HD Supply Securities Litigation Claims Administrator P.O. Box 3076 Portland, OR 97208-3076 Toll-Free Number: 1-833-935-1377 Website: www.HDSupplySecuritiesLitigation.com Email: info@HDSupplySecuritiesLitigation.com

Objection/Exclusion Deadline: 06/30/20 Settlement Fairness Hearing: 07/21/20 Deadline to File a Claim: 07/18/20

PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE FORM

TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A SHARE OF THE NET SETTLEMENT FUND IN CONNECTION WITH THE SETTLEMENT OF THIS LITIGATION, YOU MUST COMPLETE AND SIGN THIS PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE FORM ("PROOF OF CLAIM") AND MAIL IT BY PREPAID, FIRST-CLASS MAIL TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS, **POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JULY 18, 2020**.

FAILURE TO SUBMIT YOUR PROOF OF CLAIM BY THE DATE SPECIFIED WILL SUBJECT YOUR CLAIM TO REJECTION AND MAY PRECLUDE YOU FROM BEING ELIGIBLE TO RECOVER ANY MONEY IN CONNECTION WITH THE SETTLEMENT.

DO NOT MAIL OR DELIVER YOUR PROOF OF CLAIM TO THE COURT, THE PARTIES TO THIS LITIGATION, OR THEIR COUNSEL. SUBMIT YOUR PROOF OF CLAIM ONLY TO THE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR AT THE ADDRESS SET FORTH ABOVE.

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Before completing this form, please read the detailed instructions on page 6. When filling out this form, type or print in the boxes below in CAPITAL LETTERS; do not use red ink, pencils, or staples.



Beneficial Owner's First Name ΜI Beneficial Owner's Last Name Co-Beneficial Owner's First Name Co-Beneficial Owner's Last Name MI Entity Name (if claimant is not an individual) Representative or Custodian Name (if different from Beneficial Owner[s] listed above) Address 1 (street name and number) Address 2 (apartment, unit, or box number) City State ZIP Code Foreign Country (only if not USA) Last 4 digits of Social Security Number Last 4 digits of Employer Identification Number OR Telephone Number (home) Telephone Number (work) **Email Address** Account Number (If filing for multiple accounts, file a separate Proof of Claim for each account.) Claimant Account Type (check appropriate box): Individual (includes joint owner accounts) Pension Plan Trust Corporation Estate

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PART I:

CLAIMANT IDENTIFICATION

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SCHEDULE OF TRANSACTIONS IN HD SUPPLY COMMON STOCK

¹ Please note: Information requested with respect to your purchases of HD Supply common stock from after the close of trading on June 5, 2017, through and including the close of trading on September 1, 2017 (Section C) is needed in order to balance your Claim. Purchases during this period, however, are not eligible under the Settlement and will not be used for purposes of calculating your Recognized Loss pursuant to the Plan of Allocation.



PART II:

PART III: RELEASE AND CERTIFICATION

SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION OF COURT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

I (We) submit this Proof of Claim and Release under the terms of the Stipulation described in the Notice and the Order Preliminarily Approving Proposed Settlement and Providing for Notice. I (We) also submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, with respect to my (our) claim as a Settlement Class Member and for purposes of enforcing the releases 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 Action. I (We) agree to furnish additional information to the Claims Administrator to support this Claim if requested to do so. I (We) have not submitted any other claim covering the same purchases or sales of HD Supply common stock during the Settlement Class Period and know of no other person having done so on my (our) behalf.

RELEASES

1. I (We) hereby acknowledge full and complete satisfaction of, and do hereby fully, finally, and forever settle, release, relinquish, and discharge any and all Released Plaintiffs' Claims, which are defined as all claims and causes of action of every nature and description, whether known claims or Unknown Claims, whether arising under federal, state, statutory, common, or foreign law, or any other rule or regulation, that Plaintiffs or any other member of the Settlement Class: (i) asserted in the Action; or (ii) could have asserted in any forum, that arise out of, are based upon, or relate to, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, (A) the allegations, transactions, facts, matters or occurrences, events, disclosures, representations, statements, omissions, acts, or alleged failures to act that were involved, set forth, or referred to in the Action or that otherwise would have been barred by res judicata had the Action been fully litigated to a final judgment and that arise out of or relate to the purchase, sale, acquisition, or retention of HD Supply common stock during the Class Period; or (B) Defendants' and/or their attorneys' defense or settlement of the Action and/or the claims alleged therein. Released Plaintiffs' Claims do not include: (i) any claims relating to the enforcement of the Settlement, (ii) any claims asserted in the consolidated shareholder derivative action filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, entitled In re HD Supply Holdings, Inc. Derivative Litigation, Case No. 1:17-cv-02977-MLB (N.D. Ga.), including any cases consolidated with or into that shareholder derivative action; (iii) any claims asserted in the shareholder derivative action filed in the Delaware Court of Chancery entitled Hendren v. HD Supply Holdings, Inc., C.A. No. 2018-0643-AGB (Del. Ch.); (iv) any putative derivative claims asserted in the stockholder litigation demands pursuant to Del. Ch. Ct. Rule 23.1 et seg set forth in the December 4, 2018, letter from Michael C. Hilton, M.D. to HD Supply's Board of Directors and/or the October 16, 2018, letter from Kevin Ortenzio to HD Supply's Board of Directors; or (v) any claims of any person or entity who or which submitted a request for exclusion from the Settlement Class that was accepted by the Court.

"Defendant Releasees" means Defendants and their respective current, former, and future parents, affiliates, subsidiaries, and divisions and their respective present and former employees, members, principals, Officers, directors, controlling shareholders, partnerships, partners, trustees, trusts, attorneys, advisors, accountants, auditors, and insurers (including the Defendants' director and officer liability insurance carriers) and reinsurers of each of them; and the successors, predecessors, estates, Immediate Family, heirs, executors, assigns, assignees, administrators, agents, and legal or personal representatives of each of them, in their capacities as such.

"Unknown Claims" means any Released Plaintiffs' Claims that any Plaintiff or any other Settlement Class Member or Plaintiff Releasee does not know or suspect to exist in his, her, or its favor at the time of the release of such claims and any Released Defendants' Claims that any Defendant or any other Defendant Releasee does not know or suspect to exist in his, her, or its favor at the time of the release of such claims, which, if known by him, her, or it, might have affected his, her, or its decision(s) with respect to this Settlement. With respect to any and all Released Claims, the Parties stipulate and agree that, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Plaintiffs and Defendants shall expressly waive, and each of the other Settlement Class Members and Releasees shall be deemed to have waived, and by operation of the Judgment or the Alternate Judgment, if applicable, shall have expressly waived, any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States, or principle of common law or foreign law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to California Civil Code §1542, which provides:

A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release and that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

The Parties acknowledge that they may hereafter discover facts in addition to or different from those which they or their counsel now know or believe to be true with respect to the subject matter of the Released Claims, but the Parties hereby expressly settle and release, and each Settlement 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 release any and all Released 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. Plaintiffs and Defendants acknowledge, and each of the other Settlement Class Members and Releasees shall be deemed by operation of law to have acknowledged, that the foregoing waiver was separately bargained for and a key element of the Settlement.

- 2. The releases herein shall be of no force or effect unless and until the Court approves the Settlement and the Stipulation becomes effective on the Effective Date (as defined in the Stipulation).
- 3. 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.
- 4. I (We) hereby warrant and represent that I (we) have included information about all of my (our) transactions in HD Supply common stock which occurred during the Settlement Class Period.

I (We) declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing information supplied by the undersigned is true and correct.

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PROOF OF CLAIM INSTRUCTIONS

- A. This Proof of Claim has been sent to you because you may be a member of the Settlement Class in this matter. To participate, you must complete and sign this Proof of Claim and provide supporting documents for any eligible transactions you claim. If you fail to file a properly addressed Proof of Claim and supporting documents, your Claim may be rejected, and you may be determined to be ineligible for any payment from the Net Settlement Fund.
- B. Submission of this Proof of Claim does not assure that you will share in the proceeds of the Net Settlement Fund created in this Action.
- C. YOU MUST COMPLETE AND SUBMIT YOUR PROOF OF CLAIM BY MAIL POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE JULY 18, 2020, ADDRESSED TO THE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR AS LISTED BELOW.
- D. If you are NOT a member of the Settlement Class, as defined in the Notice of (I) Proposed Settlement and Plan of Allocation; (II) Settlement Fairness Hearing; and (III) Motion for and Award of Attorneys' Fees and Reimbursement of Litigation Expenses ("Notice"), DO NOT submit a Proof of Claim.
- E. If you are a member of the Settlement Class and you do not timely request to be excluded from the Settlement Class, you are bound by the terms of any judgment entered in the Action, WHETHER OR NOT YOU SUBMIT A PROOF OF CLAIM.
- F. Use the section of this form entitled "Claimant Information" to identify each owner of the record. THIS CLAIM MUST BE FILED BY THE ACTUAL BENEFICIAL OWNER(S), OR THE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF SUCH OWNER(S), OF SHARES UPON WHICH THIS CLAIM IS BASED.
- G. Use the section of this form entitled "Schedule of Transactions" to supply all required details of your transaction(s). 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.
- H. Complete a separate Claim form for each account in which you qualify.
- I. Provide all of the requested information with respect to the HD Supply common stock that you acquired at any time on or between November 9, 2016, and September 1, 2017, inclusive, whether such transactions resulted in a profit or a loss. Failure to report all such transactions may result in the rejection of your Claim.
- J. List each transaction in the Settlement Class Period in chronological order, by trade date, beginning with the earliest. You must accurately provide the month, day, and year of each transaction you list.
- K. Documentation of your transactions in HD Supply common stock must be attached to your Claim. Failure to provide this documentation could delay verification of your Claim or result in rejection of your Claim.
- L. The above requests are designed to provide the minimum amount of information necessary to process the most simple Claims. The Claims Administrator may request additional information as required to efficiently and reliably calculate your losses.

Proof of Claim forms must be postmarked no later than July 18, 2020, and mailed to HD Supply Securities Litigation, Claims Administrator, P.O. Box 3076, Portland, OR 97208-3076.

ATTENTION NOMINEES AND BROKERAGE FIRMS: If you are filing Claim(s) electronically on behalf of beneficial owners, detailed instructions are available on the Settlement website at www.HDSupplySecuritiesLitigation.com, along with the formatted electronic filing template. You may also send an email to info@HDSupplySecuritiesLitigation.com requesting this information.

Reminder Checklist:

- 1. Sign the Certification section of the Proof of Claim on page 5.
- 2. Remember to attach supporting documentation.
- 3. Do not send original documents.
- 4. Keep a copy of your Proof of Claim and all documents submitted for your records.
- 5. If you desire an acknowledgment of receipt of your Proof of Claim form, send your Proof of Claim by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested.
- 6. If you move, please send the Claims Administrator your new address.

ACCURATE CLAIMS PROCESSING CAN TAKE A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TIME. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.

