falling into Level 3 at the request of the claimant.  MyTravel may also challenge a level 3 grid claim by referring the claim to arbitration		
Andread Temperature Control of the C	1. Sworn declaration attesting to physical illness consistent with norovirus;	<ol> <li>Supporting contemporaneous medical documentation of physical illness showing illness</li> </ol>	was caused by or consistent with physical symptoms of norovirus. "Contemporaneous" means that medical treatment was sought during the holiday or	within two weeks of the Class Member's return to Canada;	3. If out-of-pocket expenses or loss of income are claimed, supporting documentation in the form of receipts, employment/income information, etc.; and	Information in respect of claims from any Care Giver Class Members, up to a maximum of two (2) per Level 3 claimant (neither of whom may be entitled to compensation under Levels 1, 2 or 3 or have been found eligible for compensation in connection with any other Level 3 claimant).	
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# **NOTICE PLAN**

# SUZANNE LAVIER vs. MYTRAVEL CANADA HOLIDAYS INC. and MYTRAVEL GROUP PLC

Proceeding under the Class Proceedings Act, 1992

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# ROCHON GENOVA LLP



# **INTRODUCTION**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with a Notice Plan in the Lavier vs. MyTravel class action. We have enjoyed the opportunity to gain a better understanding of your requirements through this phase of the process and we look forward to further discussions.

As agreed, our plan at this stage is still at a draft level. To firm up the strategy and pricing we will need to consult with you further on Notice size, the number of publication runs, the selected media, and the overall budget.



# **QUALIFICATIONS**

#### **FIRM PROFILE**

Our firm has been established in London for over eight years and is comprised of twelve partners along with a combination of other supporting staff of Chartered Accountants, Certified General Accountants and students in training for each designation and program. In total, our firm has over 60 full-time employees, including the partners.

# **CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION SERVICES**

NPT RicePoint Class Action Services offers a complete line of bilingual class action administration services for price-fixing, securities, product liability, and employment/pension settlements. These services address each phase of the settlement process, from designing custom websites & databases for claimants to administering the Notification, Claims Processing and Settlement Distribution stages of a case.

# Website & Database Design

Custom Web-Sites
Custom Data Base Systems
Custom Notification Programs
Custom Claims Processing Programs

#### **Notification Procedures**

Design & Print Notices and Claim Forms Place Notices & Claim Forms Locating Current Addresses Place Summary Publications in Media Institute Call Center

# Claims Processing

Verify Data
Document Claims
Maintain Claimant Data
Validate Claims & Settlement Amounts
Calculate Claim Amounts under Plans of Allocation

# Settlement Distribution

Verification of Claims & Distribution Amount
Preparation & Distribution of Settlement Cheques
Reconciliation of Distribution Amounts
Preparation of Final Reports
Tax Compliance & Administration of Qualified Settlement Funds



#### RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

NPT RicePoint is an experienced team of certified public accountants, information technology experts, data entry personnel, call center attendants and direct mail specialists. We have long-standing alliances with established financial institutions to manage settlement funds, and have solid relationships with highly qualified and secure printers.

Backed by one of the largest independent and respected CA firms in the Southwestern Ontario region, members of the NPT RicePoint group have been appointed as the Administrator on 19 settlements of varying size and complexity over the last 8 years.

- CP Ships Limited Securities active
- SunOpta Inc. Securities active
- · TVI Pacific Securities active
- Tequin (pharmaceutical) active
- Hydrogen Peroxide active
- · Sodium Erythorbate
- Lysine
- Maltol
- Monosodium Glutamate (MSG)
- Monochloroacetic Acid (MCAA)
- Polyester Staple
- Rubber
- Polyester Polyals (PP)
- Polychloroprene (PCP)
- Ethylene Propylene Diene Monomer (EPDM)
- Carbonless Paper
- Copper
- Linerboard/Corrugated Material
- Fireplace Replacements in Middlesex Condominium

Our experience also includes an appointment by the Ontario Superior Court of Justice to act as an independent monitoring authority in a class proceeding involving water contamination in the Municipality of Brockton.

# **NOTICE PLAN**



#### BACKGROUND

To gather the background information necessary to design this Notice Plan, we referred to the following sources: the Certification Reasons, a copy of a Defence affidavit and Statistics Canada.

- The Riu Bachata, Riu Merengue and Riu Mambo are resort hotels in Puerto Plata in the Dominican Republic
- The Bachata is a five-star resort. The Merengue and the Mambo are rated four-and-ahalf stars
- Vacation packages typically consist of air and ground transportation plus hotel accommodation
- Travel took place between December 20, 2004 and March 31, 2005
- There are approximately 4,000 people in the Class.
- Approximately 75% of class members departed from airports in Ontario
- The majority of the all inclusive trips are paid for using credit cards.
- About 95% of MyTravel Canada vacation packages are booked through travel agents.
   The remaining bookings are made by employees of MyTravel Canada for friends and family members, or by members of the public directly through the company website.
- There are approximately 5,000 travel agencies in Canada. 40% (2,000) of these agencies are in Ontario and 20% (1,000) are in British Columbia.
- In any given year, almost all of the 5,000 travel agencies across the country book one of more vacation packages for their customers through MyTravel Canada
- MyTravel Canada maintains a travel agent website for each of its brands providing full details about its packages.

#### **CLASS MEMBER PROFILE**

Using the background information in the preceding section, along with our own knowledge and experience in drafting notice plans and administering class actions, we were able to establish the following class member profile:

# Demographics:

- Adults 25-45 (includes 14+ million Canadians)
- Household income \$50,000-\$100,000 (all-inclusive packages are an affordable travel option)
- Female skew (research indicates that females are often the decision makers in the household)
- · Canadian national with a focus on major markets

Behaviour: (Sources: Statistics Canada, PhoCusWright, Canadian Advertising Research Foundation)

- 7 out of 10 Canadians purchase inclusive packages through a travel agent
- 55% of travelers indicated that they first "window shopped" prices online before booking
- On average adults 25-35 spend 63 minutes online a day
- Nearly 1/3 of Canadian travel was booked online in 2008.



# **NOTICE STRATEGY**

#### Challenges:

- Travel took place in early 2005 so accurate address information may be a challenge.
- MyTravel is unable to provide full contact information for Class Members. Industry
  practice is for Travel Agents to retain complete client profiles and only provide the client
  name to travel wholesalers at the time of booking.
- Like many small businesses, Travel Agents retain only current and previous year records on-site. All other years are either stored off-site or in archived files that require additional time to access.
- The busy period for Travel Agencies is between January 15 and March 30. Any Notification efforts during this period will receive limited attention.

Recognizing these challenges, we are proposing a five phase Notice of Certification plan:

- 1. Targeted outreach to Travel Agencies
- 2. Direct Notice to Class Members
- 3. Print Notice in National and Regional Newspapers
- 4. Online Notice
- 5. E-blast to Travel Agents.

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1.	Targeted outreach to Travel Agents.	<ol> <li>Defendant to provide a list of contact information for Travel Agents approved to sell My Travel vacation packages. Information to include fax number and email address of each Agency.</li> <li>Format/cleanse data for transmission.</li> <li>Design letter with approval from Counsel. The letter will ask for the assistance of each Agency in advising their clients of the certified class action and of class members' right to exclude themselves from the class action. The letter will also provide contact information for the Administrator who Class Members can contact for further information or to provide their contact information so they can be notified directly with details on what they must do to participate in the class action.</li> <li>Send letter via fax and/or email to each Agency (decision on fax or email transmission will depend on the quality of the Defendant data).</li> </ol>	Assumptions:
2.	Direct Notice	<ol> <li>Design Claim Package – Cover Letter, Notice, Claim Form, Opt Out – with approval from Counsel.</li> <li>Print Claim Packages.</li> <li>Mail Claim Package via Canada Post First Class Mail to all class members for whom a mailing address is available, and to all individuals captured through phases I and 3 of the campaign.</li> </ol>	Assumptions:  1,000 Notices  50 grams or less (cover letter, notice, claim form)approx 7 pages plus envelope  Estimate:  \$4,000 - \$5,000
3.	Print Notice  The intent of this part of the campaign is to capture those class members who were missed in phase I because of outdated address information or missing records. Since the majority of Class Members departed from airports in Ontario the print campaign will follow the same pattern	<ol> <li>Format notice for publication</li> <li>Negotiate rates and placement</li> <li>National Newspapers:         <ul> <li>Placement in the Legal Section of the Globe &amp; Mail and the National Post on one Saturday.</li> <li>Regional Papers:                 <ul> <li>Placement in the "A" Section of the Vancouver Sun, Calgary Herald, Toronto Star, Ottawa Citizen, Hamilton Spectator, Windsor Star, London Free Press, Halifax Chronicle</li> </ul> </li> </ul></li></ol>	Assumption:      8 point  Estimate:      \$25,000 -  \$30,000
4.	Online Notice	Settlement documents – Notice, Claim Form,     Opt Out, FAQ's will be maintained at     www.nptricepoint.com     Option to setup case specific URL i.e     www.mytravelclassaction.com	Assumptions:  Design/mtnce  12 months hosting  Estimate:  Nptricepoint - \$1,200  Dedicated URL - \$1,500
5.	E-blast to Travel Agents via list rental  The intent of this part of the campaign is to act as a follow-up to Phase I.		Assumption:  One email to 5,000 Agents in Canada using a rented list  Estimate:  \$2,000

# **KEY PERSONNEL**

# ROCHON GENOVA LLP



# David A. Weir, M.B.A. President, NPT RicePoint Class Action Services

#### Education

- Master of Business Administration Richard Ivey School of Business 1998
- Business Administration Diploma Wilfrid Laurier University 1989
- Bachelor of Arts Wilfrid Laurier University 1988
- Canadian Securities Course 1993

### Responsibilities

David is the President of NPT-RicePoint. In addition to his business development responsibilities, David is focused on the day of day management of administrations. It is through this hands-on approach that new ideas for driving efficiencies and improvement on take-up rates are discovered. David's commitment to senior level involvement in cases also ensures that Clients are able to fully remove themselves from case administration.

#### Experience

Following university, David worked in Toronto for Bell Canada. Over 12 years at Bell, David took on progressively senior roles. As Vice-President of Strategic Planning for Bell's national sales unit, David worked at the senior levels with leaders of Canadian Banks to design and deliver leading edge technology solutions. As Vice-President of Capital Investment, David led the redesign of Bell's \$3.5 billion capital allocation model.

Fulfilling an entrepreneurial desire, David founded RicePoint Class Action Services Inc. four years ago. Working within a partner organization, RicePoint's initial focus was in the delivery of data management, printing and distribution services. After several years, RicePoint became fully independent and expanded its services to become a full service claims administrator focused on improving take-up rates through the use of technology and one to one marketing.

In 2009, RicePoint Class Action Services Inc. merged with NPT Administration Inc. This merger delivered immediate gains in capacity and efficiency while also offering Clients an increased level of senior leadership to consult with.

# **Professional and Community Service**

- Treasurer, St John Ambulance Present
- Rotary of London 2005 Present
- Big Brothers of London Board of Directors 2002 2005
- Past Member Engineering & Science Advisory Council University of Western Ontario
- Executive Sponsor Canada 2001 Summer Games 1998 2001
- Big Brothers Ten year Big Brother with Big Brothers of Kitchener-Waterloo 1987 1997
- Toastmasters International CTM 1993 1996



# John D. R. Prueter, C.A., M.B.A. Managing Partner, Neal, Pallett & Townsend LLP

#### Education

- Master of Business Administration Richard Ivey School of Business 1997
- Chartered Accountant 1986
- · Canadian Securities Course 1984
- Bachelor of Commerce with Honours, Queen's University 1984

# Responsibilities

John is the Managing Partner of Neal, Pallett & Townsend LLP as well as a full service partner providing business services to individuals and corporations, including accounting, auditing, tax, estate planning and general business advice. John has been the partner in charge of the Class Action Administration business of the firm since its inception in 2000.

# Experience

John has been in public accounting for over twenty five years. He is responsible for many small to medium sized owner managed businesses, publicly listed clients, professionals and individuals, offering full business services to them with a high level of personal service.

John's past experiences have included involvement with public offerings, information circulars, prospectuses and related information and direct audit experience with large not-for-profit organizations and institutions, universities, pension plans, and other publicly traded corporations.

John has managed many different class action administrations involving alleged price fixing, securities and pension related cases with varying degrees of complexities.

John is a graduate of the executive MBA program at the Richard Ivey School of Business. This additional training and experience benefits all clients and engagements.

# **Professional and Community Service**

- Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants
- Ontario Institute of Chartered Accountants
- Institute of Chartered Accountants of Western Ontario
- Member of the London Hunt and Country Club
- Member of the London Club
- Past Chairman of the London Health Sciences Foundation
- Past Treasurer of Westminster College



# Tanya A.J. Durys, C.A. Manager, Neal, Pallett & Townsend LLP

#### Education

- University of Western Ontario B.A. 1996
- Wilfrid Laurier University Diploma in Accounting 2001
- Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario Chartered Accountant 2002

# Responsibilities

As Tax Manager, Tanya works closely with the firm's Tax Partners, mainly providing cross border compliance and planning support for clients, as well as Estate and Corporate Taxation services.

Tanya also manages the Class Action Administration department of Neal, Pallett & Townsend LLP.

# Experience

Tanya has been in public accounting for over 10 years. Since earning her CA designation, Tanya has directed her professional focus to the area of taxation, including cross border taxation of individuals and corporations, estates, claims administration, and litigation support services. She has developed and presented taxation training programs and seminars, both for the firm and other organizations in the community.

# **Professional and Community Service**

- Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants Member
- Ontario Institute of Chartered Accountants Member
- Tax Foundation of Canada Member
- Board of Directors and Finance Committee ChildREACH 2004 2007

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Thank you again for the opportunity to provide you with a proposal for the Notice Plan in the Lavier vs. MyTravel class action.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### Schedule "C"

#### CLAIMS PROTOCOL

1. Capitalized terms used herein without definitions have the meanings given to them in the Agreement.

# CLAIMS ADMINSTRATOR AND ARBITRATOR

- 2. The Administrator's duties and responsibilities shall include the following:
  - a) establishing, with the collaboration of Class Counsel, and maintaining a settlement website;
  - b) establishing and staffing a claims centre with bilingual services;
  - c) implementing systems and procedures for receiving, processing, evaluating and making decisions respecting claims, and reporting to Class Counsel, MyTravel Canada Holidays Inc. and to the Ontario Court respecting claims received and administered;
  - d) providing training and instructing personnel in such reasonable numbers as shall be required for the performance of its duties;
  - e) keeping or causing to be kept accurate accounts of its activities and its administration of the Agreement, and preparing such reports and records that may be required pursuant to the Agreement and by the Ontario Court;
  - f) working with Class Members, to help ensure proper completion of all necessary forms;
  - g) receiving and responding to inquiries and correspondence respecting claims, supplying forms, reviewing and evaluating all claims, requisitioning payment from the Trustee and ensuring such payments are made in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement,
  - h) communicating with claimants, Class Counsel, MyTravel Canada Holidays Inc., the Trustee and the Arbitrator;
  - i) assisting Class Counsel, as may be required, in relation to seeking approval from the Ontario Court for the proposed distribution; and
  - j) such other duties and responsibilities as Class Counsel or the Ontario Court may from time to time order or direct.

- 3. The duties and responsibilities of the Arbitrator appointed by the Ontario Court shall include the following:
  - a) conducting all Arbitrations as may be requested by level 3 claimants under the Compensation Grid or MyTravel Canada Holidays Inc.;
  - b) providing information to level 3 claimants in relation to the Arbitration;
  - c) communicating with level 3 claimants, Class Counsel, MyTravel Canada Holidays Inc. and the Administrator;
  - d) such other duties and responsibilities as the Ontario Court may from time to time order or direct.
- 4. In considering a claim or an Arbitration, the Administrator and the Arbitrator shall have the jurisdiction to deal with all matters relating to the claim or the Arbitration including, without limitation, the jurisdiction to:
  - a) determine any question of law;
  - b) determine any question of fact and to hear from witnesses;
  - c) determine any question of the jurisdiction of the Administrator or the Arbitrator;
  - d) determine and direct the procedure to be followed in the conduct of an Arbitration;
  - e) determine the admissibility, relevance and weight of any evidence.

The Administrator and Arbitration shall make their determinations on a balance of probabilities based on all of the materials and oral evidence, if available, before the Administrator or Arbitrator.

## CLAIMS PERIOD

- 5. Subject to paragraphs 7 and 21, the Claims Period shall end on 5:00 p.m. eastern standard time, four (4) months from the date of the publication of the Notice, or such other date as is established by the Ontario Court.
- 6. Claimants are eligible to receive payment only if their claim form is received by the Administrator by the end of the Claims Period, unless such deadline is extended by the parties on consent or through court order.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

7. The Administrator and the Arbitrator shall have the right to request further information from a claimant if the completed claim form is ambiguous, unclear, or incomplete, or if there are insufficient documents to support the claim made. Claimants will be permitted a further 60 days to provide such information or documents. The extension granted shall be set out in the letter requesting the additional information or documents.

# THE ADMINISTRATOR'S ASSESSMENT

- 8. The Administrator shall have thirty (30) days to review level 1 and 2 claims for completion and to make a decision on eligibility.
- 9. Within seven (7) days of receipt of a level 3 claim, the Administrator shall provide a copy of the claim to Class Counsel and defence counsel. Defence counsel will have fifteen (15) days to review the claim and will have the opportunity to i) make submissions to the Administrator as to whether the claim is eligible for compensation at level 3, or ii) challenge the claim by referring the claim to arbitration. The claimant and Class Counsel will have fifteen (15) days to reply to defence counsel's assessment. In the event the claim is challenged to arbitration, the procedures set out in paragraphs 12 to 20 shall apply.
- 10. The Administrator shall advise the level 3 claimant (copies to Class Counsel and defence counsel), of his or her decision in writing, and the amount determined to be payable within 30 days of the receipt of the claim, or the receipt of additional information requested pursuant to paragraph 7, or any submissions from defence counsel or Class Counsel, whichever is later, unless otherwise ordered by the Ontario Court.
- 11. The decision of the Administrator shall be final and binding.

# ARBITRATION

- 12. If a level 3 claimant requests Arbitration, or defence counsel challenges a level 3 claim, the Administrator shall forward the claim form and supporting materials to the Arbitrator, with a copy to Class Counsel and defence counsel.
- Unless the claimant elects otherwise, the Arbitration will be conducted based on written materials alone. However, if requested by the claimant, oral evidence may be provided.

- 14. Defence counsel will have fifteen (15) days to review the claim and any written material and to make written submissions to the Arbitrator as to whether the claim is eligible for compensation at level 3 or on the quantum of compensation. The claimant and Class Counsel will have fifteen (15) days to reply to defence counsel's assessment.
- 15. If the claimant elects to proceed with an in-person Arbitration, defence counsel will be entitled to make submissions at the Arbitration.
- 16. Arbitrations shall be completed within ninety (90) days of receipt of the claim form and supporting documentation by the Arbitrator, unless otherwise ordered by the Ontario Court.
- 17. The Arbitrator shall advise the claimant (with a copy to the Administrator, Class Counsel and defence counsel), of his or her decision in writing, and the amount determined to be payable. A decision shall be rendered in each Arbitration within 30 days of the Arbitration.
- 18. The amount payable to an Eligible Claimant in an Arbitration shall be based on legal principles in relation to quantum determination applicable in the jurisdiction in which the Eligible Claimant resides.
- 19. The Arbitrator shall have the discretion to award costs on any arbitration against the claimant or MyTravel Canada Holidays Inc., including the fees of the Arbitrator, such discretion only to be exercised where a party to the arbitration has taken a frivolous, vexatious or abusive position.
- 20. The decision of the Arbitrator shall be final, and may not be the subject of any appeal.

# **DISTRIBUTIONS**

21. Within 30 days of the resolution of all claims and Arbitrations, the Administrator will determine the amount payable to each claimant and Public Health Insurers, if required. The Administrator shall report to the Ontario Court on the proposed distribution to each claimant and Public Health Insurers, if required, on notice to Class Counsel and MyTravel Canada Holidays Inc. No amounts shall be distributed by the Administrator until the Ontario Court grants approval of the proposed distribution.

# DIRECTIONS

22. On the consent of Class Counsel and Defence Counsel, the Administrator and Arbitrator may waive any technical deficiencies in Claim Forms or *de minimus* breaches of the filing deadlines set out in this document.

23. The Administrator, Arbitrator, Class Counsel or Defence Counsel may apply to the Ontario Court for directions as to the Claims Protocol as necessary.

# Class Action Certification and Proposed Settlement for Travelers to Riu Resorts\* in the Dominican Republic

\*Includes Riu Bachata, Riu Mambo and Riu Merengue resorts in Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic.

A settlement has been reached in a class action lawsuit alleging that MyTravel Canada Holidays Inc. ("MyTravel") booked holiday packages to the Riu Resorts for stays between December 20, 2004 to March 31, 2005 while an outbreak of the norovirus was occurring at the Resorts. The settlement provides benefits to anyone who purchased a package holiday from MyTravel to stay at a Riu Resort during this period and who had physical symptoms consistent with norovirus or who provided care to such a person during their holiday. The settlement doesn't mean that any law was broken or that MyTravel did anything wrong.

# WHO'S INCLUDED?

For the purposes of giving effect to the settlement, the proceeding has been certified as a class action. The Class includes all persons in Canada, except Québec, who booked a vacation package through MyTravel to stay at a Riu Resort in the Dominican Republic between December 20, 2004 and March 31, 2005 and who have not previously signed a release with MyTravel.

If you're included in the Class, you may send in a claim form to request a payment, or opt out of the settlement, or object to it. The Ontario Superior Court of Justice approved this notice, and will have a hearing to decide whether to approve the settlement, so that benefits can be issued. You are encouraged to read the detailed notice which provides more information about the settlement and your legal rights. A detailed notice is available at www.[insertwebsite].ca.

#### WHAT DOES THE SETTLEMENT PROVIDE?

The proposed settlement creates a settlement fund of \$2.25 million from which eligible class members will receive compensation. Eligible class members who suffered physical symptoms consistent with norovirus will receive payments of up to \$2,500. Additionally, travelers who provided care to a class member who suffered physical symptoms consistent with norovirus are eligible to receive \$250. The settlement also provides an opportunity for eligible class members to request arbitration in more serious cases which resulted in medical treatment and potential loss of income. A more detailed breakdown of the benefits and eligibility criteria as well as additional details about the settlement are contained in the Settlement Agreement and Compensation Grid which are available at www.[insertname].com.

#### HOW DO YOU ASK FOR BENEFITS?

To request compensation for sustaining physical symptoms consistent with norovirus or for caring for a class member who sustained physical symptoms consistent with norovirus, you must complete and submit a claim form. You can submit a claim form by mail, fax or by visiting www.[insertwebsite].com. The claim form describes what documentation you must provide to prove your claim and receive payment. Please read the instructions carefully, fill out the claim form, and submit it online, mail or fax it postmarked no later than • to the address on the form. Other important deadlines affecting your legal and other rights are detailed below.

# WHAT ARE YOUR OTHER RIGHTS?

If you don't want to be legally bound by the certification order and proposed settlement, you must opt out by •, or you won't be able to start a lawsuit against MyTravel on your own about the legal claims in this case. If you opt out, you can't get any benefits from the settlement. If you do not opt out, you may still object to the settlement •. If you are considering making an objection or opting out, please refer to the detailed notice at www.[insertwebsite].com.

The Ontario Superior Court of Justice will hold a hearing on  $\bullet$  to approve the settlement. At this hearing, the Court will also consider a request by Class Counsel for the payment of fees of  $\bullet$ .

# WHO REPRESENTS YOU?

Class members are represented by the law firm of Rochon Genova LLP. If you have any questions about the settlement, please contact Rochon Genova LLP at:

121 Richmond St. W, Suite 900 Toronto, Ontario M5H 2K1 (416) 363-1867 or toll free at 1-866-881-2292 www.rochongenova.com

# WHERE CAN CLASS MEMBERS GET MORE INFORMATION?

For more information, visit www.[insertwebsite].com or contact the Administrator at the address listed below.

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