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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

IN RE META MATERIALS INC.  
SECURITIES LITIGATION

Case No. 1:21-cv-07203-CBA-JRC

**STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT**

**CLASS ACTION**

This Stipulation of Settlement, dated January 19, 2024 (the “Stipulation”), is submitted pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Subject to the approval of the Court, this Stipulation is made and entered into by and among: (i) Lead Plaintiffs Kaoutar Kajjame, Philip Granite, and Ricardo Joseph, individually and on behalf of the Settlement Class (defined below) (collectively, “Plaintiffs”); and (ii) Meta Materials Inc. f/k/a Torchlight Energy Resources, Inc. (“Meta Materials”), George Palikaras, Greg McCabe, John Brda, and Kenneth Rice (collectively, “Defendants,” and together with Plaintiffs, the “Parties”), by and through their respective counsel in the above-captioned consolidated class action. The Stipulation is intended to fully, finally, and forever compromise, resolve, discharge, settle, and dismiss with prejudice the Released Claims,

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subject to the approval of the Court and the terms and conditions set forth in this Stipulation. All capitalized terms used in the Stipulation are defined terms.

**I. THE LITIGATION**

The Litigation (defined below) is pending before the Honorable Carol Bagley Amon in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (the “Court”). The initial complaint in this action was filed on January 3, 2022, styled *Maltagliati v. Meta Materials Inc. f/k/a Torchlight Energy Resources, Inc., et al.*, No. 1:21-cv-07203-CBA-JRC (E.D.N.Y.). ECF No. 1. A second complaint was filed on January 26, 2022, styled *McMillan v. Meta Materials Inc. f/k/a Torchlight Energy Resources, Inc., et al.*, No. 1:22-cv-00463-CBA-JRC (E.D.N.Y.).

On July 15, 2022, the Court appointed Kaoutar Kajjame, Philip Granite, and Ricardo Joseph as Lead Plaintiffs and consolidated the above-referenced actions under the caption *In re Meta Materials Inc. Securities Litigation*, No. 1:21-cv-07203-CBA-JRC (E.D.N.Y.) (the “Federal Action”). ECF No. 43.

On July 20, 2022, the Parties submitted a stipulation setting a schedule for the filing of an amended complaint and Defendants’ response thereto. ECF No. 45.

On August 29, 2022, Plaintiffs timely filed the operative complaint under the modified schedule naming the Company, George Palikaras, Greg McCabe, John Brda, and Kenneth Rice as defendants, and alleging violations of Sections 10(b), 14(a), 20(a) of the Exchange Act, and Rules 10b-5 and 14a-9 promulgated thereunder, and Sections 11 and 15 of the Securities Act. The operative complaint is titled the “Amended Complaint for Violations of the Federal Securities Laws” (the Amended Complaint”). ECF No. 46.

On October 13, 2022, Defendants moved to dismiss Plaintiffs’ Amended Complaint. The Parties completed briefing on the motion on January 12, 2023. ECF Nos. 47, 50-54.

On February 27, 2023, the Court held oral argument on Defendants’ motion to dismiss.

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On September 21, 2023, a shareholder class action complaint was filed in Nevada state court naming the Company, George Palikaras, Greg McCabe, John Brda, Kenneth Rice, Alexandre Zyngier, Robert Lance Cook, and Michael Graves as defendants (together with the Defendants, the “Settling Defendants”), and alleging claims for breaches of fiduciary duty and aiding and abetting breaches of fiduciary duty, styled *Denton, et al. v. Palikaras, et al.*, No. A-23-878134-C (Clark Cty., NV) (the “State Action”). The State Action has not been served on the defendants.

On September 29, 2023, the Court granted Defendants’ motion and dismissed Plaintiffs’ Amended Complaint with prejudice in a Memorandum & Order. ECF No. 59. On October 3, 2023, the Clerk filed a judgment in accordance with the Court’s Memorandum & Order. ECF No. 60.

On October 27, 2023, Plaintiffs filed a motion to vacate the Court’s Memorandum & Order dated September 29, 2023 and Judgment dated October 3, 2023 and for leave to amend the Amended Complaint. ECF No. 62. The Parties completed briefing on Plaintiffs’ motion on November 27, 2023. ECF Nos. 63-66.

On December 14, 2023, while Plaintiffs’ motion to vacate and for leave to amend was pending, Plaintiffs in this Federal Action and the plaintiffs in the State Action (together, the “Settling Plaintiffs”) and the Settling Defendants (collectively, the “Settling Parties”) participated in a full-day private mediation session with mediator Jed Melnick, Esq.

On December 20, 2023, the Settling Parties executed a confidential term sheet agreeing to a settlement subject to approval by the Court. Subsequent to signing the term sheet, Plaintiffs notified the Court of the Parties’ agreement to settle the Litigation and requested that the action be stayed. ECF No. 68. Pursuant to Court order, the Litigation is currently stayed pending approval of the Settlement (defined below).

## **II. DEFENDANTS’ DENIALS OF WRONGDOING AND LIABILITY**

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The Settling Defendants have denied, and continue to deny, each and all of the claims and allegations of wrongdoing made by the Settling Plaintiffs in the Litigation and further maintain that they have meritorious defenses. The Settling Defendants expressly have denied, and continue to deny, all charges of wrongdoing or liability against them arising out of the conduct, statements, acts or omissions alleged, or that could have been alleged in the Litigation. The Settling Defendants also have denied, and continue to deny, any and all allegations of fault, liability, wrongdoing, or damages whatsoever.

As set forth below, neither the Settlement nor any of the terms of this Stipulation shall in any event be construed or deemed to be evidence of or constitute an admission, concession, or finding of any fault, liability, wrongdoing, or damage whatsoever or any infirmity in the defenses that the Settling Defendants have, or could have, asserted in the Litigation. The Settling Defendants are entering into this Stipulation solely to eliminate the uncertainty, burden, and expense of further protracted litigation. The Settling Defendants have determined that it is desirable and beneficial to them that the Litigation be settled in the manner and upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Stipulation.

### **III. PLAINTIFFS' CLAIMS AND THE BENEFITS OF SETTLEMENT**

The Settling Plaintiffs believe that the claims asserted in the Litigation have merit and that evidence could be obtained through discovery to support their claims. The Settling Plaintiffs and their counsel, however, recognize and acknowledge the expense and length of continued proceedings necessary to prosecute the Litigation through trial and any appeals. The Settling Plaintiffs and their counsel also have taken into account the uncertain outcome and risk of any litigation, especially in complex actions such as this Litigation, as well as the difficulties and delays inherent in such litigation. The Settling Plaintiffs and their counsel also are mindful of the inherent problems of proof under and possible defenses to the claims asserted in the Litigation. The Settling

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Plaintiffs and their counsel believe that the Settlement set forth in this Stipulation confers substantial benefits upon the Settlement Class. Based on their evaluation, the Settling Plaintiffs and their counsel have determined that the Settlement set forth in this Stipulation is in the best interests of the Settlement Class.

**IV. TERMS OF THE STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT OF SETTLEMENT**

This Stipulation (together with the exhibits hereto) reflects the final and binding agreement between the Settling Parties.

Based upon their investigation, prosecution, and mediation of the case, the Settling Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel have concluded that the terms and conditions of this Stipulation are fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Settlement Class and in the best interests of all Settlement Class Members. Based on the Settling Plaintiffs' direct oversight of the prosecution of this Litigation and with the advice of their counsel, Plaintiffs have agreed to settle and release the claims raised in the Action pursuant to the terms and provisions of this Stipulation, after considering, among other things: (a) the financial benefit that the Settlement Class will receive under the proposed Settlement; and (b) the significant risks and costs of continued litigation and trial.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and among the Settling Plaintiffs (for themselves and the Settlement Class Members) and the Settling Defendants, by and through their respective counsel or attorneys of record, that, subject to the approval of the Court pursuant to Rule 23(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Litigation and the Released Claims shall be finally and fully compromised, settled, and released, and the Litigation shall be dismissed with prejudice, and without costs, as to all Settling Parties, upon and subject to the terms and conditions of this Stipulation, as follows:

**1. Definitions**

As used in this Stipulation the following terms have the meanings specified below. In the event of any inconsistency between any definitions set forth below and any definition set forth in any other document related to the settlement set forth in this Stipulation, the definitions set forth below shall control.

1.1 “Authorized Claimant” means any Settlement Class Member whose claim for recovery has been allowed pursuant to the terms of this Stipulation.

1.2 “Claims Administrator” means the firm retained by the Settling Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel, subject to approval of the Court, to provide all notices approved by the Court to potential Settlement Class Members and to administer the Settlement Fund.

1.3 “Class Period” means the period from September 21, 2020 and June 24, 2022, both dates inclusive.

1.4 “Defendants” means Meta Materials, George Palikaras, Greg McCabe, John Brda, and Kenneth Rice.

1.5 “Effective Date” means the first date by which all of the events and conditions specified in ¶7.1 of the Stipulation have been met and occurred or have been waived.

1.6 “Escrow Agent” means Esquire Bank.

1.7 “Final” means, with respect to any order of the Court, including, without limitation, the Final Order and Judgment, that such order represents a final and binding determination of all issues within its scope and has not been reversed, vacated, or modified in any way and is no longer subject to appellate review, either because of disposition on appeal and conclusion of the appellate process or because of passage, without action, of time for seeking appellate review. Without limitation, an order becomes Final when either: (a) no appeal has been filed and the time has passed for any notice of appeal to be timely filed; or (b) an appeal has been filed and either (i) the court

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of appeals has affirmed the judgment or dismissed that appeal and the time for any reconsideration or further appellate review has passed; or (ii) a higher court has granted further appellate review and that court has affirmed the underlying judgment or affirmed the court of appeals' decision affirming the judgment or dismissing the appeal. For purposes of this paragraph, an "appeal" shall include appeals as of right, discretionary appeals, interlocutory appeals, proceedings involving any petition for a writ of certiorari, or other writ that may be filed in connection with approval or disapproval of this settlement. Any appeal or other proceeding pertaining to any order concerning the issue of attorneys' fees and expenses, the Plan of Allocation of the Settlement Fund, as hereinafter defined, or the procedures for determining Authorized Claimants' recognized claims shall not in any way delay or preclude the Final Order and Judgment from becoming Final.

1.8 "Final Order" means the Order Approving the Settlement and Order of Dismissal with Prejudice, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B.

1.9 "Immediate Family" means any immediate family members as that term is defined in 17 C.F.R. § 229.404, Instructions (1)(a)(iii) and (1)(b)(ii).

1.10 "Judgment" means the Order and Final Judgment to be rendered by the Court, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B.

1.11 "Lead Counsel" means the law firm of Levi & Korsinsky, LLP.

1.12 "Litigation" means the actions captioned *In re Meta Materials Inc. Securities Litigation*, No. 1:21-cv-07203-CBA-JRC (E.D.N.Y.) (the "Federal Action"), and *Denton, et al. v. Palikaras, et al.*, No. A-23-878134-C (Clark Cty., NV) (the "State Action").

1.13 "Net Settlement Fund" means the portion of the Settlement Fund that shall be distributed to Authorized Claimants as allowed by the Stipulation, the Plan of Allocation, or the Court, which shall consist of the Settlement Fund less: (i) any Court-awarded attorneys' fees and

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expenses; (ii) Notice and Administration Expenses; (iii) Taxes and Tax Expenses; and (iv) other Court-approved deductions.

1.14 “Officer” means any officer as that term is defined in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Rule 16a-1(f).

1.15 “Person” means an individual, corporation, limited liability corporation, professional corporation, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, association, joint stock company, estate, legal representative, trust, unincorporated association, government or any political subdivision or agency thereof, and any business, legal or other entity and their spouses, heirs, predecessors, successors, representatives, or assignees.

1.16 “Plaintiffs” means Kaoutar Kajjame, Philip Granite, and Ricardo Joseph, individually and on behalf of the Settlement Class.

1.17 “Plaintiffs’ Counsel” means any attorney or firm who has appeared in the Litigation on behalf of Plaintiffs, including The Rosen Law Firm, P.A and Pomerantz LLP.

1.18 “Plan of Allocation” means a plan or formula of allocation of the Settlement Fund whereby the Net Settlement Fund shall be distributed to Authorized Claimants. Any Plan of Allocation is not part of this Stipulation and neither Settling Defendants nor their Related Parties shall have any responsibility or liability with respect thereto.

1.19 “Proof of Claim and Release” means the Proof of Claim and Release form for submitting a claim, which, subject to approval of the Court, shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A-2, that a Settlement Class Member must complete and submit should that Settlement Class Member seek to share in a distribution of the Net Settlement Fund.



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1.20 “Related Parties” means each Settling Defendant and each Settling Defendants’ respective past, present or future parents, subsidiaries, joint ventures and joint venturers, divisions and affiliates, and their respective present and former employees, consultants, contractors, members, partnerships and partners, managers, principals, officers, directors, controlling shareholders, attorneys, advisors, financial advisors, investment banks, underwriters, accountants, auditors, and insurers and reinsurers; any entity in which a Settling Defendant has a controlling interest; and the predecessors, successors, estates, immediate family members, spouses, heirs, executors, trusts, trustees, administrators, agents, legal or personal representatives, assigns, and assignees of each of them, in their capacity as such.

1.21 “Released Claims” means Released Defendants’ Claims and Released Plaintiffs’ Claims (defined below).

1.22 “Released Defendants’ Claims” means any and all claims and causes of action of every nature and description, whether known or Unknown Claims, asserted or unasserted, whether arising under federal, state, common or foreign law arising from the institution, prosecution, or settlement of the claims against Defendants, except claims to enforce the Settlement.

1.23 “Released Plaintiffs’ Claims” means any and all claims, demands, rights, liabilities, and causes of action of every nature and description, whether known or Unknown Claims, asserted or unasserted, mature or not mature, contingent or absolute, liquidated or unliquidated, accrued or unaccrued, whether arising under federal, state, statutory, regulatory, common or foreign law concerning, based on, arising out of, or in connection with (i) the purchase, sale, or ownership of Torchlight and/or Meta Materials securities between September 21, 2020 and June 24, 2022, both dates inclusive; and (ii) all claims alleged or that could have been alleged in the Federal and State Actions, including but not limited to any acts or omissions relating to disclosures, public filings,

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registration statements, press releases, presentations, or other statements made by the Settling Defendants. The release shall not include any derivative claims asserted by shareholders on behalf of Meta Materials in the related shareholder derivative action, captioned *Hines v. Palikaras, et al.*, Case No. 1:22-cv-00248-CBA-JRC (E.D.N.Y.).

1.24 “Released Persons” means each and all of the Settling Defendants and their Related Parties.

1.25 “Settlement” means the resolution of the Litigation in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Stipulation.

1.26 “Settlement Amount” means Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) in cash to be paid by or on behalf of the Settling Defendants by wire transfer to the Escrow Agent pursuant to ¶ 2.1 of this Stipulation.

1.27 “Settlement Class” or “Class” means: (a) All Persons that purchased Meta Materials and/or Torchlight Energy Resources, Inc. (“Torchlight”) publicly traded securities during the Class Period, and were damaged thereby; (b) All holders of Torchlight stock as of the May 5, 2021 record date, eligible to vote on the proposed merger with Metamaterial, Inc. at Torchlight’s June 11, 2021 special meeting of shareholders, and were damaged thereby; and (c) All holders of Torchlight stock as of June 28, 2021, the date the proposed merger with Metamaterial, Inc. was consummated, and were damaged thereby. Excluded from the Settlement Class are: (i) the Settling Defendants and their Related Parties; (ii) the officers, directors, and affiliates of Meta Materials, at all relevant times; (iii) Meta Materials’ employee retirement or benefit plan(s) and their participants or beneficiaries to the extent they purchased or acquired Meta Materials securities through any such plan(s); (iv) any entity in which the Settling Defendants have or had controlling interest; (v)

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Immediate Family members of any excluded person; and (vi) the legal representatives, heirs, successors, or assigns of any excluded person or entity.

1.28 “Settlement Class Member” or “Member of the Class” means a Person who falls within the definition of the Settlement Class as set forth in ¶ 1.27 above.

1.29 “Settlement Fund” means the Settlement Amount plus all interest and accretions thereto.

1.30 “Settlement Hearing” means the hearing set by the Court under Rule 23(e)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to consider final approval of the Settlement.

1.31 “Settling Defendants” means, collectively the Company, George Palikaras, Greg McCabe, John Brda, Kenneth Rice, Alexandre Zyngier, Robert Lance Cook, and Michael Graves.

1.32 “Settling Plaintiffs” means Plaintiffs and Allen Denton and Menachem Gurevitch, plaintiffs in the State Action.

1.33 “Settling Parties” means, collectively, the Settling Defendants and the Settling Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and the Settlement Class.

1.34 “Unknown Claims” means any and all Released Claims which Settling Plaintiffs, Plaintiffs’ Counsel, any Settlement Class Members, Settling Defendants, or Settling Defendants’ counsel do not know or suspect to exist in his, her, its, or their favor at the time of the release which, if known by him, her, it, or them might have affected his, her, its, or their settlement with and release of the Settling Parties, or might have affected his, her, its, or their decision(s) with respect to the Settlement. Unknown Claims include those Released Claims in which some or all of the facts comprising the claim may be suspected, or that may be undisclosed or hidden. With respect to any and all Released Claims, the Settling Parties stipulate and agree that, upon the Effective Date, Settling Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class Members shall be deemed to have, and

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by operation of the Judgment shall have, expressly waived and relinquished the provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by or under California Civil Code § 1542, or any other law of the United States or any state or territory of the United States, or principle of common law that is similar, comparable, or equivalent to § 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.**

Settling Plaintiffs acknowledge that they may hereafter discover facts in addition to or different from those which they or their counsel now knows or believes to be true with respect to the subject matter of the Released Claims, but the Settling Plaintiffs shall 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 released 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, reckless, 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 Settlement 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.

**2. The Settlement**

**a. The Settlement Fund**

2.1 As consideration for the full settlement of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims against the Settling Defendants and in consideration of the releases in ¶¶ 1.22 and 1.23 above, all of which the Settling Parties agree are good and valuable consideration, Meta Materials will deposit or cause to be deposited the Settlement Amount into an interest-bearing escrow account ("Escrow Account") controlled by the Escrow Agent on or before fourteen (14) calendar days after the later of: (i) the entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, as defined in ¶3.1 herein; and (ii) the receipt by Meta Materials of all information necessary to effectuate a transfer of funds, including the bank name and ABA routing number, account name and number, and a signed W-9 reflecting the taxpayer identification number for the Settlement Fund, which Plaintiffs will provide to Meta Materials within five (5) calendar days of the entry of the Preliminary Approval Order.

2.2 If the entire Settlement Amount is not timely deposited into the Escrow Account, Lead Counsel may terminate the Settlement but only if: (i) Lead Counsel has notified Defendants' counsel in writing of Lead Counsel's intention to terminate the Settlement, and (ii) the entire Settlement Amount is not transferred to the Escrow Account within five (5) business days after Lead Counsel has provided such written notice.

2.3 Other than the obligation of Meta Materials to pay or cause to be paid the Settlement Amount into the Settlement Fund set forth in ¶ 2.1 herein, the Settling Defendants shall have no obligation to make any other payment into the Settlement Fund pursuant to this Stipulation, and shall have no responsibility, obligation, or liability with respect to the Escrow Account or the monies maintained in the Escrow Account or the administration of the Settlement, including, without limitation, any responsibility or liability related to any fees, taxes, investment decisions, maintenance, supervision or distribution of any portion of the Settlement Amount.

**b. The Escrow Agent**

2.4 The Settlement Fund shall be used as provided in ¶ 5.6 below.

2.5 The Escrow Agent shall invest the Settlement Amount deposited pursuant to ¶ 2.1 hereof in short term United States Agency or Treasury Securities or other instruments backed by the Full Faith and Credit of the United States Government or an Agency thereof, or fully insured by the United States Government or an Agency thereof and shall reinvest the proceeds of these instruments as they mature in similar instruments at their then-current market rates. All risks related to the investment of the Settlement Fund shall be borne by the Settlement Fund, and the Released Persons shall have no responsibility for, interest in, or liability whatsoever with respect to investment decisions or the actions of the Escrow Agent, or any transactions executed by the Escrow Agent.

2.6 The Escrow Agent shall not disburse the Settlement Fund except as provided in this Stipulation, by an order of the Court, or with the prior written agreement of Defendants' counsel.

2.7 Subject to further order(s) and/or directions as may be made by the Court, or as provided in this Stipulation, the Escrow Agent is authorized to execute such transactions as are consistent with the terms of this Stipulation. The Released Persons shall have no responsibility for, interest in, or liability whatsoever with respect to the actions of the Escrow Agent, or any transaction executed by the Escrow Agent.

2.8 All funds held by the Escrow Agent shall be deemed and considered to be in *custodia legis* of the Court, and shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Court, until such time as such funds shall be distributed pursuant to this Stipulation and/or further order(s) of the Court.

2.9 Notwithstanding the fact that the Effective Date of the Settlement has not yet occurred, Lead Counsel may use up to Two Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$275,000.00) from the Settlement Fund, without further approval and/or order of the Court, for

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reasonable costs and expenses actually incurred in connection with providing notice of the Settlement to the Class, locating Settlement Class Members, soliciting claims, assisting with the submission of claims, processing Proof of Claim and Release forms, administering the Settlement, and paying escrow fees and costs, if any (“Notice and Administration Expenses”). After the Effective Date, all such Notice and Administration Expenses shall be paid from the Settlement Fund subject to prior approval of the Court. The Released Persons shall have no responsibility for or liability whatsoever with respect to the Notice and Administration Expenses, nor shall they have any responsibility or liability whatsoever for any claims with respect thereto.

**c. Taxes**

2.10 (a) The Settling Parties and the Escrow Agent agree to treat the Settlement Fund as being at all times a “qualified settlement fund” within the meaning of Treas. Reg. §1.468B-1. The Settling Parties and the Escrow Agent further agree that the Settlement Fund shall be established pursuant to the Court’s subject matter jurisdiction within the meaning of Treas. Reg. §1.468B-1(c)(1). In addition, the Escrow Agent shall timely make such elections as necessary or advisable to carry out the provisions of this ¶ 2.10, including the “relation-back election” (as defined in Treas. Reg. § 1.468B-1) back to the earliest permitted date. Such elections shall be made in compliance with the procedures and requirements contained in such regulations. It shall be the responsibility of the Escrow Agent to timely and properly prepare and deliver the necessary documentation for signature by all necessary parties, and thereafter to cause the appropriate filing to occur.

(b) For the purpose of § 1.468B of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, the “administrator” (as defined in Treas. Reg. § 1.468B-2(k)(3)) shall be the Escrow Agent. The Escrow Agent shall timely and properly file all informational and other federal, state, or local tax returns necessary or advisable with

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respect to the earnings on the Settlement Fund (including, without limitation, the returns described in Treas. Reg. § 1.468B-2(k)). Such returns (as well as the elections described in ¶ 2.10(a) hereof) shall be consistent with this ¶ 2.10 and in all events shall reflect that all Taxes (including any estimated Taxes, interest, or penalties) on the income earned by the Settlement Fund shall be paid out of the Settlement Fund as provided in ¶ 2.10(c) hereof.

(c) All (i) Taxes (including any estimated Taxes, interest, or penalties) arising with respect to the income earned by the Settlement Fund, including any Taxes or tax detriments that may be imposed upon the Released Persons or their counsel with respect to any income earned by the Settlement Fund for any period, after the deposit of the Settlement Amount, during which the Settlement Fund does not qualify as a “qualified settlement fund” for federal or state income tax purposes (“Taxes”), and (ii) expenses and costs incurred in connection with the operation and implementation of this ¶ 2.10 (including, without limitation, expenses of tax attorneys and/or accountants and mailing and distribution costs and expenses relating to filing (or failing to file) the returns described in this ¶ 2.10) (“Tax Expenses”), shall be paid out of the Settlement Fund; in all events the Released Persons and their counsel shall have no liability or responsibility whatsoever for the Taxes or the Tax Expenses. The Escrow Agent, through the Settlement Fund, shall indemnify and hold each of the Released Persons and their counsel harmless for Taxes and Tax Expenses (including, without limitation, Taxes payable by reason of any such indemnification). Further, Taxes and Tax Expenses shall be treated as, and considered to be, a cost of administration of the Settlement Fund and shall be timely paid by the Escrow Agent out of the Settlement Fund without prior order from the Court and the Escrow Agent shall be authorized (notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary) to withhold from distribution to Authorized Claimants any funds necessary to pay such amounts, including the establishment of adequate



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reserves for any Taxes and Tax Expenses (as well as any amounts that may be required to be withheld under Treas. Reg. § 1.468B-2(1)(2)); neither the Released Persons nor their counsel are responsible nor shall they have any liability for any Taxes or Tax Expenses. The Settling Parties hereto agree to cooperate with the Escrow Agent, each other, and their tax attorneys and accountants to the extent reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of this ¶ 2.10.

**d. Termination of Settlement**

2.11 In the event that this Stipulation is not approved or the Settlement is not approved, or is terminated, canceled, or the Effective Date otherwise fails to occur for any reason, including, without limitation, in the event the Judgment is reversed or vacated or materially altered following any appeal taken therefrom, or is successfully collaterally attacked, the Settlement Fund (including accrued interest) less Notice and Administration Expenses up to Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) and Taxes or Tax Expenses paid, incurred, or due and owing pursuant to ¶¶ 2.9 and 2.10 hereof in connection with the Settlement provided for herein, shall be refunded to Meta Materials or its insurer who paid the Settlement within ten (10) calendar days, or such other time as agreed to by Meta Materials or its insurers in accordance with ¶ 7.4 herein.

**3. Preliminary Approval Order and Settlement Hearing**

3.1 Within ten (10) calendar days after execution of this Stipulation, Lead Counsel shall submit this Stipulation together with its Exhibits to the Court and shall apply for entry of an order (the “Preliminary Approval Order”), substantially in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto, requesting, *inter alia*, the preliminary approval of the Settlement set forth in this Stipulation and approval for publication of a settlement notice (the “Notice”) and summary notice (“Summary Notice”), substantially in the forms of Exhibits A-1 and A-3 attached hereto, and the mailing of a postcard notice (the “Postcard Notice”), substantially in the form of Exhibit A-4 attached hereto. The Notice shall include the general terms of the Settlement set forth in this Stipulation, the

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proposed Plan of Allocation, the general terms of the Fee and Expense Application, as defined in ¶ 6.1 hereof, and the date of the Settlement Hearing as defined below.

3.2 Meta Materials shall provide to Lead Counsel or the Claims Administrator certain transfer records reflecting ownership or acquisition of Meta Materials securities within ten (10) business days of the date of entry of the Preliminary Approval Order. It shall be solely Lead Counsel's responsibility to disseminate the Notice, Postcard Notice, and Summary Notice to the Settlement Class in accordance with this Stipulation and as ordered by the Court. Settlement Class Members shall have no recourse as to the Released Persons with respect to any claims they may have that arise from any failure of the notice process.

3.3 Lead Counsel shall request that, after notice is given and not earlier than 90 days after the later of the dates on which the appropriate Federal official and the appropriate State officials are provided with notice pursuant to the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, 28 U.S.C. § 1715 *et seq.* ("CAFA") as set forth in ¶ 3.4 below, the Court hold a hearing (the "Settlement Hearing") and approve the Settlement of the Litigation as set forth herein.

3.4 At the Settlement Hearing, the Settling Parties shall jointly request entry of the Final Order and Judgment, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B:

(a) finally approving the Settlement as fair, reasonable and adequate, within the meaning of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and directing consummation pursuant to its terms;

(b) directing that the Litigation be dismissed without costs and expenses, except as set forth in this Stipulation, and with prejudice, and releasing the Released Claims;

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(c) permanently barring and enjoining the institution and prosecution, by the Settling Plaintiffs and/or the Settlement Class Members, of any other action against the Released Persons in any court asserting the Released Claims;

(d) reserving jurisdiction over the Litigation, including all future proceedings concerning the administration, consummation, and enforcement of this Stipulation;

(e) finding that the Litigation was prosecuted and defended on a good faith basis in accordance with the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the “PSLRA”) and Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure;

(f) finding, pursuant to Rule 54(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, that there is no just reason for delaying and directing entry of a final judgment; and

(g) containing such other and further provisions consistent with the terms of this Stipulation to which the Settling Parties expressly consent in writing.

3.5 At or after the Settlement Hearing, Lead Counsel also will request that the Court approve the proposed Plan of Allocation and the Fee and Expense Application (defined below).

3.6 Defendants shall no later than ten (10) calendar days following the filing of this Stipulation with the Court serve upon the appropriate State official of each State in which a Settlement Class Member resides and the Attorney General of the United States a notice of the proposed Settlement in compliance with the requirements of CAFA. Defendants are solely responsible for the costs of the CAFA notice and administering the CAFA notice.

**4. Releases**

4.1 Upon the Effective Date, as defined in ¶ 1.5 hereof, the Settling Plaintiffs and each of the other Settlement Class Members, whether or not such Settlement Class Member executes and delivers the Proof of Claim and Release form, and whether or not such Settlement Class Member shares or seeks to share in the Settlement Fund, for themselves and for any Person

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claiming now or in the future through or on behalf of them, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever waived, released, relinquished, discharged and dismissed the Settling Defendants and their Related Parties from each and every one of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims.

4.2 Any Proof of Claim and Release that is executed by Settlement Class Members shall be substantially in the form contained in Exhibit A-2 attached hereto.

4.3 Upon the Effective Date, the Settling Plaintiffs, all Settlement Class Members and anyone claiming now or in the future through or on behalf of any of them, will be forever barred and enjoined from commencing, instituting, prosecuting, or continuing to prosecute any action or other proceeding in any court of law or equity, arbitration tribunal, or administrative forum, asserting the Released Plaintiffs' Claims against any of the Released Persons.

4.4 Upon the Effective Date, each of the Settling Defendants shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Final Order and Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished, and discharged Settling Plaintiffs, each of the Settlement Class Members, and Lead Counsel from the Released Defendants' Claims. This release shall not apply to any person or entity who or which submits a request for exclusion from the Settlement Class that is accepted by the Court.

**5. Administration and Calculation of Claims, Final Awards, and Supervision and Distribution of the Settlement Fund**

5.1 As part of the Preliminary Approval Order, Plaintiffs shall seek appointment of a Claims Administrator.

5.2 The Claims Administrator, subject to such supervision and direction of Lead Counsel and the Court as may be necessary or as circumstances may require, shall administer and calculate the claims submitted by Settlement Class Members and shall oversee distribution of the

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Net Settlement Fund to Authorized Claimants pursuant to the Plan of Allocation. Other than Meta Materials' obligation to provide certain records as provided in ¶ 3.2 above, none of the Settling Defendants, nor their Related Parties, shall have any responsibility, authority or liability whatsoever for the selection of the Claims Administrator, the Plan of Allocation, the administration of the Settlement, the claims process, or disbursement of the Net Settlement Fund, and shall have no liability whatsoever to any Person or entity, including, but not limited to, the Settling Plaintiffs, any other Settlement Class Members, or Lead Counsel in connection with the foregoing. The Settling Defendants shall cooperate in the administration of the Settlement to the extent reasonably necessary to effectuate its terms.

5.3 In accordance with the terms of the Preliminary Approval Order to be entered by the Court, Lead Counsel shall cause the Claims Administrator to mail the Postcard Notice to those members of the Settlement Class as may be identified through reasonable effort. Lead Counsel shall also cause the Claims Administrator to: (a) post downloadable copies of the Notice and Proof of Claim and Release Form online at a website maintained for the purpose of providing information to the Settlement Class; and (b) have the Summary Notice and Postcard Notice published and mailed, respectively, in accordance with the terms of the Preliminary Approval Order to be entered by the Court.

5.4 The Settling Defendants will take no position with respect to the Plan of Allocation. The Plan of Allocation proposed in the Notice is not a necessary term of the Settlement or of this Stipulation and it is not a condition of the Settlement or of this Stipulation that any particular plan of allocation be approved by the Court. The Settling Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel may not cancel or terminate the Settlement (or this Stipulation) based on this Court's or any appellate court's ruling with respect to the Plan of Allocation or any other plan of allocation in this Litigation. The

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Settling Defendants shall not object in any way to the Plan of Allocation or any other plan of allocation in this Litigation. Neither the Settling Defendants, nor any of the Settling Defendants' Related Parties, shall have any liability, obligation, or responsibility whatsoever for the application of the Court-approved plan of allocation.

5.5 Any Settlement Class Member who does not timely submit a valid Proof of Claim and Release Form will not be entitled to receive any distribution from the Net Settlement Fund, but will otherwise be bound by all of the terms of this Stipulation and Settlement, including the terms of the Judgment to be entered in the Litigation and the releases provided for herein, and will be permanently barred and enjoined from bringing any action, claim, or other proceeding of any kind against the Settling Defendants or Settling Defendants' Related Parties with respect to the Released Plaintiffs' Claims in the event that the Effective Date occurs with respect to the Settlement.

5.6 The Settlement Fund shall be applied as follows:

- (a) to pay all the costs and expenses reasonably and actually incurred in connection with providing Notice, Postcard Notice, and Summary Notice, locating Settlement Class Members, soliciting Class claims, assisting with the filing of claims, administering and distributing the Net Settlement Fund to Authorized Claimants, processing Proof of Claim and Release forms, and paying escrow fees and costs, if any;
- (b) to pay the Taxes and Tax Expenses;
- (c) to pay attorneys' fees and expenses of Plaintiffs' Counsel and reimbursement of Plaintiffs' expenses (the "Fee and Expense Award"), if and to the extent allowed by the Court; and

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(d) to distribute the balance of the Net Settlement Fund to Authorized Claimants as allowed by this Stipulation, the Plan of Allocation, or the Court.

5.7 After the Effective Date, and in accordance with the terms of this Stipulation, the Plan of Allocation, or such further approval and further order(s) of the Court as may be necessary or as circumstances may require, the Net Settlement Fund shall be distributed to Authorized Claimants, subject to and in accordance with the following provisions of this Stipulation.

5.8 Within one hundred-twenty (120) days after the mailing of the Postcard Notice or such other time as may be set by the Court, each Person claiming to be an Authorized Claimant shall be required to submit to the Claims Administrator a completed Proof of Claim and Release form, substantially in the form of Exhibit A-2 attached hereto, signed under penalty of perjury and supported by such documents as are specified in the Proof of Claim and Release form.

5.9 Except as otherwise ordered by the Court, all Settlement Class Members who fail to timely submit a valid Proof of Claim and Release form within such period shall be forever barred from receiving any payments pursuant to this Stipulation and the Settlement set forth herein, but will in all other respects be subject to and bound by the provisions of this Stipulation, the releases contained herein, and the Judgment, and will be barred from bringing any action against the Released Persons concerning the Released Claims. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Lead Counsel shall have the discretion to accept late-submitted claims for processing by the Claims Administrator so long as the distribution of the Settlement Fund to Authorized Claimants is not materially delayed thereby. No Person shall have any claim against Plaintiffs, their counsel, the Released Persons, the Claims Administrator or any Settlement Class Member by reason of the exercise or non-exercise of such discretion.

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5.10 Each Proof of Claim and Release shall be submitted to and reviewed by the Claims Administrator, under the supervision of Lead Counsel, who shall determine, in accordance with this Stipulation and the approved Plan of Allocation, the extent, if any, to which each claim shall be allowed, subject to review by the Court pursuant to ¶ 5.12 below.

5.11 Proof of Claim and Release forms that do not meet the submission requirements may be rejected. Prior to rejecting a Proof of Claim and Release in whole or in part, the Claims Administrator shall communicate with the claimant in writing to give the claimant the chance to remedy any curable deficiencies in the Proof of Claim and Release submitted. The Claims Administrator, under the supervision of Lead Counsel, shall notify, in a timely fashion and in writing, all claimants whose claims the Claims Administrator proposes to reject in whole or in part for curable deficiencies, setting forth the reasons therefor, and shall indicate in such notice that the claimant whose claim is to be rejected has the right to a review by the Court if the claimant so desires and complies with the requirements of ¶ 5.12 below.

5.12 If any claimant whose timely claim has been rejected in whole or in part for curable deficiency desires to contest such rejection, the claimant must, within twenty (20) calendar days after the date of mailing of the notice required in ¶ 5.3 above, or a lesser period of time if the claim was untimely, serve upon the Claims Administrator a notice and statement of reasons indicating the claimant's grounds for contesting the rejection along with any supporting documentation, and requesting a review thereof by the Court. If a dispute concerning a claim cannot be otherwise resolved, Lead Counsel shall thereafter present the claimant's request for review to the Court.

5.13 Each claimant who declines to be excluded from the Settlement Class shall be deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to the claimant's claim, including, but not limited to, all releases provided for herein and in the Judgment, and the claim



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will be subject to investigation and discovery under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, provided that such investigation and discovery shall be limited to the claimant's status as a Settlement Class Member and the validity and amount of the claimant's claim. In connection with processing the Proofs of Claim and Release, no discovery shall be allowed on the merits of the Litigation or the Settlement.

5.14 The Net Settlement Fund shall be distributed to the Authorized Claimants substantially in accordance with the Plan of Allocation set forth in the Notice and approved by the Court. Any such Plan of Allocation is not part of this Stipulation. No funds from the Net Settlement Fund shall be distributed to Authorized Claimants until the Effective Date. If there is any balance remaining in the Net Settlement Fund after a reasonable period of time after the date of the initial distribution of the Net Settlement Fund, Lead Counsel shall, if feasible and economical, reallocate (which reallocation may occur on multiple occasions) such balance among Authorized Claimants in an equitable and economical fashion. Any *de minimis* balance that still remains in the Net Settlement Fund after such reallocation(s) and payments, which is not feasible or economical to reallocate, shall be donated to any appropriate non-sectarian, non-profit charitable organization(s) serving the public interest selected by Lead Counsel and approved by the Court.

5.15 The Settling Defendants and their Related Parties shall have no responsibility for or liability whatsoever with respect to the investment or distribution of the Settlement Fund or Net Settlement Fund, the Plan of Allocation, the determination, administration, or calculation of claims, the payment or withholding of Taxes or Tax Expenses, or any losses incurred in connection therewith. No Person shall have any claim of any kind against the Settling Defendants, their Related Parties, or counsel for the Settling Defendants with respect to the matters set forth in ¶¶

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5.1-5.18 hereof; and the Settlement Class Members, Settling Plaintiffs, and Lead Counsel hereby fully, finally and forever release the Settling Defendants and their Related Parties from any and all liability and claims arising from or with respect to the administration, investment, or distribution of the Settlement Fund.

5.16 No Person shall have any claim against the Settling Defendants or their Related Parties, Settling Defendants' counsel, Settling Plaintiffs, Plaintiffs' Counsel or the Claims Administrator, or any other Person designated by Lead Counsel based on determinations or distributions made substantially in accordance with this Stipulation and the Settlement contained herein, the Plan of Allocation, or further order(s) of the Court.

5.17 It is understood and agreed by the Settling Parties that any proposed Plan of Allocation of the Net Settlement Fund, including, but not limited to, any adjustments to an Authorized Claimant's claim set forth therein, is not a part of this Stipulation and is to be considered by the Court separately from the Court's consideration of the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement set forth in this Stipulation, and any order or proceeding relating to the Plan of Allocation shall not operate to terminate or cancel this Stipulation or affect the finality of the Court's Judgment approving this Stipulation and the Settlement set forth herein, or any other orders entered pursuant to the Stipulation. The time to appeal from approval of the settlement shall commence upon the Court's entry of the Judgment regardless of whether a Plan of Allocation has been approved.

5.18 All Persons who fall within the definition of Settlement Class Members (who do not exclude themselves) shall be subject to and bound by the provisions of this Stipulation, the releases contained herein, the Judgment with respect to all Released Claims, regardless of whether such Persons seek or obtain by any means, including, without limitation, by submitting a Proof of

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Claim and Release or any similar document, any distribution from the Settlement Fund or Net Settlement Fund.

**6. Lead Counsel's Attorneys' Fees and Expenses**

6.1 Lead Counsel may submit an application or applications (the "Fee and Expense Application") from the Settlement Fund for: (a) an award of attorneys' fees; plus (b) expenses incurred in connection with prosecuting the Litigation; plus (c) any interest on such attorneys' fees and expenses at the same rate and for the same periods as earned by the Settlement Fund (until paid) as may be awarded by the Court. Lead Counsel reserves the right to make additional applications for fees and expenses incurred.

6.2 Any fees and expenses, as awarded by the Court, shall be paid to Lead Counsel from the Settlement Fund, as ordered, immediately after the Court executes the Judgment and an order awarding such fees and expenses, notwithstanding the existence of any timely filed objections thereto or to the Settlement, or potential for appeal therefrom, or collateral attack on the Settlement or any part thereof. Lead Counsel may thereafter allocate the attorneys' fees among Plaintiffs' Counsel in a manner in which they in good faith believe reflects the contributions of such counsel to the initiation, prosecution, and resolution of the Litigation.

6.3 In the event that the Effective Date does not occur, or the Judgment or the order making the Fee and Expense Award is reversed or modified, or this Stipulation is canceled or terminated for any other reason, and such reversal, modification, cancellation or termination becomes Final and not subject to review, and in the event that the Fee and Expense Award has been paid to any extent, then Lead Counsel, including their partners and/or shareholders, and such other Plaintiffs' Counsel, including their law firms, partners, and/or shareholders, and Plaintiffs who have received any portion of the Fee and Expense Award shall, within five (5) business days from receiving notice from the Settling Defendants' counsel or from a court of appropriate

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jurisdiction, refund to the Settlement Fund all such fees and expenses previously paid to them from the Settlement Fund plus interest thereon at the same rate as earned on the Settlement Fund in an amount consistent with such reversal, modification, cancellation or termination. Any refunds required pursuant to ¶ 6.3 shall be the several obligation of Lead Counsel, including their partners and/or shareholders, and former partners and/or shareholders who received a distribution of any portion of the Fee and Expense Award, Plaintiffs' Counsel, including their law firms, partners, and/or shareholders, and Settling Plaintiffs that received fees or expenses to make appropriate refunds or repayments to the Settlement Fund.

6.4 The procedure for and the allowance or disallowance by the Court of any applications by any Plaintiffs' Counsel for attorneys' fees and expenses to be paid out of the Settlement Fund is not part of the Settlement set forth in this Stipulation, and is to be considered by the Court separately from the Court's consideration of the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement set forth in this Stipulation, and any order or proceeding relating to the Fee and Expense Application, or any appeal from any order relating thereto or reversal or modification thereof, shall not operate to terminate or cancel this Stipulation, or affect or delay the finality of the Judgment approving this Stipulation and the Settlement of the Litigation set forth therein.

6.5 Any fees and/or expenses awarded by the Court shall be paid solely from the Settlement Fund. The Settling Defendants and their Related Parties shall have no responsibility for, and no liability whatsoever with respect to, any payment of attorneys' fees and/or expenses (including Taxes) to Plaintiffs' Counsel, or any other counsel or Person who receives payment from the Net Settlement Fund.

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6.6 The Settling Defendants and their Related Parties shall have no responsibility for, and no liability whatsoever with respect to, the allocation among Plaintiffs' Counsel and/or any other Person who may assert some claim thereto, of any Fee and Expense Award that the Court may make in the Litigation, and the Settling Defendants and their related parties take no position with regard to such matters.

6.7 The Released Persons shall have no responsibility for, and no liability whatsoever with respect to, any attorneys' fees, costs, or expenses (including Taxes) incurred by or on behalf of any Settlement Class Member, whether or not paid from the Escrow Account.

**7. Conditions of Settlement, Effect of Disapproval, Cancellation, or Termination**

7.1 The Effective Date of the Settlement shall be the date when all of the following shall have occurred and is conditioned on the occurrence of all of the following events:

(a) the Court has entered the Preliminary Approval Order, as required by ¶ 3.1 hereof;

(b) the Settlement Amount has been deposited into the Escrow Account;

(c) Meta Materials has not exercised its option to terminate the Stipulation pursuant to ¶ 7.3 hereof;

(d) The Court has approved the Settlement described herein, following notice to the Settlement Class and a hearing, as prescribed by Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure;

(e) The Court has entered the Final Order and Judgment, substantially in the form of Exhibit B attached hereto;

(f) The Final Order and Judgment has become Final, as defined in ¶ 1.7 hereof;  
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(g) Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that Meta Materials files for bankruptcy protection or an insolvency proceeding is otherwise commenced against Meta Materials prior to the Final Order, the Settlement will be contingent on the Bankruptcy Court's approval of a Bankruptcy Rule 9019 Motion approving the Settlement and the Bankruptcy Court's approval of a Motion To Modify the Automatic Stay to authorize the payment of the Settlement Amount and defense expenses by one or more insurance companies providing insurance coverage to Defendants.

7.2 Upon the Effective Date, except as described in ¶¶ 7.4 and 7.5 below, any and all remaining interest or right of the Settling Defendants in or to the Settlement Fund, if any, shall be absolutely and forever extinguished. If all of the conditions specified in ¶ 7.1 hereof are not met, then the Settlement shall be canceled and terminated subject to ¶¶ 7.4 and 7.5 hereof unless Lead Counsel and counsel for the Settling Defendants mutually agree in writing to proceed with the Settlement.

7.3 Meta Materials shall have the right to terminate the Settlement and render it null and void in the event that Settlement Class Members who purchased or otherwise acquired more than a certain percentage of Meta Materials securities subject to this Settlement exclude themselves from the Settlement Class, as set forth in a separate agreement (the "Supplemental Agreement") executed between the Settling Plaintiffs and the Settling Defendants, by and through their counsel. The Supplemental Agreement, which is being executed concurrently herewith, shall not be filed with the Court and its terms shall not be disclosed in any other manner (other than the statements herein, to the extent necessary, or as otherwise provided in the Supplemental Agreement), unless and until the Court otherwise directs or a dispute arises between the Settling Parties concerning its interpretation or application. If submission of the Supplemental Agreement is required for

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resolution of a dispute or is otherwise ordered by the Court, the Settling Parties will seek to have the Supplemental Agreement submitted to the Court *in camera* or filed under seal.

7.4 In the event the Effective Date does not occur or this Stipulation shall terminate, or be canceled, or otherwise fail to become effective for any reason, including, without limitation, in the event that the Settlement as described herein is not approved by the Court or the Final Order or Judgment is reversed or vacated following any appeal taken therefrom, then:

(a) within ten (10) business days after written notification of such event is sent by counsel for the Defendants or Lead Counsel to the Escrow Agent, the Settlement Fund (including accrued interest) and all payments disbursed, less reasonable expenses which have been properly disbursed pursuant to Section 2 hereof or are determined to be properly chargeable to the Settlement Fund, up to the amount provided in ¶ 2.9, shall be refunded, reimbursed, and repaid by the Escrow Agent to Meta Materials or Meta Materials' paying insurers pursuant to written instructions by Defendants' counsel. If such amounts are not timely paid by the Escrow Agent, then interest shall accrue at the rate of 5% per annum, until such amounts are paid;

(b) the Escrow Agent or its designee shall apply for any tax refund owed on the Settlement Fund and pay the proceeds, after deduction of any fees or expenses reasonably incurred in connection with such application(s) for refund, pursuant to written instructions from Defendants' counsel;

(c) the Settling Parties shall be restored to their respective positions in the Litigation as of December 20, 2023;

(d) the terms and provisions of the Stipulation, with the exception of ¶¶ 2.5-2.8, 2.10, 6.7, and 8.3-8.19 hereof, shall have no further force and effect with respect to the Settling Parties, and neither the existence nor the terms of this Stipulation (nor any negotiations preceding

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this Stipulation nor any acts performed pursuant to, or in furtherance of, this Stipulation) shall be used in this Litigation or in any other proceeding for any purpose (other than to enforce the terms remaining in effect); and

(e) any judgment or order entered by the Court in accordance with the terms of the Stipulation shall be treated as vacated, *nunc pro tunc*. No order of the Court or modification or reversal on appeal of any order of the Court concerning the Plan of Allocation or the amount of any attorneys' fees, costs, expenses, and interest awarded by the Court to any of Plaintiffs' counsel shall constitute grounds for cancellation or termination of the Stipulation.

7.5 If the Court does not enter the Final Order and Judgment in the form of Exhibit B hereto, or if the Court enters the Final Order and Judgment and appellate review is sought and, on such review, the Final Order or Judgment is vacated, modified, or reversed, then this Stipulation and the Settlement incorporated herein shall be cancelled and terminated, unless all Settling Parties who are adversely affected thereby, in their sole discretion within thirty days from the date of the mailing of such ruling to such parties, provide written notice to all other parties hereto of their intent to proceed with the Settlement under the terms of the Final Order and Judgment as modified by the Court or on appeal. Such notice may be provided on behalf of Settling Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class Members by Lead Counsel. No Settling Party shall have any obligation whatsoever to proceed under any terms other than in the form provided and agreed to herein; provided, however, that no order of the Court concerning any fee and expense application, or any modification or reversal on appeal of such order, shall constitute grounds for cancellation or termination of this Stipulation by any Settling Party.

**8. Miscellaneous Provisions**

8.1 The Settling Parties: (a) acknowledge that it is their intent to consummate this agreement; and (b) agree to cooperate to the extent reasonably necessary to effectuate and



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implement all terms and conditions of this Stipulation and to exercise their best efforts to accomplish the foregoing terms and conditions of this Stipulation.

8.2 The Settling Parties intend this Settlement to be a final and complete resolution of all disputes between them with respect to the Litigation. The Settlement compromises all claims that were or are contested and shall not be deemed an admission by any Settling Party as to the merits of any claim or defense. The Judgment will contain a finding that, during the course of the Litigation, the Settling Parties and their respective counsel at all times complied with the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11. The Settling Parties agree that the Settlement Amount and the other terms of the Settlement were negotiated in good faith by the Settling Parties, and reflect a settlement that was reached voluntarily after consultation with competent legal counsel. The Settling Parties reserve their right to rebut, in a manner that such party determines to be appropriate, any contention made in any public forum regarding the Litigation, including that the Litigation was brought or defended in bad faith or without a reasonable basis.

8.3 Neither the Stipulation nor the Settlement contained herein, nor any act performed or document executed pursuant to or in furtherance of the Stipulation or the Settlement: (a) is or may be deemed to be or may be used as an admission of, or evidence of, the validity of any Released Claim, any allegation made in the Litigation, or of any wrongdoing or liability of the Released Persons; or (b) is or may be deemed to be or may be used as an admission of, or evidence of, any fault or omission of any of the Released Persons in any civil, criminal or administrative proceeding in any court, administrative agency or other tribunal; or (c) is or may be deemed or used as an admission or evidence that any claims asserted by Lead Plaintiffs were not valid or that the amount recoverable was not greater than the Settlement Amount, in any civil, criminal or administrative proceeding in any court, administrative agency or other tribunal. Neither this

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Stipulation nor the Settlement, nor any act performed or document executed pursuant to or in furtherance of this Stipulation or the Settlement shall be admissible in any proceeding for any purpose except that Settling Defendants and/or their respective Related Parties may file this Stipulation and/or the Judgment in any action that may be brought against them in order to support a defense or counterclaim based on principles of *res judicata*, collateral estoppel, release, good faith settlement, judgment bar or reduction, or any other theory of claim preclusion or issue preclusion or similar defense or counterclaim.

8.4 All agreements made and orders entered during the course of the Litigation relating to the confidentiality of information shall survive this Stipulation.

8.5 All of the Exhibits to this Stipulation are material and integral parts hereof and are fully incorporated herein by this reference.

8.6 This Stipulation may be amended or modified only by a written instrument signed by or on behalf of all Settling Parties or their respective successors-in-interest.

8.7 This Stipulation and the Exhibits attached hereto and the Supplemental Agreement constitute the entire agreement among the Settling Parties hereto as to the subject matter hereof and supersede any prior or contemporaneous written or oral agreements or understandings between the Settling Parties. No representations, warranties, or inducements have been made to any party concerning this Stipulation or its Exhibits other than the representations, warranties, and covenants contained and memorialized in such documents. It is understood by the Settling Parties that, except for the matters expressly represented herein, the facts or law with respect to which this Stipulation is entered into may turn out to be other than or different from the facts now known to each party or believed by such party to be true; each party therefore expressly assumes the risk of the facts or

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law turning out to be different, and agrees that this Stipulation shall be in all respects effective and not subject to termination by reason of any such different facts or law.

8.8 Except as otherwise provided herein, each party shall bear his, her, or its own fees and costs.

8.9 Lead Counsel, on behalf of the Settlement Class, represents that it is expressly authorized by the Settling Plaintiffs to take all appropriate action required or permitted to be taken by the Settlement Class pursuant to this Stipulation to effectuate its terms and also is expressly authorized to enter into any modifications or amendments to this Stipulation on behalf of the Settlement Class which they deem appropriate.

8.10 Each counsel or other Person executing this Stipulation or any of its Exhibits on behalf of any party hereto hereby warrants that such Person has the full authority to do so.

8.11 This Stipulation may be executed in one or more counterparts. All executed counterparts and each of them shall be deemed to be one and the same instrument. A complete set of executed counterparts shall be filed with the Court. Signatures sent by facsimile or in .pdf form via e-mail shall be deemed originals.

8.12 All notices, requests, demands, claims, and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed duly given (i) when delivered personally to the recipient, (ii) one (1) business day after being sent to the recipient by reputable overnight courier service (charges prepaid), or (iii) seven (7) business days after being mailed to the recipient by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested and postage prepaid, and addressed to the intended recipient as set forth below:

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8.13 This Stipulation shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors and assigns of the Settling Parties, including any corporation or other entity into or with which any party merges, consolidates, or reorganizes.

8.14 The Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to implementation and enforcement of the terms of this Stipulation, and all Settling Parties submit to the jurisdiction of the Court for purposes of implementing and enforcing the Settlement embodied in this Stipulation and matters related to the Settlement.

8.15 The waiver by one party of any breach of this Stipulation by any other party shall not be deemed a waiver by any other party or a waiver of any other prior or subsequent breach of this Stipulation.

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8.16 Pending approval of the Court of this Stipulation and its Exhibits, all proceedings in this Litigation shall be stayed and all Members of the Settlement Class shall be barred and enjoined from prosecuting any of the Released Claims against any of the Released Persons.

8.17 This Stipulation and the Exhibits hereto shall be considered to have been negotiated, executed, and delivered, and to be wholly performed, in the State of New York, and the rights and obligations of the parties to the Stipulation shall be construed and enforced in accordance with, and governed by, the internal, substantive laws of New York without giving effect to its choice-of-law principles.

8.18 The headings herein are used for the purpose of convenience only and are not meant to have legal effect.

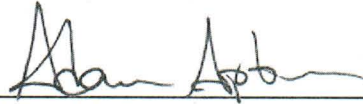
8.19 This Stipulation shall not be construed more strictly against one party than another merely by virtue of the fact that it, or any part of it, may have been prepared by counsel for one of the Settling Parties, it being recognized that it is the result of arm's-length negotiations between the Settling Parties and the Settling Parties have contributed substantially and materially to the preparation of this Stipulation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused the Stipulation to be executed, by their duly authorized attorneys, dated January 19, 2024.

[Signatures on following pages]

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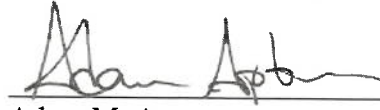
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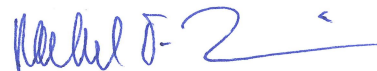
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**EXHIBIT A**

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

IN RE META MATERIALS INC.  
SECURITIES LITIGATION

Case No. 1:21-cv-07203-CBA-JRC

**[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING  
PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF  
SETTLEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, a consolidated class action is pending before the Court entitled *In re Metamaterials Inc. Securities Litigation*, No. 1:21-cv-07203-CBA-JRC (E.D.N.Y.);

**WHEREAS**, (a) Lead Plaintiffs Kaoutar Kajjame, Philip Granite, and Ricardo Josephs, individually and on behalf of the Settlement Class (defined below) (collectively, “Plaintiffs”), and (b) Meta Materials Inc. f/k/a Torchlight Energy Resources, Inc. (“Meta Materials”), George Palikaras, Greg McCabe, John Brda, and Kenneth Rice (collectively, “Defendants”; and together with the Plaintiffs, the “Parties”) have determined to settle all claims asserted against Defendants in this Litigation with prejudice on the terms and conditions set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement dated January 19, 2024 (the “Stipulation”) subject to the approval of this Court (the “Settlement”);

**WHEREAS**, (a) Allen Denton and Menachem Gurevitch, plaintiffs in a related shareholder class action lawsuit alleging claims for breaches of fiduciary duty and aiding and abetting breaches of fiduciary duty, styled *Denton, et al. v. Palikaras, et al.*, No. A-23-878134-C (Clark Cty., NV) (the “State Action”) filed in Nevada state court, and (b) Defendants and additional defendants Alexandre Zyngier, Robert Lance Cook, and Michael Graves in the State Action also

have determined to settle all claims asserted in the State Action, as contemplated and comprised by the definition of the Settlement Class in this Action; and

**WHEREAS**, the Court having reviewed and considered Plaintiffs’ unopposed Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement (the “Motion”); as well as all papers submitted in support thereof; the proposed Settlement as set forth in the Stipulation, which, together with the exhibits annexed thereto, sets forth the terms and conditions of a proposed settlement of the above-captioned Litigation, dismissing the Defendants with prejudice upon the terms and conditions set forth therein; a copy of which has been submitted with the Motion and the terms of which are incorporated herewith; and all other prior proceedings in this Litigation; and good cause for this Order having been shown:

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. The provisions of the Stipulation, including definitions of the terms used therein, are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein. All capitalized terms used herein have the meanings set forth and defined in the Stipulation.

2. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Litigation and over all parties to this Litigation, including Settlement Class Members.

3. The Court preliminarily approves the Settlement and the proposed Plan of Allocation described in the Notice as fair, reasonable and adequate as to all Settlement Class Members, pending a final settlement and fairness hearing (the “Settlement Hearing”). The Court preliminarily finds that the proposed Settlement should be approved as: (i) the result of serious, extensive arm’s-length and non-collusive negotiations; (ii) falling within a range of reasonableness warranting final approval; (iii) having no obvious deficiencies; (iv) not improperly granting preferential treatment to any of the Plaintiffs or segments of the Settlement Class; and (v)

warranting notice of the proposed Settlement at the Settlement Hearing described below.

4. Pursuant to Rules 23(a) and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and for purposes of this Settlement only, the Court hereby certifies a Settlement Class, defined as: (a) All Persons that purchased Meta Materials and/or Torchlight Energy Resources, Inc. (“Torchlight”) publicly traded securities during the Class Period, and were damaged thereby; (b) All holders of Torchlight stock as of the May 5, 2021 record date, eligible to vote on the proposed merger with Metamaterial, Inc. at Torchlight’s June 11, 2021 special meeting of shareholders, and were damaged thereby; and (c) All holders of Torchlight stock as of June 28, 2021, the date the proposed merger with Metamaterial, Inc. was consummated, and were damaged thereby. Excluded from the Settlement Class are: (i) Defendants and their Related Parties; (ii) the officers, directors, and affiliates of Meta Materials, at all relevant times; (iii) Meta Materials’ employee retirement or benefit plan(s) and their participants or beneficiaries to the extent they purchased or acquired Meta Materials securities through any such plan(s); (iv) any entity in which Defendants have or had controlling interest; (v) Immediate Family members of any excluded person; and (vi) the legal representatives, heirs, successors, or assigns of any excluded person or entity. Also excluded from the Settlement Class are those Persons who validly and timely request exclusion.

5. With respect to the Settlement Class, this Court finds solely for purposes of effectuating this settlement that: (a) the Settlement Class Members are so numerous that joinder of all Settlement Class Members in the Litigation is impracticable; (b) there are questions of law and fact common to the Settlement Class which predominate over any individual questions; (c) the claims of the Plaintiffs are typical of the claims of the Settlement Class; (d) Plaintiffs have fairly and adequately represented and protected the interests of all of the Settlement Class Members; and (e) a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of

the controversy, considering: (i) the interests of the members of the Settlement Class in individually controlling the prosecution of the separate actions; (ii) the extent and nature of any litigation concerning the controversy already commenced by members of the Settlement Class; (iii) the desirability or undesirability of continuing the litigation of these claims in this particular forum; and (iv) the difficulties likely to be encountered in the management of the class action.

6. The Court hereby finds and concludes that pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and for the purposes of the Settlement only, Plaintiffs are adequate class representatives and certifies them as Class Representatives for the Settlement Class. The Court also appoints Lead Counsel as Class Counsel for the Settlement Class, pursuant to Rule 23(g) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

7. The Court approves the appointment of Strategic Claims Services as the Claims Administrator to supervise and administer the notice procedure and the processing of claims.

8. The Court orders the stay of any pending litigation and enjoins the initiation of any new litigation by any Settlement Class Member in any court, arbitration, or other tribunal that includes any Released Claims against the Released Parties.

9. The Court hereby approves, as to form and content, the proposed Notice and Postcard Notice, substantially in the forms annexed hereto as Exhibits A-1 and A-4, and directs that as soon as practicable after entry of this Order, but no later than fourteen (14) days after entry of this Order granting preliminary approval, that the Settlement Administrator publish the Notice on a website to be maintained by the Claims Administrator and provide the Postcard Notice to each known Settlement Class Member via first class U.S. mail, postage pre-paid. Meta Materials shall cooperate in the identification of Settlement Class Members by producing reasonably available information from its shareholder transfer records or transfer agent. The Claims

Administrator shall file with the Court proof of mailing of the Notice seven (7) days prior to the Settlement Hearing.

10. Banks, brokerage firms, institutions, and other persons who are nominees who purchased or otherwise acquired Meta Materials securities for the beneficial interest of other persons during the Settlement Class Period are directed to, within ten (10) days after receipt of the Notice: either (a) send the Postcard Notice to all beneficial owners of Meta Materials securities purchased or otherwise acquired during the Class Period; or (b) send a list of the name, addresses and email addresses of such beneficial owners to the Claims Administrator; or (c) request a link to the location of the Long Notice and Proof of Claim and email the link to Settlement Class Members. Upon full compliance with these directions, such nominees may seek reimbursement of their reasonable expenses actually incurred up to a maximum of \$0.03 per name, address and email address provided to the Claims Administrator; or up to \$0.03 per Postcard Notice mailed, plus postage at the rate used by the Claims Administrator; or up to \$.03 per email sent. The Claims Administrator or nominees shall provide notice to each Settlement Class Member no later than sixty (60) days prior to the Settlement Hearing.

11. The cost of providing the Notice to the Settlement Class as specified in this Order shall be paid as set forth in the Stipulation.

12. The Court hereby approves, as to form and content, the proposed form Summary Notice, substantially in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit A-3, and directs that within twenty-one (21) days after entry of this Order granting preliminary approval the Claims Administrator shall cause such Summary Notice to be published on a national business newswire. The Claims Administrator shall file with the Court proof of publication of the Summary Notice seven (7) days prior to the Settlement Hearing.

13. The Court approves the proposed Proof of Claim substantially in the form of Exhibit A-2 hereto.

14. The Court orders that the Notices, Proof of Claim form, Stipulation of Settlement and all papers submitted in support thereof be posted to a website to be maintained by the Claims Administrator.

15. This Court preliminarily finds that the distribution of the Notice and the publication of the Publication Notice, and the notice methodology, contemplated by the Stipulation and this Order:

(a) Constitute the best practicable notice to Settlement Class Members under the circumstances of this Action;

(b) Are reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise Settlement Class Members of: (i) the proposed Settlement of this Action; (ii) their right to exclude themselves from the Settlement Class; (iii) their right to object to any aspect of the proposed Settlement; (iv) their right to appear at the Settlement Hearing, either on their own or through counsel hired at their own expense, if they did not exclude themselves from the Settlement Class; and (v) the binding effect of the proceedings, rulings, orders, and judgments in this Action, whether favorable or unfavorable, on all persons not excluded from the Settlement Class;

(c) Are reasonable and constitute due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons entitled to be provided with notice; and

(d) Fully satisfy all applicable requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (including Rules 23(c) and (d)), the United States Constitution (including the Due Process Clause), the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(a)(7), the

Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, the Rules of Court, and any other applicable law.

16. Settlement Class Members who wish to participate in the Settlement shall complete and submit the Proof of Claim and Release form in accordance with the instructions contained in the Notice. Unless the Court orders otherwise, all Proof of Claim and Release forms must be submitted no later than one hundred twenty (120) days after entry of this Order.

17. Any Settlement Class Member who does not submit a Proof of Claim and Release within the time provided shall be barred from sharing in the distribution of the proceeds of the Net Settlement Fund, unless otherwise ordered by the Court, but shall nevertheless be bound by any final judgment entered by the Court. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Lead Counsel shall have the discretion to accept late-submitted claims for processing by the Claims Administrator so long as distribution of the Net Settlement Fund is not materially delayed thereby.

18. Any person falling within the definition of the Settlement Class may seek to be excluded from the Settlement Class by submitting to the Settlement Administrator a request for exclusion (“Request for Exclusion”), which complies with the requirements set forth in the Notice and is postmarked no later than twenty-eight (28) days prior to the Settlement Hearing. Any Request for Exclusion that does not supply the information required by this Paragraph 16 shall be rejected, and any such Settlement Class Member shall be bound by the Stipulation and any judgment entered in connection therewith.

19. All persons who submit valid and timely Requests for Exclusion shall have no rights under the Stipulation, shall not share in the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund, and shall not be bound by the Settlement Stipulation or the Judgment. However, a Settlement Class Member may submit a written revocation of a Request for Exclusion up until seven (7) days prior to the

date of the Settlement Hearing and still be eligible to receive payments pursuant to the Stipulation provided the Settlement Class Member also submits a valid Proof of Claim prior to the Settlement Hearing (the “Bar Date”).

20. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, the Court stays all proceedings in the Action other than proceedings necessary to carry out or enforce the terms and conditions of the Stipulation. Pending final determination of whether the Settlement should be approved, the Court bars and enjoins Plaintiffs, and all other members of the Settlement Class, from commencing or prosecuting any and all of the Released Plaintiffs’ Claims against each and all of the Defendants’ Related Parties.

21. The Settlement Hearing shall take place before the undersigned, United States District Judge Carol Bagley Amon, in Courtroom 10D S at the United States District Court for the New York Eastern District, 225 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, NY 11201, on \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_:\_\_.m., to determine:

- (a) Whether the Settlement, on the terms and conditions provided for in the Stipulation, should be finally approved by the Court as fair, reasonable, and adequate;
- (b) Whether the Litigation should be dismissed on the merits and with prejudice as to the Defendants;
- (c) Whether the Court should permanently enjoin the assertion of any claims that arise from or relate to the subject matter of the Litigation;
- (d) Whether the application for attorneys’ fees and expenses to be submitted by Lead Counsel should be approved;
- (e) Whether the Plan of Allocation is fair and reasonable to the members of the Settlement Class; and



(f) Such other matters as the Court may deem necessary or appropriate.

22. The Court may finally approve the Stipulation at or after the Settlement Hearing with any modifications agreed to by the parties and without further notice to the Settlement Class Members.

23. Lead Counsel and/or Defendants' Counsel shall submit papers in support of the Settlement, Plan of Allocation and Award of Attorney Fees and Expenses no later than thirty-five (35) days prior to the Settlement Hearing.

24. Any Settlement Class Member and any other interested person may appear at the Settlement Hearing in person or by counsel and be heard, to the extent allowed by the Court, either in support of or in opposition to the matters to be considered at the hearing; provided, however, that no person shall be heard, and no papers, briefs, or other submissions shall be considered by the Court in connection to such matters, unless no later than twenty-eight (28) days before the Settlement Hearing, such person files with the Court a statement of objection setting forth: (i) whether the person is a Settlement Class Member; (ii) to which part of the Stipulation the Settlement Class Member objects; (iii) the specific reason(s), if any, for such objection including any legal support the Settlement Class Member wishes to bring to the Court's attention. Such Settlement Class Member shall also provide documentation sufficient to establish the Meta Materials securities purchased, acquired and sold from September 21, 2020 to June 24, 2022, both dates inclusive (including the number of shares, dates, and prices). Failure to provide such information and documentation shall be grounds to void the objection.

25. All papers in response to objections or otherwise in support of the Settlement and related matters shall be filed fourteen (14) days prior to the Settlement Hearing.

26. Defendants shall have no responsibility for the Plan of Allocation or any Fee and

Expense Application, and such matters will be considered separately from the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Stipulation.

27. At or after the Settlement Hearing, the Court shall determine whether the Plan of Allocation and any Fee and Expense Application proposed by Lead Counsel should be approved.

28. All reasonable expenses incurred in identifying and notifying Settlement Class Members as well as administering the Settlement Fund shall be paid as set forth in the Stipulation. The Court may adjourn the Settlement Hearing, including the consideration of the motion for attorneys' fees and expenses, without further notice of any kind other than an announcement of such adjournment in open court at the Settlement Hearing or any adjournment thereof. The contents of the Settlement Fund held by Esquire Bank (which the Court approves as the Escrow Agent), shall be deemed and considered to be *in custodia legis* of the Court, and shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Court, until such time as they shall be distributed pursuant to the Stipulation and/or further order(s) of the Court.

29. If the Settlement is approved, all Settlement Class Members will be bound by the terms of the Settlement as set forth in the Stipulation, and by any judgment or determination of the Court affecting the Settlement Class, regardless of whether or not a Settlement Class Member submits a Proof of Claim. Any member of the Settlement Class who fails to opt out of the Settlement Class or who fails to object in the manner prescribed therein shall be deemed to have waived, and shall be foreclosed forever from raising objections or asserting any claims arising out of, related to, or based in whole or in part on any of the facts or matters alleged, or which could have been alleged, or which otherwise were at issue in the Action.

30. Upon payment of the Settlement consideration to the Escrow Account by Defendants, the Settlement Fund shall be deemed to be in the custody of the Court and shall remain

subject to the jurisdiction of the Court until such time as the Settlement Fund is distributed or returned to Defendants pursuant to the Stipulation and/or further order of this Court. There shall be no distribution of any part of the Net Settlement Fund to the Settlement Class until the Plan of Allocation is finally approved.

31. Except for the obligation to cooperate in the production of reasonably available information with respect to the identification of Class Members from Meta Materials' shareholder transfer records, in no event shall Defendants have any responsibility for the administration of the Settlement, and Defendants shall not have any obligation or liability to Plaintiffs in connection with such administration.

32. No Person shall have any claim against the Released Parties, the Claims Administrator, the Escrow Agent or any other agent designated by Lead Counsel based on distribution determinations or claim rejections made substantially in accordance with this Stipulation and the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, or further orders of the Court, except in the case of fraud or willful misconduct. No person shall have any claim under any circumstances against the Released Parties, based on any distributions, determinations, claim rejections or the design, terms, or implementation of the Plan of Allocation.

33. Defendants have denied, and continue to deny, any and all allegations and claims asserted in the Litigation, and Defendants have represented that they entered into the Settlement solely to eliminate the burden, expense, and uncertainties of further litigation.

34. Neither the Stipulation, nor any of its terms or provisions, nor any of the negotiations or proceedings connected with it, shall be construed as an admission or concession by Defendants of the truth of any of the allegations in the Litigation, or of any liability, fault, or wrongdoing of any kind.

35. The Released Parties, and each of their counsel may file the Stipulation and/or the Order and Final Judgment in any action that may be brought against them in order to support a defense or counterclaim based on the principles of *res judicata*, collateral estoppel, release, good faith settlement, judgment bar or reduction of any other theory of claim preclusion or issues preclusion or similar defense or counterclaim.

36. In the event that the Settlement does not become effective in accordance with the terms of the Stipulation, this Order shall be rendered null and void to the extent provided by and in accordance with the Stipulation and shall be vacated, and in such event, all orders entered and releases delivered in connection therewith shall be null and void to the extent provided by and in accordance with the Settlement, and without prejudice to the rights of the parties to the Stipulation before it was executed.

37. The Court reserves the right to alter the time or the date of the Settlement Hearing without further notice to the Settlement Class Members, provided that the time or the date of the Settlement Hearing shall not be set at a time or date earlier than the time and date set forth above, and retains jurisdiction to consider all further applications arising out of or connected with the settlement.

**SO ORDERED** in the Eastern District of New York on \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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THE HON. CAROL BAGLEY AMON  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

IN RE META MATERIALS INC.  
SECURITIES LITIGATION

Case No. 1:21-cv-07203-CBA-JRC

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY AND  
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF CLASS  
ACTION**

**TO: ALL PERSONS OR ENTITIES WHO PURCHASED META MATERIALS INC. F/K/A TORCHLIGHT ENERGY RESOURCES, INC. SECURITIES FROM SEPTEMBER 21, 2020 TO JUNE 24, 2022, INCLUSIVE, OR HELD TORCHLIGHT ENERGY RESOURCES, INC. STOCK AT THE TIME OF ITS MERGER WITH METAMATERIAL, INC. ON JUNE 28, 2021.**

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY AND IN ITS ENTIRETY. YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED BY PROCEEDINGS IN THIS ACTION. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU ARE A CLASS MEMBER, YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO SHARE IN THE PROCEEDS OF THE SETTLEMENT DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE. TO CLAIM YOUR SHARE OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE SETTLEMENTS, YOU MUST SUBMIT A VALID PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE FORM (“PROOF OF CLAIM”) **POSTMARKED OR SUBMITTED ONLINE ON OR BEFORE \_\_\_\_\_.**

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

**Shares and Time Period:** (I) Meta Materials Inc. f/k/a Torchlight Energy Resources, Inc. (“Meta Materials”) (MMAT) common stock (CUSIP: 59134N104) and other Meta Materials securities purchased between September 21, 2020 and June 24, 2022, inclusive (the “Class Period”); (II) Torchlight Energy Resources, Inc. (“Torchlight”) stock held as of May 5, 2021, the record date for shares eligible to vote on the merger with Metamaterial, Inc.; and (III) Torchlight stock held as of June 28, 2021, the date the merger with Metamaterial, Inc. closed.

**Settlement Fund:** \$3,000,000.00 in cash. Your recovery will depend on the amount of shares purchased and the timing of your purchases and any sales. Depending on the number of eligible shares that participate in the settlement and when those shares were purchased and sold, Plaintiffs estimate the average cash recovery per share of common stock will be approximately \$0.015 per share (assuming claims representing shares are filed) before deduction of court-approved fees and expenses.

**Reasons for Settlement:** Lead Plaintiffs' principal reason for entering into the settlement is the substantial certain cash benefit for the Settlement Class and the avoidance of the costs and risks associated with continued litigation, including the danger of no recovery for Members of the Class. Defendants are entering into the settlement solely to eliminate the uncertainty, burden and expense of further protracted litigation.

**If the Class Action Had Not Settled:** Continuing with the case could have resulted in dismissal or loss at trial. The two sides do not agree on the amount of money that could have been won if Plaintiffs prevailed at trial. The parties also disagree about: (1) the method for determining whether the price of Meta Materials common stock was artificially inflated during the relevant period; (2) the amount of any such inflation; (3) the extent that various statements and/or omissions alleged by Plaintiffs were materially false or misleading; (4) the extent that various statements and/or omissions alleged by Plaintiffs influenced the trading price of Meta Materials securities during the Class Period; and (5) whether the statements and/or omissions alleged were material, false, misleading, or otherwise actionable under the securities laws.

**Attorneys’ Fees and Expenses:** Plaintiffs are represented by Lead Counsel. Lead Counsel has not received any payment for their work investigating the facts, conducting this litigation or negotiating the settlement on behalf of Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class. Court-appointed Lead Counsel will ask the Court for an award of attorneys’ fees equal to or less than \$1,000,000 which amounts to one-third of the Settlement Fund and reimbursement of out-of-pocket litigation expenses not to exceed \$60,000 to be paid from the Settlement Fund. If the above amounts are requested and approved by the Court, the average cost per share of common stock will be \$0.00525.

**Deadlines:**

Submit Claim: \_\_\_\_\_  
Request Exclusion: \_\_\_\_\_  
File Objection: \_\_\_\_\_

**Court Hearing on Fairness of Settlement:** \_\_\_\_\_

**More Information:** [www.MetaMaterialsSecuritiesSettlement.com](http://www.MetaMaterialsSecuritiesSettlement.com) or

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**YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT:**

**SUBMIT A CLAIM FORM**

The only way to get a payment

**EXCLUDE YOURSELF**

Get no payment. This is the only option that allows you to participate in another lawsuit against the Defendants relating to the legal claims in this case.

<b>OBJECT</b>	You may write to the Court if you do not like this Settlement.
<b>GO TO A HEARING</b>	You may ask to speak in Court about the fairness of the settlement.
<b>DO NOTHING</b>	Get no payment

These rights and options – *and the deadlines to exercise them* – are explained in this Notice.

The Court in charge of this case must decide whether to approve the settlement. Payments will be made if the Court approves the settlement and, if there are any appeals, after appeals are resolved. Please be patient.

## **BASIC INFORMATION**

### **1. Why Did I Get This Notice Package?**

You or someone in your family may have purchased Meta Materials securities between September 21, 2020 and June 24, 2022, both dates inclusive, or otherwise held Torchlight stock on either May 5, 2021 or June 28, 2021, the record date and closing date for the merger with Metamaterial, Inc., respectively.

The Court ordered that this Notice be sent to you because you have a right to know about a proposed settlement of a class action lawsuit, and about all of your options, before the Court decides whether to approve the settlement. If the Court approves it and after any objections or appeals are resolved, the Claims Administrator appointed by the Court will make the payments that the settlement allows.

This package explains the lawsuit, the settlement, your legal rights, what benefits are available, who is eligible for them, and how to get them.



The Court in charge of the case is the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, and the case is known as *In re Meta Materials Inc. Securities Litigation*, Case No. 1:21-cv-07203-CBA-JRC. The person who sued is called the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, and the company and individuals sued are called Defendants. Defendants have agreed to settle the claims made in this case.

**2. What is this Lawsuit About?**

Plaintiffs filed this lawsuit alleging that Defendants acted with scienter when making false and/or materially misleading statements concerning: (1) Torchlight’s merger with Metamaterial, Inc.; (2) the benefits and/or risks associated with the merger; and (3) the development status of Meta Materials’ products, including their readiness for commercialization. Plaintiffs allege that false and materially misleading statements induced shareholders to purchase Meta Materials securities at artificially inflated prices and/or vote in favor of Torchlight’s merger with Metamaterial, Inc. Plaintiffs further allege that when the truth concerning the development status of Meta Materials’ products was revealed, the value of Meta Materials’ common stock declined and, as a result, Plaintiffs and other members of the Settlement Class suffered substantial damages. Plaintiffs’ allegations in this Litigation are substantially similar to the claims alleged in *Denton, et al. v. Palikaras, et al.*, No. A-23-878134-C (Clark Cty., NV), which will be resolved by way of this settlement, if approved by the Court. Defendants have denied, and continue to deny, each and all of the claims and allegations of wrongdoing made by Plaintiffs in this lawsuit and the *Denton* lawsuit.

**3. Why Is This a Class Action?**

In a class action, one or more people or entities called class representatives sue on behalf of people who have similar claims. Here, all these people are called a Class or Class Members.

One court resolves the issues for all the Class Members, except for those who exclude themselves from the Class. Judge Carol Bagley Amon is in charge of this class action.

**4. Why Is There a Settlement?**

The Court did not decide in favor of Plaintiffs or Defendants. Instead, both sides agreed to a settlement. That way, they avoid the costs of litigation and eligible Settlement Class Members who make valid claims will get compensation. Plaintiffs and their attorneys believe the settlement is best for all Settlement Class Members.

**WHO IS IN THE SETTLEMENT**

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

**5. How Do I Know if I Am a Part of the Settlement?**

The Settlement Class includes: (a) All Persons that purchased Meta Materials and/or Torchlight publicly traded securities during the Class Period, and were damaged thereby; (b) All holders of Torchlight stock as of the May 5, 2021 record date, eligible to vote on the proposed merger with Metamaterial, Inc. at Torchlight's June 11, 2021 special meeting of shareholders, and were damaged thereby; and (c) All holders of Torchlight stock as of June 28, 2021, the date the proposed merger with Metamaterial, Inc. was consummated, and were damaged thereby.

**6. What Are the Exceptions to Being Included?**

You are not a Settlement Class Member if you are:

- One of the Defendants or their Related Parties;
- An officer, director, or affiliate of Meta Materials;
- A Meta Materials' employee retirement or benefit plan or a participant or beneficiary to the extent you purchased or acquired Meta Materials securities through any such plan(s);

- Any entity in which Defendants have or had controlling interest;
- An Immediate Family member of any excluded person; or
- The legal representative, heir, successor, or assign of any excluded person or entity.

**7. I'm Still Not Sure If I Am Included in the Class Action**

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?**

Defendants have agreed to pay a total of \$3,000,000.00 in cash. The Settlement Fund will be divided among all eligible Settlement Class Members who send in valid claim forms, after payment of Court-approved attorneys' fees and expenses and the costs of claims administration, including the costs of printing and mailing this Notice and the cost of publishing notice (the "Net Settlement Fund").

**9. How Much Will My Payment Be?**

Your share of the Net Settlement Fund will depend on several things, including, how many Settlement Class Members submit timely and valid Proof of Claim forms, the total recognized losses represented by the valid Proof of Claim forms that Settlement Class Members send in, the total number of shares of Torchlight and/or Meta Materials common stock or securities you purchased, how much you paid, when you purchased, and if you sold your shares and for how much. By following the instructions in the following Plan of Allocation, you can calculate what is called your Recognized Loss (defined below).

The Plan of Allocation for this Settlement is as follows:

1. 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 misstatements and omissions, as opposed to losses caused by market- or industry-wide factors, or company-specific factors unrelated to the alleged fraud. The Claims Administrator shall determine each Authorized Claimant's share of the Net Settlement Fund based upon the recognized loss formula ("Recognized Loss") described below.

2. A Recognized Loss will be calculated for each share of Torchlight and/or Meta Materials common stock and each call option purchased or otherwise acquired during the Class Period. The calculation of Recognized Loss will depend upon several factors, including when the Meta Materials common stock or call option was purchased or otherwise acquired during the Class Period, and in what amounts, and whether such stock or option was sold (or otherwise disposed of), and if sold, when it was sold, and for what amounts. The Recognized Loss is not intended to estimate the amount a Settlement 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 is the basis upon which the Net Settlement Fund will be proportionately allocated to the Authorized Claimants. The Claims Administrator will use its best efforts to administer and distribute the Net Settlement Fund to the extent that it is equitably and economically feasible.

3. The Plan of Allocation was created with the assistance of a consulting damages expert and reflects the assumption that the price of Meta Materials common stock was artificially inflated throughout the Class Period. The computation of the estimated alleged artificial inflation in the price of Meta Materials common stock during the Class Period is based on certain misrepresentations alleged by Plaintiffs and the price change in the stock in reaction to the public announcements that allegedly corrected the misrepresentations alleged by Plaintiffs.

4. The U.S. federal securities laws allow investors to recover losses caused by disclosures which corrected the defendants' previous misleading statements or omissions. Thus, in order to have recoverable damages, the corrective disclosure of the allegedly misrepresented information must be the cause of the decline in the price or value of Meta Materials common stock. In this Litigation, Plaintiffs allege that Defendants made false statements and/or omitted material facts during the Class Period, which had the purported effect of artificially inflating the price of Meta Materials common stock. Plaintiffs further allege that corrective disclosures removed artificial inflation from the price of Meta Materials common stock on December 14, 2021 (the "Corrective Disclosure Date"). Thus, in order for a Settlement Class Member to have a Recognized Loss under the Plan of Allocation, Meta Materials common stock and call options must have been purchased or acquired during the Class Period and held during the Corrective Disclosure Date.

5. The operative complaint in the Litigation alleges additional Corrective Disclosure Dates. However, the Court dismissed Plaintiffs' operative complaint and, in turn, the additional Corrective Disclosure Dates alleged therein. The Plan of Allocation is premised on the Corrective Disclosure Date that most accurately coincides with the theory of liability alleged in the operative complaint that provided Settlement Class Members with the greatest probability of success if the Litigation were to have continued.

6. In the calculations below, all purchase and sale prices shall exclude any fees, taxes and commissions. If a Recognized Loss amount is calculated to be a negative number, that

Recognized Loss shall be set to zero. Any transactions in Meta Materials common stock or call options executed outside of regular trading hours for the U.S. financial markets shall be deemed to have occurred during the next regular trading session for the U.S. financial markets.

7. A Recognized Loss will be calculated as set forth below for each purchase of Meta Materials common stock and call option during the Class Period, that is listed in the Proof of Claim and Release form and for which adequate documentation is provided.

#### **Recognized Loss Calculation – Common Stock**

8. For each share of Torchlight and/or Meta Materials common stock purchased, the Recognized Loss per share shall be calculated as follows:

- For each Torchlight and/or Meta Materials share purchased between September 21, 2020 and December 14, 2021, and:
  - Sold before the opening of trading on December 14, 2021, the Recognized Loss is \$0; or
  - Held at the opening of trading on December 14, 2021, the Recognized Loss is your purchase price *minus* \$2.91<sup>1</sup> per share.
- For each Meta Materials share purchased on or after December 14, 2021, the Recognized Loss is \$0.00.
- For each Torchlight share purchased prior to September 21, 2020 and held as of May 5, 2021 or June 28, 2021, and:
  - Sold before the opening of trading on December 14, 2021, the Recognized Loss is \$0; or
  - Continuously held through the opening of trading on December 14, 2021, the Recognized Loss is your purchase price *minus* \$2.91 per share.

#### **Recognized Loss Calculation – Call Options**

9. For each Meta Materials' call option purchased, the Recognized Loss per option shall be calculated as follows:

- For each Meta Materials call option not held at the opening of trading on December 14, 2021, the Recognized Loss is \$0.00.
- For each Meta Materials call option purchased between September 21, 2020 and December 14, 2021, and held at the opening of trading on December 14, 2021, the Recognized Loss is the purchase price *minus* the intrinsic value of the Meta Materials call option on the date of exercise, where the intrinsic value shall be *the greater of*: (i) \$0.00 or (ii) \$2.91 per share *minus* the strike price of the option.

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<sup>1</sup> \$2.91 is the closing price of Meta Materials common stock on December 14, 2021 (*i.e.*, the Corrective Disclosure Date).

10. No Recognized Loss shall be calculated based upon the purchase or acquisition of any Meta Materials call option that had been previously sold or written.

11. **Maximum Recovery for Call Options:** Settlement proceeds available for Meta Materials call options purchased or otherwise acquired during the Class Period shall be limited to a total amount equal to 9.0% of the Net Settlement Fund.<sup>2</sup>

#### INSTRUCTIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL CLAIMANTS

12. The payment you receive will reflect your proportionate share of the Net Settlement Fund. Such payment will depend on the number of eligible securities that participate in the Settlement, and when those securities were purchased and sold. The number of claimants who send in claims varies widely from case to case.

13. A purchase or sale of Meta Materials common stock or call option shall be deemed to have occurred on the “contract” or “trade” date as opposed to the “settlement” or “payment” date.

14. Acquisition by Gift, Inheritance, or Operation of Law: If a Settlement Class Member acquired Meta Materials common stock or call options during the Class Period by way of gift, inheritance or operation of law, such a claim will be computed by using the date and price of the original purchase and not the date and price of transfer.

15. Notwithstanding any of the above, receipt of Meta Materials common stock or call options during the Class Period in exchange for securities of any other corporation or entity shall not be deemed a purchase or sale of Meta Materials common stock or call options.

16. The first-in-first-out (“FIFO”) basis will be applied to purchases and sales. Sales will be matched in chronological order, by trade date, first against like Meta Materials securities held as of the close of trading on September 20, 2020 (*i.e.*, the last trading day before the Class Period begins) and then against the purchases of like Meta Materials securities during the Class Period.

17. 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 Meta Materials 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.

18. If a Settlement Class Member has “written” Meta Materials call options, thereby having a short position in the call options, the date of covering such a written position is deemed

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<sup>2</sup> Meta Materials call option trading accounted for approximately 9.0% of total losses for Meta Materials common stock and call options during the Class Period. Consequently, claims for Meta Materials call option transactions are limited to 9.0% of the Settlement pursuant to the Plan of Allocation.

to be the date of purchase or acquisition of the call option. The date on which the call option was written is deemed to be the date of sale of the call option. In accordance with the Plan of Allocation, however, the Recognized Loss on “written” Meta Materials call options is zero. In the event that a Claimant has an opening written position in Meta Materials call options, the earliest purchases or acquisitions of like-call options during the Class Period shall be matched against such opening written position, and shall not be entitled to a recovery, until that written position is fully covered.

19. With respect to Meta Materials common stock purchased through the exercise of a call or put option,<sup>3</sup> the purchase date of Meta Materials common stock shall be the exercise date of the option and the purchase price shall be the closing price of Meta Materials common stock on the exercise date. Any Recognized Loss arising from purchases of Meta Materials common stock acquired during the Class Period through the exercise of an option on Meta Materials common stock shall be computed as provided for other purchases of Meta Materials common stock in the Plan of Allocation. The submission of Claims for such purchases of Meta Materials common stock acquired during the Class Period through the exercise of an option on Meta Materials common stock shall otherwise be subject to the same requirements described in this Notice and the Plan of Allocation for submitting a Claim for other purchases of Meta Materials common stock.

20. Payment according to the Plan of Allocation will be deemed conclusive against all Authorized Claimants. A Claimant’s “Recognized Claim” under the Plan of Allocation shall be the sum of his, her or its Recognized Loss amounts. 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 Claim as compared to the total Recognized Claims of all Authorized Claimants. No distribution will be made to Authorized Claimants who would otherwise receive a distribution of less than \$15.00.

21. Settlement Class Members who do not submit an acceptable Proof of Claim and Release form will not share in the Settlement proceeds. The Stipulation and the Judgment dismissing this Litigation will nevertheless bind Settlement Class Members who do not submit a request for exclusion or submit an acceptable Proof of Claim and Release.

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

23. Defendants, their respective counsel, and all other Released Persons 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. Plaintiff and Lead

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<sup>3</sup> Including (1) purchases of Meta Materials common stock as the result of the exercise of a call option, and (2) purchases of Meta Materials common stock by the seller of a put option as a result of the buyer of such put option exercising that put option.

Counsel likewise will have no liability for their reasonable efforts to execute, administer, and distribute the Settlement.

24. 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 Settlement 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: (i) first, to pay any amounts mistakenly omitted from the initial disbursement; (ii) 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 \$15.00, 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.

## **HOW YOU GET A PAYMENT – SUBMITTING A CLAIM FORM**

### **10. How Will I Get a Payment?**

To qualify for payment, you must be an eligible Settlement Class Member and you must send in a claim form. A claim form is enclosed with this Notice. Read the instructions carefully, fill out the form, include all the documents the form asks for, sign it, and mail it postmarked no later than \_\_\_\_\_ to the Claims Administrator at the address listed above or submit the electronic version by 11:59 p.m. EST on \_\_\_\_\_ at [www.MetaMaterialsSecuritiesSettlement.com](http://www.MetaMaterialsSecuritiesSettlement.com).

### **11. When Will I Get My Payment?**

The Court will hold a hearing on \_\_\_\_\_, to decide whether to approve the settlement. If Judge Carol Bagley Amon approves the class action settlement, there may be appeals. It is always uncertain whether these appeals can be resolved, and resolving them can take time, perhaps several years. Everyone who sends in a claim form will be informed of the determination with respect to their claim. Please be patient.

### **12. What Am I Giving Up to Get a Payment or Stay in the Class?**



Unless you exclude yourself, you are staying in the Settlement Class, and that means that you cannot sue, continue to sue, or be part of any other lawsuit against the Defendants about the same legal issues in this case, including but not limited to the action styled *Denton, et al. v. Palikaras, et al.*, No. A-23-878134-C (Clark Cty., NV). It also means that all of the Court's Order will apply to you and legally bind you and you will release your claims in this case against the Defendants. The terms of the release are included in the claim form that is enclosed.

### **EXCLUDING YOURSELF FROM THE SETTLEMENT**

If you do not want a payment from this settlement, but you want to keep the right to sue or continue to sue any of the Defendants on your own about the same legal issues in this case, then you must take steps to get out of the Settlement Class. This is called excluding yourself or is sometimes referred to as opting out of the Settlement Class.

#### **13. How Do I Get Out of the Settlement Class?**

To exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, you must send a letter by mail stating that you want to be excluded from the Settlement in *In re Meta Materials Inc. Securities Litigation*, No. 1:21-cv-07203-CBA-JRC (E.D.N.Y.). You must include your name, address, telephone number, signature, and your transactions in Torchlight and/or Meta Materials securities from September 21, 2020 to June 24, 2022, both dates inclusive. You must include the dates, quantities, and prices associated with your transactions. You must mail your exclusion request postmarked no later than \_\_\_\_\_ to:

Meta Materials Securities Litigation  
c/o Strategic Claims Services  
600 N. Jackson Street, Suite 205  
Media, PA 19063

If you ask to be excluded, you are not eligible to get any settlement payment, and you cannot object to the settlement. You will not be legally bound by anything that happens in this lawsuit.

**14. If I Do Not Exclude Myself, Can I Sue the Defendants for the Same Thing Later?**

No. Unless you exclude yourself, you give up any right to sue the Defendants for the claims resolved by the class action settlement. If you have a pending lawsuit against any of the Defendants, speak to your lawyer in that case immediately. Remember the exclusion deadline is \_\_\_\_\_.

**15. If I Exclude Myself, Can I Get Money from This Settlement?**

No. If you exclude yourself, do not send in a claim form. But, you may sue, continue to sue, or be part of a different lawsuit against any of the Defendants. You should consult with a lawyer concerning your rights prior to excluding yourself from the Settlement.

**THE LAWYERS REPRESENTING YOU**

**16. Do I Have a Lawyer in This Case?**

The Court appointed the law firm of Levi & Korsinsky, LLP to represent you and other Settlement Class Members. These lawyers are called Lead Counsel. You will not be charged for the services of these lawyers. 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?**

Plaintiffs' Counsel will ask the Court for attorneys' fees of up to one-third of the Settlement Fund (\$1,000,000) and for reimbursement of their out-of-pocket litigation expenses up to \$60,000 that were advanced in connection with the Litigation, plus interest. Such sums as may be approved

by the Court will be paid from the Settlement Fund. Settlement Class Members are not personally liable for any such fees or expenses.

The attorneys' fees and expenses requested will be the only payment to Lead Counsel for their efforts in achieving this settlement and for the risk in undertaking this representation on a wholly contingent basis. To date, Lead Counsel has not been paid for their services for conducting this litigation on behalf of the Lead Plaintiff and Settlement Class nor for their substantial out-of-pocket expenses. The fees requested will compensate Lead Counsel for their work in achieving the Settlement Fund and is well within the range of fees awarded to class counsel under similar circumstances in other cases of this type. The Court may award less than this amount.

Lead Counsel will also request an award in an amount not to exceed a total of \$10,000 for the Plaintiffs and potentially other plaintiff representatives as reimbursement for their time and expenses serving as the representative plaintiffs during this Litigation. All amounts, including expenses incurred by the Claims Administrator for disseminating notice of this settlement, will be requested before distribution of the Net Settlement Fund to Settlement Class Members. Again, such sums as may be approved by the Court will be paid from the Settlement Fund.

### **OBJECTING TO THE SETTLEMENT**

You can tell the Court that you do not agree with the settlement or some part of it.

#### **18. How Do I Tell the Court that I Do Not Like the Settlement?**

If you are a Settlement Class Member, you can object to the settlement if you do not like any part of it. You can give reasons why you think the Court should not approve it. The Court will consider your views. To object, you must send a letter to the Court saying that you object to the settlement in *In re Meta Materials Inc. Securities Litigation*, No. 1:21-cv-07203-CBA-JRC (E.D.N.Y.). Be sure to include your name, address, telephone number, the reasons you object to

the Settlement, and your transactions in Torchlight and/or Meta Materials securities from September 21, 2020 to June 24, 2022, both dates inclusive. You must include the dates, quantities, and prices associated with your transactions. Any objection to the settlement must be filed with the Court no later than \_\_\_\_\_.

**19. What’s the Difference Between Objecting and Excluding?**

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

**THE COURT’S FAIRNESS HEARING**

The Court will hold a hearing to decide whether to approve the 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 Settlement?**

The Court will hold a fairness hearing at \_\_\_\_ \_\_.m., on \_\_\_\_\_, in Courtroom 10D S at the United States District Court for the New York Eastern District, 225 Cadman Plaza East Brooklyn, New York 11201. At this hearing the Court will consider whether the settlement of the Litigation is fair, reasonable, and adequate. If there are objections, the Court will consider them. Judge Carol Bagley Amon will listen to people who have asked to speak at the hearing. The Court will also consider how much to pay to Lead Counsel and whether an award to the Plaintiffs is appropriate. The Court may decide these issues at the hearing or take them under consideration. We do not know how long these decisions will take.

**21. Do I Have to Come to the Hearing?**

No. Lead Counsel will answer questions Judge Carol Bagley Amon 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.

**22. May I Speak at the Hearing?**

You may ask the Court for permission to speak at the Settlement Hearing. To do so, you must send a letter saying that it is your intention to appear in *In re Meta Materials Inc. Securities Litigation*, No. 1:21-cv-07203-CBA-JRC (E.D.N.Y.). Be sure to include your name, address, telephone number, and your transactions in Torchlight and/or Meta Materials securities from September 21, 2020 to June 24, 2022, both dates inclusive. You must include the dates, quantities, and prices associated with your transactions. You cannot speak at the hearing if you exclude yourself from the Settlement Class.

**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, continue with a lawsuit, or be part of any other lawsuit against the Defendants about the same legal issues in this case.

**GETTING MORE INFORMATION**

**24. Are There More Details About the Settlement?**

This Notice summarizes the proposed settlement. More details are in the Stipulation of Settlement dated \_\_\_\_\_. You can get a copy of the Stipulation or more information about the Settlement by visiting [www.MetaMaterialsSecuritiesSettlement.com](http://www.MetaMaterialsSecuritiesSettlement.com).

You can also contact the Claims Administrator:

Meta Materials Securities Litigation  
c/o Strategic Claims Services  
600 N. Jackson Street, Suite 205  
Media, PA 19063  
toll-free: (866) 274-4004  
fax: (610) 565-7985  
email: [info@strategicclaims.net](mailto:info@strategicclaims.net)

Or Lead Counsel

Levi & Korsinsky, LLP  
Attn: Adam M. Apton  
33 Whitehall Street, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, New York 10004  
Telephone: (212) 363-7500  
Email: [aapton@zlk.com](mailto:aapton@zlk.com)

You can also obtain a copy from the Clerk's Office during regular business hours:

Clerk of Court  
United States District Court for the New York Eastern District  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

**DO NOT TELEPHONE THE COURT OR DEFENDANTS' COUNSEL REGARDING  
THIS NOTICE**

**SPECIAL NOTICE TO NOMINEES**

If you hold shares of any Torchlight and/or Meta Materials security: (i) purchased from September 21, 2020 to June 24, 2022, both dates inclusive, or (ii) held as of May 5, 2021 or June 28, 2021 (regardless of when they were purchased), then, within ten (10) days after you received this Notice, you must either: (1) send a copy of the Postcard Notice by first class mail to all such beneficial owners; or (2) provide a list of names, addresses and email addresses of such Persons to the Claims Administrator; or (3) send a link to the location of the Long Notice and Proof of Claim and email the link to Settlement Class Members:

Meta Materials Securities Litigation  
c/o Strategic Claims Services  
600 N. Jackson Street, Suite 205  
Media, PA 19063

If you choose to mail the Postcard Notice yourself, you may obtain from the Claims Administrator (without cost to you) as many additional copies of these documents as you will need to complete the mailing.

Regardless of whether you choose to complete the mailing or emailing yourself or elect to have the mailing performed for you, you may seek reimbursement of their reasonable expenses actually incurred up to a maximum of \$0.03 per name, address and email address provided to the Claims Administrator; or up to \$0.03 per Postcard Notice mailed, plus postage at the rate used by the Claims Administrator; or up to \$.03 per email sent.

**DATED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

**BY ORDER OF THE UNITED STATES  
DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN  
DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

IN RE META MATERIALS INC.  
SECURITIES LITIGATION

Case No. 1:21-cv-07203-CBA-JRC

**PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE**

**I. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

1. To recover as a member of the Settlement Class based on your claims in the action entitled *In re Meta Materials Inc. Securities Litigation*, Case No. 1:21-cv-07203-CBA-JRC (the “Litigation”), you must complete and, on pages \_\_\_\_\_ hereof, sign this Proof of Claim and Release. If you fail to file a properly addressed (as set forth in paragraph 3 below) Proof of Claim and Release, your claim may be rejected and you may be precluded from any recovery from the Settlement Fund created in connection with the proposed settlement of the Litigation.<sup>1</sup>

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

3. YOU MUST SUBMIT AN ELECTRONIC VERSION OR MAIL YOUR COMPLETED AND SIGNED PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE ON OR BEFORE \_\_\_\_\_, ADDRESSED AS FOLLOWS:

Meta Materials Securities Litigation  
c/o Strategic Claims Services

<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise stated, all terms used in this Proof of Claim and Release shall have the same meanings as set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement filed with the Court.



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Media, PA 19063

4. If you are a Class Member, you are bound by the terms of any judgment entered in the Action, WHETHER OR NOT YOU SUBMIT A PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE FORM unless you timely and validly request exclusion from the Settlement Class pursuant to the Notice.

## **II. CLAIMANT IDENTIFICATION**

1. If you purchased or acquired Meta Materials Inc. f/k/a Torchlight Energy Resources, Inc. (“Meta Materials”) securities 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, the certificate(s) were registered in the name of a third party, such as a nominee or brokerage firm, you are the beneficial purchaser and the third party is a record purchaser.

2. Use Part I of this form entitled “Claimant Identification” to identify each purchaser of record (“nominee”), if different from the beneficial purchaser of Meta Materials securities which form the basis of this claim. THIS CLAIM MUST BE FILED BY THE ACTUAL BENEFICIAL PURCHASER OR PURCHASERS, OR THE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF SUCH PURCHASER OR PURCHASERS OF THE HUMANIGEN SECURITIES UPON WHICH THIS CLAIM IS BASED.

3. All joint purchasers must sign this claim. Executors, administrators, guardians, conservators and trustees must complete and sign this claim on behalf of Persons represented by them; their authority must accompany this claim and their 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**

1. Use Part II of this form entitled “Schedule of Transactions in Meta Materials Securities” 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.

2. On the schedules, provide all of the requested information with respect to *all* of your purchases or acquisitions and *all* of your sales of Torchlight and/or Meta Materials securities which took place at any time between September 21, 2020 and December 14, 2021, inclusive, whether such transactions resulted in a profit or a loss. If you purchased Torchlight stock prior to September 21, 2020 and held those shares through December 14, 2021, provide the same information as requested above. Failure to report all such transactions may result in the rejection of your claim.

3. List each transaction in the Class Period 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. For call option transactions, you must also provide type of contract (*e.g.*, call or put), number of contracts, maturity date, strike price, and transaction type (*e.g.*, buy to open, buy to close, sell to open, sell to close).

4. Broker confirmations or other documentation of your transactions in Torchlight and/or Meta Materials securities should be attached to your claim. Failure to provide this documentation could delay verification of your claim or result in rejection of your claim. For shares of Torchlight held as of September 20, 2020, you need to provide the cost basis of these shares.

5. The above requests are designed to provide the minimum amount of information necessary to process the simplest claims.

6. NOTICE REGARDING INSTITUTIONAL FILERS: Representatives with

authority to file on behalf of (a) accounts of multiple Settlement Class Members and/or (b) institutional accounts with large numbers of transactions (“Representative Filers”) must submit information regarding their transactions in an electronic spreadsheet format. If you are a Representative Filer, you must contact the Claims Administrator at [efile@strategicclaims.net](mailto:efile@strategicclaims.net) or visit their website at [www.strategicclaims.net/institutional-filers/](http://www.strategicclaims.net/institutional-filers/) to obtain the required file layout. Claims which are not submitted in electronic spreadsheet format and in accordance with the Claims Administrator’s instructions may be subject to rejection. All Representative Filers MUST also submit a manually signed Proof of Claim and Release, as well as proof of authority to file (see Item 3 of the Claimant Identification), along with the electronic spreadsheet format. No claims submitted in electronic spreadsheet format will be considered to have been properly submitted unless the Claims Administrator issues to the Claimant a written acknowledgment of receipt and acceptance of electronically submitted data.

7. NOTICE REGARDING ONLINE FILING: Claimants who are not Representative Filers may submit their claims online using the electronic version of the Proof of Claim and Release hosted at [www.MetaMaterialsSecuritiesSettlement.com](http://www.MetaMaterialsSecuritiesSettlement.com). If you are not acting as a Representative Filer, you do not need to contact the Claims Administrator prior to filing; you will receive an automated e-mail confirming receipt once your Proof of Claim and Release has been submitted. If you are unsure if you should submit your claim as a Representative Filer, please contact the Claims Administrator at [info@strategicclaims.net](mailto:info@strategicclaims.net) or (866) 274-4004. If you are not a Representative Filer, but your claim contains a large number of transactions, the Claims Administrator may request that you also submit an electronic spreadsheet showing your transactions to accompany your Proof of Claim and Release.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

*In re Meta Materials Inc. Securities Litigation*

Case No. 1:21-cv-07203-CBA-JRC

PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE

Must be Postmarked No Later Than

\_\_\_\_\_, 202\_\_

Please Type or Print

PART I: CLAIMANT IDENTIFICATION

Beneficial Owner Name		
Record Owner Name		
Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Foreign <a href="#">Province</a>	Foreign Country	
Telephone Number (Work)	Telephone Number (Home)	
Email		
Social Security Number (for individuals):	OR	Taxpayer Identification Number (for estates, trusts, corporations, etc.):

Claimant Account Type (check appropriate box):

- |   |   |                                |
|---|---|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual (includes joint owner accounts) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pension Plan                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Trust |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Estate                       |                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IRA/401K                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ (please specify) |                                |

**PART II: SCHEDULE OF TRANSACTIONS IN COMMON STOCK**

A. Number of shares of Meta Materials and/or Torchlight common stock held at the close of trading on September 20, 2020: \_\_\_\_\_. The Cost Basis of these shares is: \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Purchases of common stock prior to the close of trading on December 14, 2021:

	<b>Trade Date Mo. Day Year</b>	<b>Number of Shares Purchased</b>	<b>Price per Share</b>	<b>Total Purchase Price</b>
1.				
2.				
3.				

C. Sales of common stock prior to the close of trading on December 14, 2021, inclusive:

	<b>Trade Date Mo. Day Year</b>	<b>Number of Shares Sold</b>	<b>Price per Share</b>	<b>Total Sale Price</b>
1.				
2.				
3.				

D. Number of shares of Meta Materials common stock held at the close of trading on December 14, 2021: \_\_\_\_\_

If you require additional space, attach extra schedules in the same format as above. Please attach extra schedules for option transactions that contain the information requested above in Section III. Sign and print your name on each additional page.

**PART III: SCHEDULE OF TRANSACTIONS IN CALL OPTIONS**

A. Separately list all positions in Meta Materials and/or Torchlight Call Option contracts in which you had an open interest as of the close of trading on September 20, 2020:

<b>Strike Price</b>	<b>Expiration Date</b>	<b>Number of Call Option Contracts</b>

B. Separately list each and every purchase/acquisition (including free receipts) of Call Option contracts from after the opening of trading on September 21, 2020,

through and including the opening of trading on December 14, 2021:

Transaction Type (Buy to Open/Buy to Close)	Purchase Date	Strike Price	Expiration Date	Number of Call Option Contracts	Purchase/Acquisition Price Per Call Option Contract	Total Purchase/Acquisition Price	Exercised/Assigned/Expired	Exercise/Assign/Expired Date

C. Separately list each and every sale/disposition (including free deliveries) of Call Options from after the opening of trading on September 21, 2020, through and including the opening of trading on December 14, 2021:

Transaction Type (Sell to Open/Sell to Close)	Sale Date	Strike Price	Expiration Date	Number of Call Option Contracts	Sale Price Per Call Option Contract	Total Sale Price	Exercised/Assigned/Expired	Exercise/Assign/Expired Date

D. Separately list all positions in Call Option contracts in which you had an open interest as of the opening of trading on December 14, 2021:

Strike Price	Expiration Date	Number of Call Option Contracts

If you require additional space, attach extra schedules in the same format as above. Please attach extra schedules for option transactions that contain the information requested above in Section III. Sign and print your name on each additional page.

YOU MUST READ AND SIGN THE RELEASE ON PAGE \_\_\_\_\_. 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**

I (We) submit this Proof of Claim and Release under the terms of the Stipulation of Settlement, dated as of January \_\_\_\_, 2024 (“Stipulation”) described in the Notice. I (We) also submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, with respect to my (our claim) as a Settlement Class Member (as defined in the Notice) 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 Lead Counsel to support this claim if required to do so. I (We) have not submitted any other claim covering the same purchases or sales of Meta Materials securities during the Class Period and know of no other Person having done so on my (our) behalf.

**V. RELEASE**

1. I (We) hereby acknowledge full and complete satisfaction of, and do hereby fully, finally and forever settle, release, relinquish and discharge all of the Released Plaintiffs’ Claims.

2. “Released Plaintiffs’ Claims” means any and all claims, demands, rights, liabilities, and causes of action of every nature and description, whether known or Unknown Claims, asserted or unasserted, mature or not mature, contingent or absolute, liquidated or unliquidated, accrued or unaccrued, whether arising under federal, state, statutory, regulatory, common or foreign law concerning, based on, arising out of, or in connection with (i) the purchase, sale, or ownership of Torchlight and/or Meta Materials securities between September 21, 2020 and June 24, 2022, both dates inclusive; and (ii) all claims alleged or that could have been alleged in the Federal and State Actions, including but not limited to any acts or omissions relating to disclosures, public filings,

registration statements, press releases, presentations, or other statements made by the Settling Defendants. The release shall not include any derivative claims asserted by shareholders on behalf of Meta Materials in the related shareholder derivative action, captioned *Hines v. Palikaras, et al.*, Case No. 1:22-cv-00248-CBA-JRC (E.D.N.Y.).

3. “Unknown Claims” means any and all Released Claims which Settling Plaintiffs, Plaintiffs’ Counsel, any Settlement Class Members, Settling Defendants, or Settling Defendants’ counsel do not know or suspect to exist in his, her, its, or their favor at the time of the release which, if known by him, her, it, or them might have affected his, her, its, or their settlement with and release of the Settling Parties, or might have affected his, her, its, or their decision(s) with respect to the Settlement. Unknown Claims include those Released Claims in which some or all of the facts comprising the claim may be suspected, or that may be undisclosed or hidden. With respect to any and all Released Claims, the Settling Parties stipulate and agree that, upon the Effective Date, Settling Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class Members shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, expressly waived and relinquished the provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by or under California Civil Code § 1542, or any other law of the United States or any state or territory of the United States, or principle of common law that is similar, comparable, or equivalent to § 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.**

Settling Plaintiffs acknowledge that they may hereafter discover facts in addition to or different from those which they or their counsel now knows or believes to be true with respect to the subject matter of the Released Claims, but the Settling Plaintiffs shall 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 released 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, reckless, 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 Settlement 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. This release shall be of no force or effect unless and until the Court approves the Settlement set forth in the Stipulation and it becomes effective on the Effective Date.

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. I (We) hereby warrant and represent that I (we) have included information about all of my (our) transactions in Meta Materials and/or Torchlight securities that occurred prior to or during the Class Period, as necessary, and the number and type of Meta Materials securities held by me (us) on September 21, 2020 and December 14, 2021.

7. 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.

*Note: If you have been notified by the Internal Revenue Service that you are subject to backup withholding, please strike out the language that you are not subject to backup withholding*

*in the certification above.*

I 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.

Executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 202\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Month/Year) (City/State/Country)

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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 claim form and all supporting documentation for your records.
6. If you desire an acknowledgement of receipt of your claim form, 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 and Release form or supporting documentation.

**THIS PROOF OF CLAIM FORM MUST SENT NO LATER THAN \_\_\_\_\_.**

**By electronic version at [www.MetaMaterialsSecuritiesSettlement.com](http://www.MetaMaterialsSecuritiesSettlement.com).**

**By Mail:  
Meta Materials Securities Litigation  
c/o Strategic Claims Services  
600 N. Jackson Street, Suite 205  
Media, PA 19063**



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

IN RE META MATERIALS INC.  
SECURITIES LITIGATION

Case No. 1:21-cv-07203-CBA-JRC

**SUMMARY NOTICE**

**TO: ALL PERSONS OR ENTITIES WHO PURCHASED META MATERIALS INC. F/K/A/ TORCHLIGHT ENERGY RESOURCES, INC. SECURITIES FROM SEPTEMBER 21, 2020 TO JUNE 24, 2022, INCLUSIVE, OR HELD TORCHLIGHT ENERGY RESOURCES, INC. STOCK AT THE TIME OF ITS MERGER WITH METAMATERIAL, INC. ON JUNE 28, 2021.**

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED**, pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure that a hearing will be held on \_\_\_\_\_, 202\_\_, at \_\_:00 \_\_.m., before the Honorable Carol Bagley Amon, United States District Judge, in Courtroom 10D S at the United States District Court for the New York Eastern District Courthouse, 225 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, New York 11201, for the purpose of determining, among other things,: (1) whether the proposed Settlement of the claims in the Litigation for the sum of \$3,000,000.00 in cash should be approved by the Court as fair, reasonable and adequate to the Members of the Settlement Class; (2) whether, thereafter, the Litigation should be dismissed with prejudice as set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement dated January 19, 2024 (“Stipulation”); (3) whether the Plan of Allocation is fair, reasonable and adequate and therefore should be approved; and (4) whether the application of Lead Counsel for the payment of attorneys’ fees and reimbursement of expenses incurred in connection with the Litigation and awards to the Plaintiffs should be approved.

If you purchased Meta Materials securities between September 21, 2020 and June 24, 2022, both dates inclusive, or held Torchlight Energy Resources, Inc. stock at the time of Torchlight’s merger with Metamaterial, Inc. on June 28, 2021, your rights may be affected by the settlement of this Litigation. If you have not received the detailed Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Class Action (the “Notice”) and a copy of the Proof of Claim and Release Form, you may obtain them free of charge by contacting the Claims Administrator, by mail at: *In re Meta Materials Inc. Securities Litigation*, c/o Strategic Claims Services, 600 N. Jackson Street, Suite 205, Media, PA 19063.

If you are a member of the Settlement Class and wish to share in the distribution of the Settlement Fund, you must submit a Proof of Claim no later than \_\_\_\_\_, establishing that you are entitled to recovery. As further described in the Notice, you will be bound by any Judgment entered in the Litigation, regardless of whether you submit a Proof of Claim, unless you exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Notice, no later than \_\_\_\_\_. Any objections to the Settlement, Plan of Allocation or attorneys' fees and expenses must be filed and served, in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Notice, no later than \_\_\_\_\_.

Inquiries, other than requests for the Notice, may be made to Lead Counsel for the Settlement Class: Adam M. Apton, Esq., Levi & Korsinsky, LLP, 33 Whitehall Street, 17th Floor, New York, New York 10004, aapton@zlk.com.

**INQUIRIES SHOULD NOT BE DIRECTED TO THE COURT, THE CLERK'S OFFICE, THE DEFENDANTS, OR DEFENDANTS' COUNSEL.**

If you have any questions about the Settlement, you may contact Lead Counsel at the address listed above.

**DATED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

**BY ORDER OF THE UNITED STATES  
DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN  
DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

## EXHIBIT A-4

In re Meta Materials Inc. Securities Litigation  
c/o \_\_\_\_\_  
[Insert]

[Postage Prepaid]

***COURT-ORDERED LEGAL NOTICE*****Important Notice about a Securities Class Action Settlement.**

**You may be entitled to a CASH payment. This Notice may affect your legal rights. Please read it carefully.**

*In re Meta Materials Inc. Securities Litigation*  
Case No. 1:21-cv-07203

Name  
Address  
City, State  
Zip

***THIS CARD PROVIDES ONLY LIMITED INFORMATION ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT.  
PLEASE VISIT [WWW.METAMATERIALSSECURITIESSETTLEMENT.COM](http://WWW.METAMATERIALSSECURITIESSETTLEMENT.COM) FOR MORE INFORMATION.***

There has been a proposed Settlement of claims against Meta Materials Inc. f/k/a Torchlight Energy Resources, Inc. (“Meta Materials”), George Palikaras, Greg McCabe, John Brda, and Kenneth Rice (collectively, the “Defendants”). The Settlement would resolve a lawsuit in which Plaintiffs allege Defendants disseminated materially false and misleading information to the investing public about Meta Materials between September 21, 2020 and June 24, 2022, inclusive (the “Class Period”) in violation of the federal securities laws and related claims alleging breaches of fiduciary duty and aiding and abetting breaches of fiduciary duty asserted against Defendants, Alexandre Zyngier, Robert Lance Cook, and Michael Graves in a separate lawsuit styled *Denton, et al. v. Palikaras, et al.*, No. A-23-878134-C (Clark Cty., NV). Defendants, including the additional defendants in the *Denton* lawsuit, deny any wrongdoing. You received this Postcard Notice because you or someone in your family may have (i) purchased or otherwise acquired Meta Materials securities during the Class Period, (ii) held Torchlight stock as of May 5, 2021 and was eligible to vote on the proposed merger between Torchlight and Metamaterial, Inc. at Torchlight’s June 11, 2021 special meeting of shareholders, or (iii) held Torchlight stock as of June 28, 2021, the date the proposed merger with Metamaterial, Inc. was consummated.

Defendants have agreed to pay a Settlement Amount of \$3,000,000. The Settlement provides that the Settlement Fund, after deduction of any Court-approved attorneys’ fees and expenses, notice and administration costs, and taxes, is to be divided among all Settlement Class Members who submit a valid Proof of Claim, in exchange for the settlement of this case and the Released Claims by Settlement Class Members. **For all details of the Settlement, read the Stipulation and full Notice, available at [www.MetaMaterialsSecuritiesSettlement.com](http://www.MetaMaterialsSecuritiesSettlement.com).**

Your share of the Settlement proceeds will depend on the number of valid Claims submitted, and the number, size and timing of your transactions in Meta Materials securities. If every eligible Settlement Class Member submits a valid Proof of Claim Form, the average recovery will be \$0.015 per eligible share before expenses and other Court-ordered deductions. Your award will be determined *pro rata* based on the number of claims submitted. This is further explained in the detailed Notice found on the Settlement website.

**To qualify for payment, you must submit a Proof of Claim Form.** The Proof of Claim Form can be found on the website [www.MetaMaterialsSecuritiesSettlement.com](http://www.MetaMaterialsSecuritiesSettlement.com) or will be mailed or emailed to you upon request to the *In re Meta Materials Inc. Securities Litigation*, c/o Strategic Claims Services, 600 N. Jackson Street, Suite 205, Media, PA 19063, (866) 274-4004. **Proof of Claim Forms must be submitted online or postmarked by \_\_\_\_\_.** If you do not want to be legally bound by the Settlement, you must exclude yourself by \_\_\_\_\_, or you will not be able to sue the Defendants about the legal claims in this case. If you exclude yourself, you cannot get money from this Settlement. If you want to object to the Settlement, you may file an objection by \_\_\_\_\_. The detailed Notice explains how to submit a Proof of Claim Form, exclude yourself or object.

The Court will hold a hearing in this case on \_\_\_\_\_ to consider whether to approve the Settlement and a request by the lawyers representing the Settlement Class for up to one-third of the Settlement Fund in attorneys’ fees, plus actual expenses up to \$60,000 for litigating the case and negotiating the Settlement, and awards to Plaintiffs and other plaintiff representatives be approved up to \$10,000. You may attend the hearing and ask to be heard by the Court, but you do not have to. For more information, call toll-free (866) 274-4004 or visit the website [www.MetaMaterialsSecuritiesSettlement.com](http://www.MetaMaterialsSecuritiesSettlement.com) and read the detailed Notice.

**EXHIBIT B**

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

IN RE META MATERIALS INC.  
SECURITIES LITIGATION

Case No. 1:21-cv-07203-CBA-JRC

**[PROPOSED] FINAL JUDGMENT AND  
ORDER OF DISMISSAL WITH  
PREJUDICE**

**WHEREAS**, a consolidated class action is pending before the Court entitled *In re Meta Materials Inc. Securities Litigation*, No. 1:21-cv-07203-CBA-JRC (E.D.N.Y.);

**WHEREAS**, (a) Lead Plaintiffs Kaoutar Kajjame, Philip Granite, and Ricardo Joseph, individually and on behalf of the Settlement Class (“Plaintiffs”), and (b) defendants Meta Materials Inc. f/k/a Torchlight Energy Resources, Inc. (“Meta Materials”), George Palikaras, Greg McCabe, John Brda, and Kenneth Rice (collectively, “Defendants”; and together with the Plaintiffs, the “Parties”) have determined to settle all claims asserted against Defendants in this Litigation with prejudice on the terms and conditions set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2024 (the “Stipulation”) subject to the approval of this Court (the “Settlement”);

**WHEREAS**, (a) Allen Denton and Menachem Gurevitch, plaintiffs in a related shareholder class action lawsuit alleging claims for breaches of fiduciary duty and aiding and abetting breaches of fiduciary duty, styled *Denton, et al. v. Palikaras, et al.*, No. A-23-878134-C (Clark Cty., NV) (the “State Action”) filed in Nevada state court, and (b) Defendants and additional defendants Alexandre Zyngier, Robert Lance Cook, and Michael Graves in the State Action also

have determined to settle all claims asserted in the State Action, as contemplated and comprised by the definition of the Settlement Class in this Action;

**WHEREAS**, this matter came before the Court for hearing pursuant to an Order of this Court, dated \_\_\_\_\_, on the application of the Plaintiffs and the Defendants for approval of the Settlement set forth in the Stipulation;

(A) Pursuant to the Preliminary Approval Order entered on \_\_\_\_\_ this Court scheduled a Settlement Hearing for \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_m., to determine, *inter alia*, whether the proposed Settlement, Plan of Allocation, and requests for Lead Counsel’s fees and expenses and requests for Compensatory Awards to Plaintiffs are fair, reasonable, and adequate, and should be approved by the Court (the “Settlement Hearing”);

(B) The Court has received affidavit(s) and/or declaration(s) attesting to compliance with the terms of the Preliminary Approval Order, including the mailing of the Notice and publication of the Summary Notice;

(C) The Court has received \_\_\_\_\_ objection(s) and/or request(s) for exclusion to the proposed Settlement and Plan of Allocation; and

(D) Due to adequate notice having been given to the Settlement Class as required by the Preliminary Approval Order, and the Court having held a Settlement Hearing on \_\_\_\_\_, and the Court having considered all papers filed and proceedings in this Litigation and otherwise being fully informed of the matters herein, and for the reasons stated on the record on \_\_\_\_\_ and set forth in more detail in the Court’s written opinion, and good cause appearing,

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED:**

1. The provisions of the Stipulation, including definitions of the terms used therein, the Notice, the Summary Notice, and the Postcard Notice, are hereby incorporated by reference as



though fully set forth herein. All capitalized terms used herein have the meanings set forth and defined in the Stipulation.

2. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Litigation and over all parties to this Litigation, including all Settlement Class Members.

3. Plaintiffs and all Settlement Class Members (except those who requested exclusion, if any) are bound by this Order and Final Judgment (the “Judgment”).

4. The Court finds that the Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel have fairly and adequately represented the Settlement Class both in terms of litigating the Action and for purposes of entering into and implementing the Settlement and have satisfied the requirements of Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23(a)(4) and 23(g), respectively.

5. This Court finds that the distribution of the Notice and the publication of the Summary Notice, and the notice methodology, all of which were implemented in accordance with the terms of the Stipulation and the Court’s Preliminary Approval Order:

(a) Constituted the best practicable notice to Settlement Class Members under the circumstances of this Litigation;

(b) Were reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise Settlement Class Members of: (i) the proposed Settlement of this Litigation; (ii) their right to exclude themselves from the Settlement Class; (iii) their right to object to any aspect of the proposed Settlement; (iv) their right to appear at the Settlement Hearing, either on their own or through counsel hired at their own expense, if they did not exclude themselves from the Settlement Class; and (v) the binding effect of the proceedings, rulings, orders, and judgments in this Litigation, whether favorable or unfavorable, on all persons not excluded from the Settlement Class;

(c) Were reasonable, fair, and constituted due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons entitled to be provided with notice; and

(d) Fully satisfied all applicable requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (including Rules 23(c) and (d)), the United States Constitution (including the Due Process Clause), the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(a)(7), the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, the Rules of Court, and any other applicable law.

6. The terms and provisions of the Stipulation were negotiated by the parties at arm's length and were entered into by the parties in good faith.

7. Pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court finds that the Settlement set forth in the Stipulation is fair, reasonable, and adequate as to all members of the Settlement Class, and in the best interests of the Settlement Class taking into account, *inter alia*, the benefits to the Settlement Class; the complexity, expense, and possible duration of further litigation; the risks of establishing liability and damages; and the costs of continued litigation.

8. The Settlement set forth in the Stipulation is hereby finally approved as fair, reasonable and adequate in all respects, in accordance with the terms and provisions therein, and the Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class Members, and all and each of them, are hereby bound by the terms of the Settlement as set forth in the Stipulation.

9. The Plan of Allocation, as described in the Notice, is hereby approved as fair, reasonable and adequate. Any order, proceeding, appeal, modification or change relating to the Plan of Allocation or the Fee and Expense Award shall in no way disturb or affect the finality of this Judgment, and shall be considered separate from this Judgment.

10. Upon the Effective Date, Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class Members, on behalf of themselves, and their heirs, executors, trustees, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment entered in the Litigation shall have, fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished and discharged any and all Released Plaintiffs' Claims against each and every one of the Released Persons, and shall forever be barred and enjoined, without the necessity of any of the Released Persons posting a bond, from commencing, instituting, prosecuting, or maintaining any of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims.

11. Upon the Effective Date, Defendants, on behalf of themselves, and their heirs, executors, trustees, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns, for good and valuable consideration the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, shall fully, finally, and forever release, relinquish, and discharge any and all Released Defendants' Claims against each and every one of Plaintiffs, and shall forever be barred and enjoined, without the necessity of any of the Plaintiffs, posting a bond, from commencing, instituting, prosecuting, or maintaining any of the Released Defendants' Claims against any of the Plaintiffs.

12. Plaintiffs and all Settlement Class Members are hereby forever barred and enjoined from prosecuting the Released Plaintiffs' Claims against the Released Persons.

13. In accordance with 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(f)(7), claims for contribution arising out of any Released Plaintiffs' Claim, including, but not limited to, any claims that arise out of the Litigation (i) by any Person against a Released Person, and (ii) by any Released Person against any Person other than as set out in 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(f)(7)(A)(ii) are hereby permanently barred, extinguished, discharged, satisfied, and unenforceable.

14. Any plan of allocation submitted by Lead Counsel or any other order entered regarding the attorneys' fee and expense application shall in no way disturb or affect this Judgment and shall be considered separate from this Judgment.

15. Neither the Stipulation nor the Settlement contained therein, nor any act performed or document executed pursuant to or in furtherance of the Stipulation or the Settlement: (a) is or may be deemed to be or may be used as an admission of, or evidence of, the validity of any Released Claims, or of any wrongdoing or liability of the Defendants; or (b) is or may be deemed to be or may be used as an admission of, or evidence of, any fault or omission of any of the Defendants in any civil, criminal, or administrative proceeding in any court, administrative agency or other tribunal. Defendants may file the Stipulation and/or this Judgment in any other action that may be brought against them in order to support a defense or counterclaim based on principles of *res judicata*, collateral estoppel, release, good faith settlement, judgment bar or reduction or any other theory of claim preclusion or similar defense or counterclaim.

16. Without affecting the finality of this Judgment in any way, this Court hereby retains continuing jurisdiction over (a) implementation of this Settlement and any award or distribution of the Settlement Fund, including interest earned thereon; (b) disposition of the Settlement Fund; (c) hearing and determining applications for attorneys' fees and expenses in the Class Action; and (d) all parties hereto for the purpose of construing, enforcing, and administering the Stipulation.

17. Without further approval from the Court, Plaintiffs and Defendants are hereby authorized to agree to and adopt such amendments or modifications of the Stipulation or any exhibits attached thereto to effectuate the Settlement that: (a) are not materially inconsistent with this Judgment; and (b) do not materially limit the rights of Settlement Class Members in connection

with the Settlement. Without further order of the Court, Plaintiffs and Defendants may agree to reasonable extensions of time to carry out any provisions of the Settlement.

18. The Court finds that during the course of the Litigation, Plaintiffs and Defendants, and their respective counsel at all times complied with the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11.

19. In the event that the Settlement does not become effective in accordance with the terms of the Stipulation or the Effective Date does not occur, or in the event that the Settlement Fund, or any portion thereof, is returned to the Defendants, then this Judgment shall be rendered null and void to the extent provided by and in accordance with the Stipulation and shall be vacated and, in such event, all orders entered and releases delivered in connection herewith shall be null and void to the extent provided by and in accordance with the Stipulation.

20. This Litigation is dismissed with prejudice. The parties are to bear their own costs, except as otherwise provided in the Stipulation or this Judgment.

21. The provisions of this Judgment constitute a full and complete adjudication of the matters considered and adjudged herein, and the Court determines that there is no just reason for delay in the entry of this Judgment. The Clerk is hereby directed to immediately enter this Judgment.

**SO ORDERED** in the Eastern District of New York on \_\_\_\_\_, 202\_\_.

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THE HON. CAROL BAGLEY AMON  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE