

Court File No.: 766-2010 CP

# ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE

THE HONOURABLE	)	Friday	, THE∠o ™ DAY	
JUSTICE LEITCH	)	OF	July , 2024.	

BETWEEN:

ROBERT FOSTER and MURRAY DAVENPORT

**Plaintiffs** 

-and-

SEARS CANADA INC.; SEARS HOLDINGS CORPORATION; JOHN DEERE CANADA ULC; DEERE & COMPANY; TECUMSEH PRODUCTS OF CANADA, LIMITED; TECUMSEH PRODUCTS COMPANY; PLATINUM EQUITY, LLC; BRIGGS & STRATTON CANADA INC.; BRIGGS & STRATTON CORPORATION; CANADIAN KAWASAKI MOTORS INC.; KAWASAKI MOTORS CORP., USA; MTD PRODUCTS LIMITED; MTD PRODUCTS INC; THE TORO COMPANY (CANADA), INC.; THE TORO COMPANY; HONDA CANADA INC.; AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.; ELECTROLUX CANADA CORP.; ELECTROLUX HOME PRODUCTS, INC.; HUSQVARNA CANADA CORP.; HUSQVARNA CONSUMER OUTDOOR PRODUCTS N.A., INC.; KOHLER CANADA CO.; KOHLER CO.

Defendants

#### PROCEEDING UNDER THE CLASS PROCEEDINGS ACT, 1992

# ORDER (Motion for Approval of the Distribution of the Residual Settlement Funds)

THIS MOTION, made by the plaintiffs for an Order approving the final distribution of residual settlement funds and other ancillary claims administration related matters was heard this day at the Court House, 80 Dundas Street, London, Ontario.

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ON READING the materials filed by the Plaintiffs:

1. THIS COURT ORDERS that the plan for the final distribution of the residual settlement

funds as proposed by Class Counsel in the Affidavit of Sarah Bowden, which is attached

hereto as Schedule "A", is hereby approved.

2. THIS COURT ORDERS that the claims administration related expenses of RicePoint

Administration Inc. in respect of distributing the remaining settlement funds is hereby

approved, to a maximum of \$15,000, and that such expenses shall be paid from the

settlement funds.

3. THIS COURT ORDERS that in the event that any settlement funds remain following the

distribution of residual settlement funds, the distribution of those remaining settlement

funds by way of a cy-près distribution, in equal shares to the Retail Council of Canada

and to the Consumers' Council of Canada, is approved.

4. THIS COURT ORDERS that following the distribution of settlement funds outlined in

paragraph 1 of this Order and the cy-près distribution, if any, outlined in paragraph 3 of

this Order, RicePoint Administration Inc. is discharged from its duties as claims

administrator, which discharge does not include a release of any claims against

RicePoint Administration Inc.

Date:

July 24, 2024

The Honourable Justice Leitch

#### SCHEDULE A

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Defendants

PROCEEDING UNDER THE CLASS PROCEEDINGS ACT, 1992, S.O. 1992, c. 6

AFFIDAVIT OF SARAH BOWDEN
(Motion for Approval of the Distribution of Residual Settlement Funds)

I, SARAH BOWDEN of the City of London, in the Province of Ontario, MAKE OATH AND SAY:

 I am a lawyer at Foreman & Company Professional Corporation ("Foreman & Company"), counsel for Robert Foster and Murray Davenport, the Representative Plaintiffs in the within Action, and as such have knowledge of the matters to which I hereinafter depose except Court File No./N° du dossier du greffe : CV-10-00000766-00CP

where the facts stated are based upon information and belief in which case I have stated the source of the information and I believe such facts to be true.

## NATURE OF THE MOTION

2. This motion is for an Order: (i) approving the final distribution of the residual settlement funds which are associated with uncashed payments to class members; (ii) approving the costs of the claims administrator to distribute the residual settlement funds; (iii) that any settlement funds that remain after the proposed distribution be distributed *cy-près* to the Retail Council of Canada and to the Consumers' Council of Canada; and (iv) discharging RicePoint Administration Inc., following the completion of their remaining mandate, namely the distribution of the residual settlement funds and any *cy-près* funds.

#### **BACKGROUND**

## Litigation History:

- 3. This action was commenced by Statement of Claim issued on March 19, 2010. The Statement of Claim alleges that the defendants participated in an unlawful agreement to mislabel horsepower of lawn mowers and/or to raise, fix, maintain or stabilize the price of lawn mowers in Canada, lessen unduly competition in the production, manufacture, sale and/or supply of lawn mowers and lawn mower engines, and/or to conduct business contrary to the Competition Act and the Consumer Packaging and Labelling Act.
- 4. The Action was resolved through a series of settlement agreements with the defendants as follows:
  - a. MTD Products Limited and MTD Products Inc. dated September 29, 2010 for \$300,000;
  - Biggs & Stratton (including Kohler, Electrolux, John Deere, Husqvarna and Toro)
     dated June 26, 2013 for \$4,200,000;

- c. Honda Canada Inc. and American Honda Motor Co. Inc., dated February 25, 2015 for \$700,000;
- d. Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A.., dated June 4, 2018 for \$785,000; and
- e. Tecumseh Products of Canada, Limited, Tecumseh Products Company and Platinum Equity, LLC dated August 10, 2018 for \$1,550,000.
- The combined settlements total CAD \$7,535,000, all of which have been approved by Orders of this Court. The final settlement, with the Tecumseh defendants, was approved by this Court by Order dated October 25, 2018.

#### THE SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION

#### The Distribution Protocol

- 6. By Order dated October 25, 2018, this Court approved the Distribution Protocol of settlement funds (the "Protocol") and appointed RicePoint Administration Inc. ("RicePoint") as claims administrator. Attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "A" to this my affidavit is a copy of the October 25, 2018 Order.
- 7. The Net Settlement Amount available for distribution was \$4,592,980.98. Pursuant to paragraph 12 of the Protocol, a copy of which is attached hereto as part of the Order at Exhibit "A", 80% or \$3,674,384.78 of the Net Settlement Amount was allocated for the benefit of end users and 20% or \$918,596.20 of the Net Settlement Amount was allocated for upstream purchasers.

#### The Claims Process

- 8. The claims period commenced on January 21, 2019. Claimants had four months or until May 22, 2019 to file a claim by mail or electronically through an online claims portal.
- During the claims period, 52,391 claims were received by the Claims Administrator. Of these claims, 12,002 were either withdrawn or not approved. The vast majority of rejected

- claims (11,863) were duplicate claims made by class members who were otherwise approved for their non-duplicate claim. Rejected claims received deficiency notices and claimants had an opportunity to re-file. The Claims Administrator ultimately approved a total of 40,393 claims, of which 40,377 were end users and 16 were upstream purchasers.
- 10. Initial payments were distributed to approved end user claimants on May 8, 2020 by etransfer or cheque. E-transfers expired one month after issuance. Cheques had a stale date of November 8, 2020.
- 11. Initial payments to approved upstream purchaser claimants were sent by cheque on July 22, 2020. The upstream purchaser cheques had a stale date of January 22, 2021.
- 12. At the end of the initial distribution, there were 2,242 end users who failed to cash their settlement payments. Uncashed payments totaled \$158,902.38. All upstream purchaser payments were cashed by October 27, 2020.

## Outreach and Re-issued Payments

- 13. Class Counsel and RicePoint undertook diligent and extensive outreach efforts to ensure that settlement funds were distributed to approved end user claimants.
- 14. In early 2021, Class Counsel conducted an outreach to the 2,242 end user claimants who failed to cash their payments. Claimants were invited to request a reissued payment by May 14, 2021.
- 15. Class Counsel and the Claims Administrator undertook further diligence and outreach regarding the payments that had not been claimed. The Claims Administrator, assisted by Class Counsel, worked hard to ensure that approved claimants were able to access their payments. In the course of that work, Class Counsel and the Claims Administrator were mindful of the cost of administrative expenses associated with locating updated contact information, making multiple mailings and the cost of reprinting cheques.

- 16. Class Counsel has continued efforts to reissue cheques to class members while working with RicePoint to prepare a plan to distribute residual funds. This work has continued into 2024. The Claims Administrator has re-issued a cheque to a previously approved class member as recently as April of 2024.
- 17. The outreach and continued effort in reissuing cheques has resulted in 371 payments totaling \$26,341.00 being distributed to class members.
- 18. After all reasonable efforts to locate approved end user claimants were made, 38,487 payments (by cheque or e-transfer) have been cashed with a total value of \$4,464,422.09. This includes 95.3% of all approved claims for end users and 100% of upstream purchasers.
- 19. As of today's date, CAD \$207,301.47 of residual settlement funds have not been distributed (the "Residual Funds"). The Residual Funds include funds from uncashed cheques, expired e-transfers, residual interest and a holdback of \$15,000.00 for ongoing administration expenses as described below.

## Plan of Distribution of Residual Funds

20. Paragraph 49 of the court-approved Protocol states:

To the extent that the full Net Settlement Amount is not paid out due to uncashed cheques, expired e-transfers. residual interest, or analogous circumstances, such monies shall be paid in equal shares to the Retail Council of Canada and to the Consumers' Council of Canada (collectively the "Consumer Organizations") for the general benefit of Settlement Class Members if the amount is equal to or less than \$10,000. For distribution of any amount above \$10,000, further direction of the Court shall be sought.

- 21. Class Counsel, in collaboration with RicePoint, has designed a plan of distribution of the Residual Funds for which it seeks approval of this Court. Class Counsel believes the proposed plan strikes a desirable balance between providing a direct benefit to a significant number of deserving class members and ensuring an expedient and cost-effective conclusion to the distribution of Residual Funds.
- Class Counsel proposes a distribution of the remaining funds to the 1,406 end user claimants who were approved for a payment of \$250 or more, and who received and cashed their payments in the previous distribution. The 1,406 end users will receive a prorated amount of the Residual Funds based on the value of their originally approved claim. These recipients have a successful and verified history within the claims process. And based on their claims submissions, they also have a greater economic connection to the subject matter of the case. In short, these are claimants who made more significant purchases of the lawnmower products at issue in the case.
- 23. Class Counsel looked at, analyzed and costed out multiple distribution scenarios. Class Counsel sought RicePoint's input on how to best structure the proposed distribution, given RicePoint's expertise and experience in administering settlements of all sizes.
- 24. RicePoint advised Class Counsel that the proposed option, claimants who cashed cheques for \$250 and above, was advisable as it yielded a manageable group for the distribution which would permit it to be done in an efficient and cost-effective manner.
- 25. Class Counsel believes the proposed plan strikes a desirable balance between providing a direct benefit to a significant number of class members while also ensuring an expedient and cost-efficient conclusion to the distribution of residual funds.

#### Costs of the Distribution

- 26. RicePoint has requested a reserve of \$15,000.00 for the administration costs associated with the redistribution of the Residual Funds.
- 27. The plaintiffs seek court-approval to pay the Claims Administrator's cost from the Residual Funds as a necessary and reasonable cost of the administration of the settlements.

## Cy-près Distribution

- 28. Class Counsel also seeks an Order that any settlement funds that remain after the proposed distribution be distributed *cy-près* to the Retail Council of Canada and to the Consumers' Council of Canada.
- 29. As set out above, the previously approved Protocol contemplated that any residual of \$10,000 or less would be paid in equal shares to the Retail Council of Canada or to the Consumers' Council of Canada. On this motion, Class Counsel is asking for an order that all remaining funds, if any, following the distribution be paid in equal shares to the previously approved *cy-près* recipients.
- 30. RicePoint has advised that it estimates the costs associated with distributing the Residual Funds to be approximately \$15,000.00. Given the estimated costs of the distribution, a further additional distribution would likely be prohibitively expensive.
- 31. Class Counsel anticipates that any remaining funds after this distribution will be too small to feasibly provide a direct benefit to class members. The fees that would be incurred would likely result in most of the residual being allocated to administrative costs, rather than providing a benefit to class members. Allowing any remaining funds to be distributed by *cy-près* allows the claims administration to come to an expedient close after this proposed distribution of Residual Funds.

# DISCHARGING RICEPOINT AS THE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR

- 32. RicePoint has assisted with this action since being appointed by the Court as the Claims Administrator in 2018. RicePoint completed the review, adjudication and ultimate payment of approved claims in this action. They have worked alongside Class Counsel to answer claimants' questions, concerns and help complete claim forms when required, sworn affidavits, and provided fund reconciliations.
- 33. Aside from the distribution and any final *cy-près* payments, RicePoint has confirmed that all required services under its mandate have been fulfilled. Upon completion of their mandate, they are seeking to be discharged as Claims Administrator.
- 34. The discharge of the Claims Administrator does not include a release of any claims as against the Claims Administrator.
- 35. Class Counsel agrees that beyond the final distribution of the Residual Funds and payment, if any, to the proposed *cy-près* recipients, RicePoint has completed its mandate and it is appropriate to discharge RicePoint as Claims Administrator upon completion of their mandate.

**SWORN BEFORE ME** by *video* conference, at the City of London, in the County of Middlesex, in the Province of Ontario, this 22nd day of July, 2024.

Commissioner for Taking Affidavits

SARAH BOWDEN

# This is EXHIBIT "A" referred to in the Affidavit of SARAH BOWDEN sworn before me, this 22nd day of July, 2024.

A Commissioner, etc.

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The Honourable Justice Leitch
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THURSDAY, the 25th day
)
of OCTOBER, 2018

BETWEEN:

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-and-

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Defendants

PROCEEDING UNDER THE CLASS PROCEEDINGS ACT, 1992, S.O. 1992, c. 6

#### **ORDER**

(Settlement Administration Approval)

THIS MOTION, made by the plaintiffs for an order approving matters relating to settlement administration was heard this day at the Court House, 80 Dundas Street, London, Ontario.

ON READING the materials filed and on hearing the submissions of counsel for the plaintiffs:

- THIS COURT ORDERS that the Distribution Protocol is hereby approved substantially in the form attached hereto as Schedule "A".
- THIS COURT ORDERS that RicePoint Administration Inc. is hereby approved as the Claims Administrator.
- THIS COURT ORDERS that the fee proposal of RicePoint Administration Inc. is hereby approved.
- 4. THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES that, except to the extent they are modified by this Order, the definitions set out in the Settlement Agreements apply to and are incorporated into this Order.
- 5. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Notices are hereby approved substantially in the form as attached hereto as Schedules "B" through "H".
- 6. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Plan of Dissemination is approved substantially in the form attached hereto as Schedule "I".
- 7. THIS COURT ORDERS that the costs of disseminating the Notices and administering the claims process is to be paid from the Settlement Fund.
- 8. THIS COURT ORDERS that Class Counsel is permitted to be reimbursed from the Settlement Fund for reasonable settlement administration related disbursements, up to a maximum of \$5,000. If greater settlement administration related disbursements are incurred, Class Counsel shall be permitted to bring a motion for approval of their additional settlement administration related disbursements.

Date: 04 25/18

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The Honourable Justice Leitch

# SCHEDULE "A"

# DISTRIBUTION PROTOCOL IN THE MATTER OF THE LAWN MOWER CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENTS

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# I. GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF THE ADMINISTRATION

- The procedures set forth herein are intended to govern the administration of the settlement agreements entered into with the following Defendants:
  - a. MTD Products Limited and MTD Products Inc., dated September 29, 2010;
  - b. Briggs & Stratton Canada Inc., Briggs & Stratton Corporation, Electrolux Canada Corp., Electrolux Home Products, Inc., John Deere Canada ULC, Deere & Company, Husqvarna Canada Corp., Husqvarna Consumer Outdoor Products N.A., Inc., Kohler Canada Co., Kohler Co., The Toro Company (Canada), Inc., and The Toro Company, dated June 26, 2013;
  - Honda Canada Inc. and American Honda Motor Co., Inc., dated February 25,
     2015;
  - d. Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A., dated June 4, 2018; and
  - e. Tecumseh Products of Canada, Limited, Tecumseh Products Company, and Platinum Equity, LLC, dated August 10, 2018 (collectively, the "Settlement Agreements").
- The definitions in the Settlement Agreements apply to and are incorporated herein. Where
  a term is defined in both the Settlement Agreements and in the Distribution Protocol, the
  definition in the Distribution Protocol shall govern.
- The administration shall:
  - implement and conform to the Settlement Agreements, orders of the Courts, and this Distribution Protocol;
  - b. include the establishment and maintenance of the Settlement Website;

- c. employ secure, paperless, web-based systems with electronic registration and record keeping wherever possible; and
- d. be bilingual in all respects.
- Any released party, specifically including Excluded Persons and Releasees, shall be ineligible to receive settlement benefits under this Distribution Protocol.
- 5. Settlement Class Members seeking compensation must disclose and give credit for any compensation received through other proceedings or private out-of-class settlements in relation to their Lawn Mower Purchases, unless by such proceedings or private out-of-class settlements, the Settlement Class Member's claim was released in its entirety, in which case the Settlement Class Member shall be deemed ineligible for any further compensation.
- 6. The Claims Administrator, in concert with Class Counsel, shall have the discretion to interpret this Distribution Protocol in such a fashion as to ensure the facilitation of the goals of the Settlement Agreements for the benefit of Settlement Class Members.

#### II. DEFINITIONS

- 7. For the purpose of this Distribution Protocol:
  - a. Claim means the paper or electronic form that a Settlement Class Member must complete and submit before the Claims Filing Deadline in order to be considered for settlement benefits under this Distribution Protocol.
  - b. Claims Filing Deadline means May 22, 2019, being the date by which Claims (and any required supporting documentation) must be postmarked or electronically submitted in order for Settlement Class Members to be considered for settlement benefits under this Distribution Protocol.

- Claims Period means the time period during which Settlement Class Members
   may make a claim, being from January 21, 2019 to May 22, 2019.
- d. Court(s) means the Ontario Superior Court of Justice and the Superior Court of Québec which shall have ongoing authority and supervision with respect to the Distribution Protocol.
- e. End Users means Settlement Class Members who purchased Lawn Mowers for their own actual use, including consumers and businesses such as landscapers, golf courses, municipalities, universities, etc.
- f. Fonds Levy means the amounts payable to the Fonds d'aide aux actions collectives pursuant to section 42 of the Act respecting the Fonds d'aide aux action collectives, CQLR, c. F-3.2.0.1.1 and calculated in accordance with the governing regulations.
- g. Lawn Mower Purchases means the purchase of finished Lawn Mower(s) designed, manufactured, and labelled by the Defendants which includes a gascombustible engine of 30 horsepower or less between January 1, 1994 and December 31, 2012 in Canada.
- h. **Net Settlement Amount** means the aggregate of the Settlement Amounts recovered pursuant to the Settlement Agreements and accrued interest after the payment of court-approved Class Counsel Fees and after deduction of the Administration Expenses and all taxes (including interest and penalties) accruable with respect to the income earned by the Settlement Agreements.
- Online Claim Portal means a web-based portal created and maintained by the Claims Administrator in accordance with this Distribution Protocol.

- j. Settlement Agreements has the meaning attributed to it in paragraph 1.
- k. Settlement Class Members means all eligible purchasers of Lawn Mowers, including both End Users and Upstream Purchasers, but excluding Releasees and Excluded Persons.
- I. Settlement Website means the website maintained by or on behalf of the Claims

  Administrator for the purposes of providing Settlement Class Members with

  information on the Settlement Agreements, the Distribution Protocol, the claims

  process, and access to the Online Claim Portal.
- m. Upstream Purchasers means Settlement Class Members who purchased Lawn Mowers for resale purposes and not for actual use, including but not limited to retailers and distributors.

## III. THE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR'S DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- The Claims Administrator shall administer the Settlement Agreements and this Distribution
   Protocol under the ongoing authority and supervision of the Court.
- The Net Settlement Amount shall be held in an interest-bearing trust account at a Canadian Schedule I bank in Canada.
- 10. The Claims Administrator's duties and responsibilities shall include the following:
  - a. providing notices to the Settlement Class Members as required pursuant to this
     Distribution Protocol and/or by Order of the Courts;
  - developing, implementing, and operating electronic web-based systems and procedures for receiving and adjudicating Claims. The Claims Administrator shall

- encourage Settlement Class Members to claim via the Online Claim Portal where possible and shall facilitate this process;
- c. developing and implementing processes to detect possible fraudulent conduct, including monitoring claims for unusual activity and multiple claims being filed from the same address and using the same serial number;
- making timely decisions in respect of Claims and notifying the Settlement Class
   Members of the decision promptly thereafter;
- e. arranging payment to Settlement Class Members in a timely fashion after the Claims Filing Deadline;
- f. dedicating sufficient personnel to respond to Settlement Class Members' inquiries in English or French, as the Settlement Class Member elects;
- g. remitting the Fonds Levy to the Fonds d'aide aux actions collectives;
- h. arranging payments of Administration Expenses;
- i. maintaining, in an easy to understand format, the information being recorded pursuant to paragraphs 34 and 37 as well as information about Settlement Class Members' Lawn Mower Purchases and proposed distribution, so as to permit Class Counsel to audit the administration at the discretion of Class Counsel or if so ordered by the Court;
- j. reporting to Class Counsel respecting Claims received and administered, and
   Administration Expenses;
- k. cash management and audit control;
- preparing and submitting such financial statements, reports, and records as directed by Class Counsel and/or the Court; and

m. fulfilling any tax reporting and arranging payments required arising from the Net Settlement Amount, including any obligation to report taxable income and make tax payments. All taxes (including interest and penalties) due with respect to the income earned by the Net Settlement Amount shall be paid from the Net Settlement Amount.

## IV. SETTLEMENT BENEFITS AVAILABLE TO SETTLEMENT CLASS MEMBERS

- 11. The Net Settlement Amount will be available to provide settlement benefits to eligible Settlement Class Members pursuant to this Distribution Protocol.
- 12. The Net Settlement Amount is to be allocated as follows:
  - a. 80% to End Users; and
  - b. 20% to Upstream Purchasers.

#### End Users

13. End Users shall prove their Lawn Mower Purchases by providing a declaration containing their name, date of birth and current address as well as particulars with respect to their Lawn Mower Purchases including Lawn Mower make/brand, engine make, year of purchase, address at the time the Lawn Mower was purchased, and retailer where the Lawn Mower was purchased as well as the End User's best information regarding the purchase date, the price paid, the model number and the serial number.

## End Users Providing a Declaration without Further Proof:

14. Eligible End Users who provide a declaration without further proof of purchase or proof of horsepower will receive \$15 *per claimant* subject to the terms of paragraphs 21 and 22.

#### End Users Providing Proof:

- 15. Eligible End Users who provide valid *proof of purchase*, without proof of horsepower, will receive a <u>minimum</u> of \$15 per qualifying Lawn Mower, subject to the terms as set out in paragraphs 21 and 22.
- 16. Proof of purchase for the purposes of paragraph 15 may include but is not limited to:
  - a. receipts;
  - b. invoices;
  - c. purchase records;
  - d. manuals;
  - e. warranty documents;
  - f. product registration documents;
  - g. rebate documents;
  - h. repair invoices;
  - i. geotagged photographs; or
  - j. comparable verification that is acceptable to the Claims Administrator.
  - 17. If an Eligible End User is able to provide *proof of the horsepower* rating of their Lawn Mower Purchases, they will be provided compensation for their Lawn Mower Purchases as follows, subject to the terms as set out in paragraphs 21 and 22:
    - a. walk-behind Lawn Mowers with engines under 5 horsepower \$20;
    - b. walk-behind Lawn Mowers with engines 5 horsepower or more \$35;
    - c. riding Lawn Mowers with engines under 18 horsepower \$45; and

<ul> <li>d. riding Lawn Mowers with engines 18 horsepower of</li> </ul>	or more – \$55	
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- 18. Proof of horsepower rating for the purposes of paragraph 17 may include but is not limited
  - a. receipts;

to:

- b. invoices;
- c. purchase records;
- d. manuals;
- e. warranty documents;
- f. product registration documents;
- g. rebate documents;
- h. repair invoices;
- i. geotagged photographs; or
- j. comparable verification that is acceptable to the Claims Administrator.
- 19. The Claims Administrator shall adjudicate proof of purchase and proof of horsepower rating by End Users with a view to facilitating credible, valid claims while reasonably detecting and deterring any non-meritorious claims.
- 20. Should an End User's purchase(s) of Lawn Mowers reflect an exceptional consideration such that the Claims Administrator may conclude that the categories set out in paragraphs 14, 15, and 17 do not adequately capture the circumstances of their Lawn Mower purchase(s), the End User shall be permitted to submit proof to support their position and explain their Lawn Mower purchases. The Claims Administrator shall have the necessary discretion to evaluate and adjudicate compensation with respect to such potential claims.

- 21. If the Net Settlement Amount is insufficient to pay eligible End Users in the amounts specified in paragraphs 14, 15, and 17, the settlement benefits payable to eligible End Users shall be reduced pro-rata (i.e. proportionally) based on the value of each Settlement Class Member's Claim as a proportion of the value of all valid Claims. However, claims which are supported by proof of purchase or proof of horsepower as outlined in paragraphs 15 and 17 may be given priority in respect of proration and payment amount depending on claims volumes and claims experience.
- 22. If there are surplus funds remaining from the Net Settlement Amount after all eligible End
  Users have been assigned the amounts specified in paragraphs 14, 15, and 17, the
  settlement benefits payable to eligible End Users shall be increased pro-rata (i.e.
  proportionally) based on the value of each End User's Claim as a proportion of the value
  of all valid Claims. However, claims which are supported by proof of purchase or proof of
  horsepower as outlined in paragraphs 15 and 17 may be given priority in respect of
  proration and payment amount depending on claims volumes and claims experience.
- 23. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Distribution Protocol, subject to further order of the Court following the adjudication of all claims, no eligible End User will be paid less than \$10. The \$10 valuation target is not an estimate of any damages suffered. It is a minimum administrative threshold designed to maintain a feasible economic and administrative platform for the settlement distribution. If, for any reason, the \$10 minimum payment cannot be feasibly made due to proration or other factors, Class Counsel will seek direction from the Court.
- 24. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Distribution Protocol, if the distribution would result in eligible End Users receiving an amount that is beyond any reasonable estimate of expected damages or would otherwise result in an unjust distribution, Class Counsel

will seek further directions from the Court with respect to the distribution of the Net Settlement Amount.

## Upstream Purchasers

- 25. Upstream Purchasers shall prove their Lawn Mower Purchases in the following manner:
  - a. With reference to documentation in connection with their purchases of Lawn Mowers:
    - i. invoices;
    - ii. receipts;
    - iii. purchase records;
    - iv. historical accounting records; or
    - v. comparable verification that is acceptable to the Claims Administrator.
  - b. By alternative proof, including a declaration together with documentation that evidences their purchases of Lawn Mowers:
    - delivery or packing slips;
    - ii. credit card statements;
    - iii. bank statements;
    - iv. cancelled cheques;
    - v. wire transfer confirmations;
    - vi. proof of product registration;
    - vii. rebate documents;
    - viii. warranty documents;

- ix. serial numbers;
- x. repair invoices; or
- xi. comparable verification that is acceptable to the Claims Administrator.
- 26. The Claims Administrator shall adjudicate the documentation provided pursuant to paragraph 25 by Upstream Purchasers with a view to facilitating credible, valid Claims while reasonably detecting and deterring any non-meritorious Claims.
- 27. Eligible Upstream Purchasers' compensation shall be calculated by weighting Lawn Mower Purchases according to the horsepower contained in each Lawn Mower's engine.
  A point value shall be assigned to each Lawn Mower Purchase as follows:
  - a. walk-behind Lawn Mowers with engines under 5 horsepower 4 points;
  - b. walk-behind Lawn Mowers with engines 5 horsepower or more 7 points;
  - c. riding Lawn Mowers with engines under 18 horsepower 9 points; and
  - d. riding Lawn Mowers with engines 18 horsepower or more 11 points.
- 28. Should an eligible Upstream Purchaser be unable to provide information regarding horsepower contained within a qualifying Lawn Mower Purchase, a value of 3 points shall be assigned to each qualifying Lawn Mower.
- 29. Should an Upstream Purchaser's purchases of Lawn Mowers not fit within one of the categories set out in paragraphs 27 and 28, the Upstream Purchaser shall be permitted to explain their Lawn Mower purchases and the Claims Administrator shall have the necessary discretion to evaluate and adjudicate compensation with respect to such potential Claims.

- 30. Upstream Purchasers will be paid proportionally according to the number and type of Lawn Mowers purchased. Each Upstream Purchaser's actual compensation shall be the portion of the Net Settlement Amount allocated to Upstream Purchasers equivalent to the ratio of his, her, or its points to the total points value of all Upstream Purchasers multiplied by the value of the Net Settlement Amount allocated to Upstream Purchasers.
- 31. The following hypothetical situation is an illustration of how a proportional distribution will be implemented:
  - If the Net Settlement Amount is valued at \$1,000,000 and 20% will be allocated to Upstream Purchasers, then a total of \$200,000 will be shared among Upstream Purchasers;
  - Assume that the cumulative total point value of all Upstream Purchasers' claims is
     50,000 points;
  - Upstream Purchaser A claimed lawn mower purchases worth 400 points 400 points is .8% of the total points, therefore Upstream Purchaser A is entitled to .8% of the \$200,000 which is \$1,600;
  - Upstream Purchaser B claimed lawn mower purchases worth 2,000 points 2,000 points is 4% of the total points, therefore Upstream Purchaser B is entitled to 4% of the \$200,000 which is \$8,000.
  - 32. This hypothetical example is for illustration purposes only and should not be used to predict any actual recovery by any Upstream Purchaser making a Claim. Actual recoveries will depend on the total of the Net Settlement Amount and the number of Claims made by Upstream Purchasers and will not be calculated until all claims have been verified after the close of the Claims Period.

33. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Distribution Protocol, if the distribution would result in eligible Upstream Purchasers receiving an amount that is beyond any reasonable estimate of expected damages or would otherwise result in an unjust distribution, Class Counsel will seek further directions from the Court with respect to the distribution of the Net Settlement Amount.

#### V. THE CLAIMS PROCESS

#### a. The Claim

- 34. In addition to any basic proof of purchase required by the claims form, Settlement Class Members shall also provide the following:
  - a. disclosure of whether the Settlement Class Member or any entity related to the Settlement Class Member has received compensation through other proceedings or private out-of-class settlements and/or provided a release in respect of any of the Settlement Class Member's Lawn Mower Purchases, and provide details of the compensation received and the claims released;
  - authorization to the Claims Administrator to contact the Settlement Class Member
     or its representative as the Claims Administrator deems appropriate for more
     information and/or to audit the Claim;
  - c. a declaration that the information submitted in the Claim is true and correct; and
  - d. such further and other information as the Claims Administrator may require to process Claims.

#### b. The Online Claim Portal

- 35. The Claims Administrator shall create an Online Claim Portal that Settlement Class Members can access in order to file a Claim and shall provide the necessary administrative support to enable Settlement Class Members to do so.
- The Online Claim Portal shall be accessible from the Settlement Website.
- 37. The Online Claim Portal shall contain fields that facilitate the Settlement Class Member to provide all applicable information required as part of the Claim.
- 38. The Claims Administrator shall develop procedures for tracking and recording in an electronic format the following information, as it is entered into the Online Claim Portal or provided by Settlement Class Members who file hardcopy Claims in accordance with paragraph 40 below:
  - a. names, addresses, and purchase data of the Settlement Class Members;
  - names, addresses, purchase data, and supporting documents provided by
     Settlement Class Members as part of the claims and/or audit process; and
  - any other information that might be useful in the claims administration process.

#### c. The Claims Filing Process

- 39. Settlement Class Members will be encouraged to complete and submit a Claim (together with the required supporting documents) electronically using the Online Claim Portal.
  Claims are to be submitted on the Online Claim Portal on or before the Claims Filing Deadline, namely, by May 22, 2019.
- 40. If a Settlement Class Member does not have internet access or is otherwise unable to submit a Claim using the Online Claim Portal, the Settlement Class Member can register by telephone with the Claims Administrator and the Claims Administrator shall send the

Settlement Class Member a hardcopy claim form by mail. The completed and executed hardcopy Claim (together with any required supporting proof of purchase) are to be submitted to the Claims Administrator postmarked no later than the Claims Filing Deadline.

#### d. Audits

- At its sole discretion, the Claims Administrator can elect to audit any Claim and can reject a Claim, in whole or in part, where, in the Claims Administrator's view, the Settlement Class Member has submitted insufficient or false information or has otherwise engaged in fraudulent conduct.
- 42. If a Settlement Class Member's claim is audited, the Settlement Class Member must respond reasonably to the questions asked by the Claims Administrator and provide reasonable responses to any information requests made within the timeframe requested by the Claims Administrator.
- The Claims Administrator shall notify the Settlement Class Member that the Settlement Class Member's Claim is the subject of an audit. The Claims Administrator shall state any questions or requests for documentary proof as may be required. The Claims Administrator shall allow a Settlement Class Member thirty (30) days from the date of such notice in order to provide a satisfactory response to the audit request. If the Settlement Class Member does not answer the questions posed or provide reasonable responses to the documents and information requested the Claims Administrator shall reject the Claim subject to the deficiency process outlined in paragraph 44.

#### e. Deficiencies

44. If, during claims processing, the Claims Administrator finds that deficiencies exist in a Claim or other required information, the Claims Administrator shall notify the Settlement

Class Member, by e-mail or regular mail, of the deficiencies. The Claims Administrator shall allow the Settlement Class Member thirty (30) days from the date of such notice to correct the deficiencies. If the deficiencies are not corrected within the thirty (30) day period, the Claims Administrator shall either reject the Claim or deem the Claim eligible for only the minimum payment amount as applicable without prejudice to the right of the Settlement Class Member to cure the deficiencies, provided the Settlement Class Member is able to meet the Claims Filing Deadline and other requirements set forth herein. The Online Claim Portal shall be designed so as to minimize the possibility of deficient claims.

#### f. Claims Administrator's Decision

- 45. In respect of each Settlement Class Member who has filed a Claim in accordance with this Distribution Protocol, the Claims Administrator shall:
  - decide whether the Settlement Class Member is eligible to receive settlement benefits payable out of the Net Settlement Amount in accordance with the Settlement Agreements, orders of the Court, and this Distribution Protocol;
  - verify the Settlement Class Member's Lawn Mower Purchases and horsepower rating; and
  - c. make a determination of the value of the Settlement Class Member's Claim in accordance with the Settlement Agreements, orders of the Court, and this Distribution Protocol.
- 46. The Claims Administrator shall send to the Settlement Class Member, by e-mail or regular mail, a decision as to the approval or rejection of the Claim. Where the Claims Administrator has rejected all or part of the Claim of the Settlement Class Member, the Claims Administrator shall include its grounds for rejecting all or part of the Claim.

47. The Claims Administrator's decision shall be final and binding upon the Settlement Class Member.

#### VI. THE CLAIMS DISTRIBUTION PROCESS

- 48. As soon as practicable after the claims evaluations, the Claims Administrator shall make arrangements to pay approved Claims as expeditiously as possible. Payments of settlement benefits to Settlement Class Members will be made by e-transfer, cheque, or any other method deemed appropriate by the Claims Administrator.
- 49. To the extent that the full Net Settlement Amount is not paid out due to uncashed cheques, expired e-transfers. residual interest, or analogous circumstances, such monies shall be paid in equal shares to the Retail Council of Canada and to the Consumers' Council of Canada (collectively the "Consumer Organizations") for the general benefit of Settlement Class Members if the amount is equal to or less than \$10,000. For distribution of any amount above \$10,000, further direction of the Court shall be sought.
- The payment to the Consumer Organizations shall be less any amounts payable to the Fonds d'aide aux actions collectives, pursuant to section 42 of the Act respecting the Fonds d'aide aux actions collectives, CQLR c. F-3.2.0.1.1 and calculated in accordance with Article 1.(1°) of the Regulation respecting the percentage withheld by the Fonds d'aide aux actions collectives, R.S.Q. c. F-3.2.0.1.1, r. 2 (the "Fund Levy"). For the purposes of calculating the Fund Levy payable to the Fonds d'aide aux actions collectives, 22.9%¹ of the payment to the Consumer Organizations will be notionally allocated to Québec.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 22.9% represents that portion of the Canadian population that resides in Québec based on information from Statistics Canada's website.

#### VII. CONFIDENTIALITY

51. All information received from the Settlement Class Members is collected, used, and retained by the Claims Administrator pursuant to the *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act*, S.C. 2000, c. 5 and may be used by the Claims Administrator for the sole purpose of administering the Settlement Agreements, including evaluating a Settlement Class Member's eligibility status under the Settlement Agreements and this Distribution Protocol. The information provided by Settlement Class Members is strictly private and confidential. Any identifying information about Settlement Class Members will be kept confidential and redacted from any materials filed with the Court as part of the settlement administration process, unless otherwise directed by the Court. Within a year of settlement benefits being paid to Settlement Class Members pursuant to this Distribution Protocol, the Claims Administrator will return or destroy the information received from Defendants or Settlement Class Members. Prior to being appointed as Claims Administrator, the Claims Administrator will execute an undertaking to abide by the obligations set out in this paragraph.

#### LEGAL NOTICE AUTHORIZED BY THE ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE AND THE SUPERIOR COURT OF QUÉBEC

# If you purchased a lawn mower in Canada between January 1, 1994 and December 31, 2012, you may now make a claim for money

#### **LAWN MOWERS CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT**

In 2010, class action lawsuits were initiated in Ontario by Harrison Pensa <sup>LLP</sup> and in Québec by Consumer Law Group Inc. on behalf of all Canadians who purchased Lawn Mowers between January 1, 1994 and December 31, 2012 (the "Class Actions").

A "Lawn Mower" means a lawn mower designed, manufactured, or labelled by any of the Defendants for ultimate sale, including retail sale, in Canada, containing a gas-combustible engine labelled at 30 horsepower or less.

The Class Actions allege that the Defendants agreed to manipulate horsepower labelling on certain Lawn Mowers during the class period. The defendants deny the allegations and no manipulation of horsepower labelling has been proven in court.

#### **THE SETTLEMENTS**

Settlements have been reached with all defendants in this case totalling \$7,535,000 (collectively, the "Settlements"). The Settlements have been approved by the courts in Ontario and Québec

Pursuant to previous Orders of the courts, the deadline for class members to opt out of the lawn mowers class action was September 17, 2013. If you did not previously opt out, you are eligible to make a claim and are legally bound by the results of the Class Actions.

The settlement funds, less court-approved fees, disbursements, notice costs, and applicable taxes (the "Net Settlement Amount"), are being held in an interest-bearing trust account for the benefit of all class members.

#### **HOW DO I MAKE A CLAIM FOR SETTLEMENT FUNDS?**

All class members who wish to make a claim for compensation under the Settlements must submit a claim no later than May 22, 2019. Claims that are not made by the deadline will not be eligible for compensation.

Class members are asked to provide the best information they have regarding their Lawn Mower purchase(s). The Claims Administration rules provide for flexible evaluation of acceptable documentation. Even a declaration without further proof may qualify for cash compensation. Compensation under the Distribution Protocol increases with proof of purchase or proof of the horsepower rating of the Lawn Mower.

Claims must be submitted online through the claims portal at <a href="https://www.lawnmowersettlement.ca">www.lawnmowersettlement.ca</a>. If you are unable to make an online claim, a paper claim form can be requested.

#### THE DISTRIBUTION PROTOCOL

See <u>www.lawnmowersettlement.ca</u> to review the Distribution Protocol.

**Upstream Purchasers** (retailers, wholesalers, etc. who purchased Lawn Mowers for resale) are entitled to claim a share of the settlement recoveries. 20% of the Net Settlement Amount has been allocated to an Upstream Purchasers' Fund. Proportionate payments to eligible claimants will be made from the Upstream Purchaser Fund based on their eligible Lawn Mower purchase(s) and their corresponding horsepower ratings. For a full explanation of the calculation for Upstream Purchasers, see the Distribution Protocol.

End Users (individuals or businesses who purchased Lawn Mowers for their own use) will fall into one of the following categories based on the information they provide:

- 1. End Users Providing a Declaration without Further Proof Those who provide a declaration of the basic required information regarding their Lawn Mower purchase(s) without any documentary proof will be entitled to \$15 per claimant.
- 2. End Users Providing Proof Those who provide proof of purchase or proof of the horsepower rating regarding their Lawn Mower(s) will receive the following, per Lawn Mower.
- \$15 Any Lawn Mower with proof of purchase but without proof of horsepower rating
- \$20 Any walk-behind Lawn Mower with proof of horsepower rating of under 5 horsepower
- \$35 Any walk-behind Lawn Mower with proof of horsepower rating of 5 horsepower or more
- \$45 Any riding Lawn Mower with proof of horsepower rating of under 18 horsepower
- \$55 Any riding Lawn Mower with proof of horsepower rating of 18 horsepower or more

The amounts set out above are subject to potential proration, up or down, depending on claims rates. Under the Distribution Protocol, the Claims Administrator also has the discretion to evaluate proof for claims that reflect an exceptional circumstance.

#### **MORE QUESTIONS**

If you have any questions about the Class Actions or the claims process, visit <a href="www.lawnmowersettlement.ca">www.lawnmowersettlement.ca</a> or contact the Claims Administrator or Class Counsel:

Lawn Mower Class Action c/o RicePoint Administration Inc.

P.O. Box 3355 London, ON N6A 4K3 Tel: 1.866.432.5534

E-mail: lawnmower@ricepoint.com

Harrison Pensa LLP

Attention: Jonathan J. Foreman

450 Talbot Street London, ON N6A 5J6 Tel: 1.800.263.0489 ext. •

Fax: 1.519.667.3362

E-mail: lawnmowersettlement@harrisonpensa.com

#### Consumer Law Group Inc.

Attention: Jeff Orenstein 1030 rue Berri, Suite 102 Montreal, QC H2L 4C3 Tel: 1.514.266.7863 ext. 2

Fax: 1.514.868.9690 E-mail: info@clq.org LEGAL NOTICE AUTHORIZED BY THE ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE AND THE SUPERIOR COURT OF QUÉBEC

# NOTICE OF CLAIMS PERIOD IN THE LAWN MOWER HORSEPOWER LABELLING CLASS ACTIONS

TO: All persons in Canada who purchased certain major brand-name walk-behind or riding lawn mowers manufactured by the defendants or containing a gas combustible engine manufactured by the defendants labelled at 30 horsepower or less between January 1, 1994 and December 31, 2012.

## PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY AS IT MAY AFFECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS

#### I. WHAT IS A CLASS ACTION?

A class action is a lawsuit filed by one person on behalf of a large group of people affected by the same issue.

#### II. WHAT ARE THESE CLASS ACTIONS ABOUT?

In 2010, class actions were initiated in Ontario by Harrison Pensa LLP and in Québec by Consumer Law Group Inc. (collectively, "Class Counsel") against various lawn mower and lawn mower engine manufacturers (the "Class Actions"). The Class Actions claim that the companies who manufactured the engines and the lawn mowers containing them mislabelled the products in certain circumstances to show a higher horsepower than what was actually contained in the lawn mower.

# III. WHO ARE THE DEFENDANT LAWN MOWER AND LAWN MOWER ENGINE MANUFACTURERS?

The defendants are the following companies:

- "Briggs & Stratton" Briggs & Stratton Canada Inc. and Briggs & Stratton Corporation
- "Electrolux" Electrolux Canada Corp. and Electrolux Home Products, Inc.
- "Honda" Honda Canada Inc. and American Honda Motor Co.; Inc.
- "Husqvarna" Husqvarna Canada Corp. and Husqvarna Consumer Outdoor Products N.A., Inc.
- "John Deere" John Deere Canada ULC and Deere & Company
- "Kawasaki" Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A.
- "Kohler" Kohler Canada Co. and Kohler Co.
- "MTD" MTD Products Limited and MTD Products Inc.
- "Tecumseh" Tecumseh Products of Canada, Limited, Tecumseh Products Company, and Platinum Equity, LLC
- "Toro" The Toro Company (Canada), Inc. and The Toro Company

#### IV. HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM A CLASS MEMBER?

You are automatically a class member if you have not previously opted out and you:

- purchased a gas-powered walk-behind or riding lawn mower labelled at 30 horsepower or less that was manufactured by one of the defendants and contains an engine manufactured by one of the defendants;
- purchased it between January 1, 1994 and December 31, 2012; AND
- purchased it in Canada.

A non-exhaustive list of eligible lawn mower brands can be found at Schedule "A" to this notice.

# V. WHAT IS A SETTLEMENT AND WHAT SETTLEMENTS HAVE BEEN REACHED IN THESE CLASS ACTIONS?

A settlement is when a defendant agrees to pay money to the class members in exchange for being released from the case.

In the Class Actions, several settlements were reached at various times during the case totalling \$7,535,000 (the "Settlement Amount") which have all been approved by the courts. The settlements are not an admission of liability, fault, or wrongdoing by the defendants, but are a compromise of disputed claims.

The settlements reached in the Class Actions are outlined below:

SETTLING DEFENDANTS	DATE OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT	DATE OF ONTARIO COURT APPROVAL	DATE OF QUÉBEC COURT APPROVAL	AMOUNT
MTD	September 29, 2010	September 20, 2013	September 23, 2013	\$300,000 + extensive cooperation to the plaintiffs
Briggs & Stratton, Electrolux, John Deere, Husqvarna, Kohler, and Toro	June 26, 2013	September 20, 2013	September 23, 2013	\$4,200,000
Honda	February 25, 2015	October 26, 2015	November 17, 2015	\$700,000
Kawasaki	June 4, 2018	October •, 2018	October •, 2018	\$785,000
Tecumseh	August 10, 2018	October o, 2018	October o, 2018	\$1,550,000
			TOTAL:	\$7,535,000

The Settlement Amount, minus court-approved Class Counsel fees, disbursements, and applicable taxes, is held in an interest bearing trust account for the benefit of the class members (the "Settlement Funds").

## VI. WHEN CAN I MAKE A CLAIM?

The claims period will run from January 21, 2019 to May 22, 2019. You may make your claim at any time during the claims period, but no claims will be accepted after May 22, 2019. Claims that are not made by the deadline will not be eligible for compensation.

## VII. HOW DO I MAKE A CLAIM?

Claims will be made through the online claims portal at <a href="www.lawnmowersettlement.ca">www.lawnmowersettlement.ca</a>. Claimants are asked to provide the best information they have available regarding their lawn mower purchases which will be evaluated on a flexible basis by the Claims Administrator.

#### **End Users**

If you are an "End User" (i.e. a consumer or a business that purchased a lawn mower for personal/professional use), you will need to complete a short online claim form containing some basic particulars of your lawn mower purchase(s). This information does not necessarily require documentary proof but simply the best information you have available regarding the following:

- lawn mower make/model;
- engine make/model;
- year of purchase;
- home address at the time the lawn mower was purchased; and
- retailer where the lawn mower was purchased.

Additional documentation proving your lawn mower purchase(s) and/or the horsepower of your lawn mower(s) may be uploaded to increase the value of your claim. These documents may include:

- geotagged photos;
- receipts;
- manuals;
- serial numbers;
- warranty documents;
- product registration documents;
- rebate documents;
- · repair invoices; or
- any other information/document providing details about your lawn mower.

### **Upstream Purchasers**

If you are an "Upstream Purchaser" (i.e. a retailer or wholesaler who purchased lawn mowers for resale and not for actual use), you will need to provide invoices, receipts, purchase records, or historical accounting records proving your lawn mower purchases.

Alternatively, a declaration can be provided along with other documents that prove the lawn mower purchases such as delivery or packing slips, credit card statements, bank statements, cancelled cheques, wire transfer confirmations, proof of product registration, rebate documents, warranty documents, serial numbers, repair invoices, or any other comparable verification that is acceptable to the Claims Administrator.

Please see the Distribution Protocol, available at <a href="www.lawnmowersettlement.ca">www.lawnmowersettlement.ca</a>, for a full list of acceptable documents. Proof of purchase will be reasonably and flexibly administered by the Claims Administrator with a view to enabling claims while deterring non-meritorious claims.

### VIII. HOW MUCH MONEY WILL I BE PAID?

The Settlement Funds will be divided with 80% of the total being allocated to End Users and 20% being allocated to Upstream Purchasers.

### **End Users**

End Users will fall into one of the following categories of compensation:

End Users Providing a Declaration without Further Proof	End Users Providing Documentary Proof
End Users who provide a declaration of the basic required information regarding their lawn mower	End Users who provide valid documentary proof of the following will be compensated <i>per lawn mower</i> as follows:
purchase(s) without any documentary proof will be entitled to \$15 per claimant.	<ul> <li>Any lawn mower with proof of purchase but without proof of horsepower rating - \$15</li> </ul>
orannarra.	<ul> <li>Walk-behind lawn mowers with proof of horsepower rating of under 5 horsepower - \$20</li> </ul>
	Walk-behind lawn mowers with proof of horsepower rating of 5 horsepower or more - \$35
	<ul> <li>Riding lawn mowers with proof of horsepower rating of under 18 horsepower - \$45</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Riding lawn mowers with proof of horsepower rating of 18 horsepower or more - \$55</li> </ul>

The amounts in either category could be either increased or decreased on a prorated basis depending on the number of eligible claims made by class members.

Further, if an End User's lawn mower purchases reflect an exceptional consideration such that the above categories do not adequately capture the circumstances of their purchases, the End User shall be permitted to submit proof and explain their lawn mower purchases. The Claims Administrator will have the discretion to evaluate the claim and make a decision with respect to compensation as appropriate in the circumstances. Full details can be found in the Distribution Protocol, available at <a href="https://www.lawnmowersettlement.ca">www.lawnmowersettlement.ca</a>.

### **Upstream Purchasers**

Upstream Purchasers will be compensated for their eligible lawn mower purchases on a proportional basis out of the Upstream Purchasers portion of the Settlement Funds according to the volume and type of lawn mowers purchased. A point system will be utilized to determine each Upstream Purchaser's share of the Settlement Funds. Points will be assigned as follows:

- Lawn Mowers without proof of horsepower 3 points;
- Walk-behind Lawn Mowers with engines under 5 horsepower 4 points;
- Walk-behind Lawn Mowers with engines 5 horsepower or more 7 points;
- Riding Lawn Mowers with engines under 18 horsepower 9 points; and
- Riding Lawn Mowers with engines 18 horsepower or more 11 points.

Upstream Purchasers will each receive a percentage of the Settlement Funds allocated to Upstream Purchasers in proportion to their total point value compared to the total number of points assigned to all claimants. For full details of the calculation for Upstream Purchasers, consult the full Distribution Protocol at www.lawnmowersettlement.ca.

#### IX. WHEN WILL QUALIFYING CLAIMS BE PAID?

At the conclusion of the claims period, the Claims Administrator must review and assess all claims. Should any claims be missing information, the Claims Administrator will reach out to those claimants and give them an additional 30 days to correct their claims. Once all claims have been reviewed and the payments have been calculated, payment will be made to eligible claimants.

Accurate claims processing takes time and a date for payment is unknown at this time. Updates will be posted regularly on <a href="www.lawnmowersettlement.ca">www.lawnmowersettlement.ca</a>.

### X. WHAT DO I HAVE TO PAY?

You do not have to pay the lawyers working on these Class Actions any money. Class Counsel have been paid from the total amounts of the settlements and the payments were approved by the courts.

### XI. WHAT IF I DON'T WANT TO BE IN THE CLASS ACTIONS?

Pursuant to previous Orders of the courts, the deadline for class members to opt out of the Class Actions was September 17, 2013. If you did not previously opt out, you are eligible to make a claim and are legally bound by the results of the Class Actions.

### XII. WHO ARE THE LAWYERS WORKING ON THESE CLASS ACTIONS?

Harrison Pensa <sup>LLP</sup> represents the class representatives, Mr. Foster and Mr. Davenport, as well as all class members in all Canadian provinces and territories, excluding Québec. Harrison Pensa <sup>LLP</sup> can be reached:

- By telephone at 1-800-263-0489, ext. •
- By fax at 1-519-667-3362
- By e-mail at lawnmowersettlement@harrisonpensa.com
- By mail at 450 Talbot Street, London, Ontario, N6A 5J6, Attn: Jonathan Foreman

Consumer Law Group Inc. represents the class representatives, Mr. Liverman and Mr. Vadish, as well as all class members in Québec. Consumer Law Group Inc. can be reached:

- By telephone at 1-514-266-7863, ext. 2
- By fax at 1-514-868-9690
- By e-mail at info@clg.org
- By mail at 1030 rue Berri, Suite 102, Montréal, Québec, H2L 4C3, Attn: Jeff Orenstein

### XIII. WHO IS THE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR?

RicePoint Administration Inc. is the court-approved Claims Administrator running the claims program on behalf of Class Counsel. RicePoint Administration Inc. can be reached:

- By telephone at 1-866-432-5534
- By e-mail at <a href="mailto:lawnmower@ricepoint.com">lawnmower@ricepoint.com</a>
- By mail at 1480 Richmond Street, Suite 204, London, Ontario, N6G 0J4, Attn: Lawn Mower Class Action

### XIV. WHERE CAN I ASK MORE QUESTIONS?

This notice contains only a summary of the settlements, the Distribution Protocol, and the claims process. Class members are encouraged to review the complete Distribution Protocol which can be accessed from the settlement website at <a href="https://www.lawnmowersettlement.ca">www.lawnmowersettlement.ca</a>. If you have questions that are not answered online, please contact the appropriate Class Counsel identified above or the Claims Administrator. Inquiries should not be directed to the courts.

### XV. INTERPRETATION

This notice contains a summary of some of the terms of the various settlement agreements and Distribution Protocol in the Class Actions. If there is a conflict between the provisions of this notice and the settlement agreements or Distribution Protocol, the terms of the settlement agreements or Distribution Protocol shall prevail.

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### SCHEDULE "A" - LAWN MOWER BRANDS

The following is a non-exhaustive list of brands of lawn mowers which may be eligible for compensation in the Class Actions. Other brand names manufactured by the defendants may be eligible for compensation.

0	Ariens	0	Jacobson	0	Simplicity
Ø	Bolens	6	John Deere	6	Snapper
0	Brute	•	Lawn Boy	8	Swisher
•	Columbia	ø	Mastercraft	0	Toro
0	Craftsman	6	Mastercut	0	Troy-Bilt
•	Cub Cadet	0	MTD		Walker
•	Dynamark	•	MTD Gold	•	Weed Eater
0	Exmark	•	MTD Pro	•	White Outdoor
•	Ferris	•	Murray	0	Wright
	Gravely	•	Noma	•	Yard Machines
•	Honda	•	Poulan	•	Yard-Man
8	Husqvarna	•	Poulan Pro	•	YardPro
•	Hustler	•	Remington		Yardworks

### **SCHEDULE "D"**

#### PRESS RELEASE

## CANADIAN LAWN MOWER OWNERS MAY NOW CLAIM MONEY IN LAWN MOWER HORSEPOWER LABELLING CLASS ACTIONS

London, Ontario, • - Class actions initiated in Ontario and Québec have concluded with settlements totalling \$7,535,000.

Affected lawn mower purchasers can make claims for payment. Visit <a href="https://www.lawnmowersettlement.ca">www.lawnmowersettlement.ca</a> (the "Settlement Website") to learn more and to make a claim for money. Claims must be submitted by May 22, 2019.

The class actions concern all Canadians who purchased certain major brand-name gas-powered lawn mowers labelled at 30 horsepower or less between January 1, 1994 and December 31, 2012 which were manufactured or labelled by the defendants. See the Settlement Website for details respecting the eligible lawn mowers. It is alleged that the defendants agreed to manipulate horsepower labelling on certain lawn mowers during this time. The defendants deny the allegations and they have not been proven in court.

There is a speedy and simple online claims process for lawn mower purchasers to claim between \$15 and \$55 per qualifying lawn mower. See the Settlement Website for the ranges of compensation available depending on the information you provide and the horsepower of the lawn mowers you purchased. Purchasers can provide the best information they have available. Even a declaration without further proof may qualify for cash compensation.

Retailers and distributors of affected lawn mowers can also claim a share of the settlement recoveries. 20% of the Net Settlement Amount has been allocated to an Upstream Purchasers' Fund. Proportionate payments to eligible claimants will be made from the Upstream Purchaser Fund based on the eligible lawn mowers they purchased and their corresponding horsepower ratings.

For more information regarding the claims process, including more details about the levels of compensation and acceptable documentary proof, see the court-approved Distribution Protocol which is posted at <a href="https://www.lawnmowersettlement.ca">www.lawnmowersettlement.ca</a>.

Harrison Pensa <sup>LLP</sup>, based in London Ontario, is one of Canada's foremost class action law firms and has expertise in a full range of class action matters.

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

### DEADLINE ALERT: CANADIAN LAWN MOWER OWNERS MUST MAKE CLAIMS FOR MONEY IN LAWN MOWER HORSEPOWER LABELLING CLASS ACTIONS BY MAY 22, 2019

**London, Ontario, • –** Class actions initiated in Ontario and Québec have concluded with settlements totalling \$7.535 million.

Affected lawn mower purchasers must make a claim for payment by May 22, 2019. Visit <a href="https://www.lawnmowersettlement.ca">www.lawnmowersettlement.ca</a> (the "Settlement Website") to learn more and to make a claim for money.

The class actions concern all Canadians who purchased certain major brand-name gas-powered lawn mowers labelled at 30 horsepower or less between January 1, 1994 and December 31, 2012 which were manufactured or labelled by the defendants. It is alleged that the defendants agreed to manipulate horsepower labelling on certain lawn mowers during this time. The defendants deny the allegations and they have not been proven in court.

There is a speedy and simple online claims process for lawn mower purchasers to claim between \$15 and \$55 per qualifying lawn mower. See the Settlement Website for the ranges of compensation available depending on the information you provide and the horsepower of the lawn mowers you purchased. Purchasers can provide the best information they have available. Even a declaration without further proof may qualify for cash compensation.

Retailers and distributors of affected lawn mowers can also claim a share of the settlement recoveries. 20% of the Net Settlement Amount has been allocated to an Upstream Purchasers' Fund. Proportionate payments to eligible claimants will be made from the Upstream Purchaser Fund based on the eligible lawn mowers they purchased and their corresponding horsepower ratings.

For more information regarding the claims process, including more details about the levels of compensation and acceptable documentary proof, see the court-approved Distribution Protocol which is posted at <a href="https://www.lawnmowersettlement.ca">www.lawnmowersettlement.ca</a>.

Harrison Pensa <sup>LLP</sup>, based in London Ontario, is one of Canada's foremost class action law firms and has expertise in a full range of class action matters.

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# CLAIMS FOR MONEY MAY NOW BE MADE BY CANADIANS WHO PURCHASED LAWN MOWERS BETWEEN 1994 AND 2012

### WHAT ARE THE CLASS ACTIONS ABOUT?

Class action lawsuits have been brought in Ontario and Québec on behalf of all Canadians who purchased certain major brand-name walk-behind or riding lawn mowers made by a defendant containing certain gas combustible engines labelled at 30 horsepower or less between January 1, 1994 and December 31, 2012 (the "Class Actions").

The Class Actions allege that the defendants agreed to manipulate horsepower labelling on certain lawn mowers during the class period. The defendants deny the allegations and no manipulation of horsepower or horsepower labelling has been proven in court.

Settlement agreements with all defendants have now been approved by the courts for total settlement recoveries of \$7,535,000.

### WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO NOW?

The claims period is now open. You may go to <a href="www.lawnmowersettlement.ca">www.lawnmowersettlement.ca</a> to make a claim for compensation. The claims deadline is May 22, 2019. Claims that are not made by the deadline will not be eligible for compensation.

You will be asked to provide some basic information about your lawn mower purchase. If you have additional documentation about your lawn mower, you may provide it to qualify for higher compensation. The claims administration rules provide for flexible evaluation of acceptable documentation. Purchasers are encouraged to provide the best information they have available in order to qualify for more money. The claims process is designed to be simple. Claims by lawn mower purchasers for their own use ("End Users") are designed to take only a few minutes to complete.

End Users who provide a declaration of the basic information will receive \$15 per claimant. Those who provide additional documentation proving their purchase details and/or the horsepower ratings of their lawn mower(s) will be eligible for between \$15 and \$55 per lawn mower depending on the horsepower rating of their lawn mower(s). These amounts are subject to potential proration.

Retailers and distributors of affected lawn mowers ("Upstream Purchasers") can also claim a share of the settlement recoveries. 20% of the Net Settlement Amount has been allocated to an Upstream Purchasers' Fund. Proportionate payments to eligible claimants will be made from the Upstream Purchaser Fund based on the eligible lawn mowers they purchased and their corresponding horsepower ratings.

Payment to class members will be made in accordance with the court-approved Distribution Protocol. The Distribution Protocol contains detailed information about the categories of compensation for consumers and the calculation of compensation for Upstream Purchasers. It can be reviewed at <a href="https://www.lawnmowersettlement.ca">www.lawnmowersettlement.ca</a>.

Pursuant to previous Orders of the courts, the deadline for class members to opt out of the Class Actions was September 17, 2013. If you did not previously opt out, you are eligible to make a claim and are legally bound by the results of the Class Actions.

### DOES THIS COST ME ANYTHING?

No. Pursuant to court Orders, the lawyers representing class members have been paid their legal fees and expenses out of the settlement amounts.

For more information, please contact one of the following:

Ontario Class Counsel (representing all provinces and territories, excluding Québec):

Québec Class Counsel (representing Québec):

Consumer Law Group Inc. | Tel: 514.266.7863 ext. 2 | info@clq.orq
 1030 rue Berri, Suite 102, Montréal, Québec, H2L 4C3, Attn: Jeff Orenstein

### Claims Administrator:

RicePoint Administration Inc. | Tel: 1.866.432.5534 | lawnmower@ricepoint.com
 P.O. Box 3355, London, Ontario, N6A 4K3

LEGAL NOTICE AUTHORIZED BY THE ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE
AND THE SUPERIOR COURT OF QUÉBEC

# DID YOU PURCHASE A LAWN MOWER BETWEEN 1994 AND 2012? YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION UNDER A HORSEPOWER LABELLING SETTLEMENT

Court-approved settlements have been reached totalling \$7,535,000. These settlements have been secured on behalf of all persons who purchased certain major brand-name lawn mowers between January 1, 1994 and December 31, 2012.\*

### YOU MAY NOW MAKE A CLAIM FOR MONEY

To make a claim for money, visit <a href="www.lawnmowersettlement.ca">www.lawnmowersettlement.ca</a> to access the online claim portal. There is a speedy and simple online claims process for lawn mower purchasers to claim between \$15 and \$55 per qualifying lawn mower. Retailers and distributors of affected lawn mowers may also claim a portion of the settlement based on their purchase records. See the settlement website for further details regarding the claims process.

### All claims must be received by May 22, 2019

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

visit www.lawnmowersettlement.ca OR call 1-866-432-5534

\* Affected lawn mowers were those containing a gas-combustible engine of 30 horsepower or less which was designed, manufactured, or labelled by: Briggs & Stratton, Electrolux, Honda, Husqvarna, John Deere, Kawasaki, Kohler, MTD, Tecumseh, or Toro. A list of affected brand names can be found at <a href="https://www.lawnmowersettlement.ca">www.lawnmowersettlement.ca</a>.

### SCHEDULE "H"

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### SCHEDULE "I"

### Lawn Mowers Class Action Plan of Dissemination - Notices of Claims Period

The Notices of Claims Period (the "Notices") are attached to this Plan of Dissemination and consist of the following documents:

- a. Short-Form Notice (attached as Schedule "A");
- b. Long-Form Notice (attached as Schedule "B");
- c. Initial Press Release (attached as Schedule "C");
- follow-Up Press Release (attached as Schedule "D");
- e. Publication Notice (attached as Schedule "E");
- f. Newspaper Ad (attached as Schedule "F"); and
- g. Banner Ad (attached as Schedule "G").

The Notices will be distributed to Class Members as follows:

### DEDICATED SETTLEMENT WEBSITE AND RELATED SOCIAL MEDIA

- By posting the Short-Form Notice and the Long-Form Notice, at the commencement of
  the claims period, on a dedicated settlement website at <a href="www.lawnmowersettlement.ca">www.lawnmowersettlement.ca</a>
  (the "Settlement Website") as well as on the websites of Class Counsel at
  <a href="www.harrisonpensa.com">www.harrisonpensa.com</a> and <a href="www.clg.org">www.clg.org</a>.
- 2. By publicizing, at the commencement of the claims period, the Settlement Website through Class Counsel's respective accounts on the following social media platforms:
  - a. Facebook; and
  - b. Twitter.

### **NEWS MEDIA**

- 3. The Initial Press Release will be distributed to all major news and broadcast outlets across Canada, in English and French, on Canada Newswire which includes a social media feed to facilitate recirculation of the Initial Press Release. It will be released at the commencement of the claims period.
- 4. The Follow-Up Press Release will be distributed to all major news and broadcast outlets across Canada, in English and French, on Canada Newswire which includes a social media feed to facilitate recirculation of the Follow-Up Press Release. It will be released halfway through the claims period.
- 5. By publishing the Banner Ad with links to the Settlement Website on the following news media websites for two periods of approximately one month each, for a cumulative total of 430,000 views, firstly, at the commencement of the claims period and then again at the start of the third month of the claims period:
  - a. www.theglobeandmail.com
  - b. www.nationalpost.com
  - c. www.lapresse.com
  - d. www.calgaryherald.com
  - e. www.vancouversun.com
  - f. www.thestarphoenix.com
  - g. www.winnipegfreepress.com
  - h. www.thetelegram.com
  - i. www.theguardian.pe.ca
  - j. www.thechronicleherald.ca.

- 6. By publication of the Newspaper Ad once, at the commencement of the claims period, in the Front/News sections of the Saturday print edition of the following newspapers:
  - a. The Globe and Mail (National Edition);
  - b. The National Post;
  - c. La Presse; and
  - d. Le Journal de Québec.
- 7. By publishing the Banner Ad, with a link to the Settlement Website, on the Metro digital newspaper, which is available on mobile and desktop platforms, commencing during the second month of the claims period, until reaching a total of 150,000 views, targeted to the following markets:
  - a. Toronto;
  - b. Montreal;
  - c. Edmonton;
  - d. Calgary;
  - e. Halifax; and
  - f. Vancouver

### **EARNED MEDIA**

8. Class Counsel has retained a public relations firm, Argyle Public Relationships, whose work will focus on the construction of an earned media campaign. The earned media campaign is designed to generate media coverage by targeting certain media outlets with compatible interest in the subject matter of the case throughout the duration of the claims period. Specifically, the campaign will include:

- a. Media Kit Development and Outreach consisting of the preparation of a Press Release and distribution, outreach to drive coverage, and coordination of interviews with Harrison Pensa <sup>LLP</sup> about the settlements and claims process;
- Social media advertising campaign through Facebook to target men and women aged 35 and over in key geographic locations; and
- Strategy Development and Program Management to monitor media service, and to develop and adjust strategic approach accordingly.

The Publication Notice will also be provided to Argyle for use in the Media Kit.

### **FURTHER ONLINE ADVERTISING**

9. By publishing the Banner Ad, with a link to the Settlement Website, on various websites related to home and garden topics through the Google Display Network until reaching a total of 5,000,000 views (4 million English views and 1 million French views) over the four month claims period.

### DIRECT MAIL, FAX, AND/OR E-MAIL

- 10. By direct mail, fax, and/or e-mail of the Short-Form Notice to all persons who have contacted Class Counsel about the litigation.
- 11. By an e-mail update regarding the Proceedings, including a link to the Settlement Website, to the following:
  - A proprietary list of lawn and garden retailers across Canada purchased from InfoCanada;

- b. Sports Turf Canada members are those that are responsible for maintaining sports fields across Canada and include municipalities, schools, colleges, universities, landscape architects, and contractors; the organization provides information to improve sports turf and its maintenance;
- c. Canadian Nursery Landscape Association and its regional associations (see Schedule H) – the organization represents landscapers, independent garden centres, and nursery growers and undertakes programs and initiatives to advance members' interests;
- Municipal associations across Canada (see Schedule I) these organizations
   reach representatives of all municipalities in their respective regions;
- e. University and college landscaping departments across Canada (see Schedule J);
- f. Golf course associations across Canada (see Schedule K) members are superintendents from golf clubs across Canada; the organizations support education on various aspects of the golf industry, including management and repair of all golf playing areas and the required equipment;
- g. Professional Lawn Care Association of Ontario members are lawn care professionals across Ontario; the organization provides education to members regarding up-to-date practices and equipment in the lawn care industry;
- h. Nursery Sod Growers Association of Ontario members of this organization are sod farms across Ontario; the organization's objectives are to maintain high standards in the industry, to promote consumer knowledge, and to work with related professions to gather, analyze, and disseminate relevant information to the public and government agencies; and

 All persons or organizations who request a copy of the Notices and any other potentially interested parties identified by Class Counsel.

### **CONSUMER AND TRADE ASSOCIATIONS**

- 12. By providing the Notices to the following organizations for distribution to their memberships:
  - a. the Consumers' Association of Canada by:
    - posting the Short-Form Notice under the "Class Action Lawsuits" section,
       under the "Consumer Advocacy" tab of their website;
    - ii. posting the Press Release under the "Press Releases" section, under the"Consumer Advocacy" tab of their website; and
    - iii. posting a link to the Settlement Website of their Facebook page.
  - b. the Consumers Council of Canada by:
    - i. posting a link to the Settlement Website on their website homepage;
    - ii. posting the Short-Form Notice under the "Class Action Notices" section of the "Council News" page of their website;
    - iii. posting a link to the Settlement Website on their Facebook page; and
    - iv. posting a link to the Settlement Website on their Twitter feed.
  - c. the Retail Council of Canada by:
    - i. publishing the Short-Form Notice in its weekly e-newsletter;
    - ii. posting a link to the Settlement Website on its website homepage;
    - iii. posting a link to the Settlement Website on its Facebook page;
    - iv. posting a link to the Settlement Website on its Twitter feed; and

v. posting a link to the Settlement Website on its LinkedIn feed.

### **CONSUMER WEBSITES AND FORUMS**

- 13. By publishing the Banner Ad, with a link to the Settlement Website, on <a href="https://www.redflagdeals.com">www.redflagdeals.com</a> for one week at the commencement of the claims period.
- 14. By posting a link to the Notices online through a post on the <u>www.smartcanucks.ca</u> website forum, subject to the approval of the website administrator at the commencement of the claims period.

### ADJUSTABLE/RESPONSIVE NOTICE PLAN

15. Harrison Pensa LLP, in consultation with Argyle Public Relationships and RicePoint Administration Inc., will employ responsive notice tactics to adjust this Plan of Dissemination in accordance with feedback received and other relevant marketing information and statistics as evaluated throughout the duration of the Notice program. In response to the ongoing evaluation of the performance of the various aspects of the Plan of Dissemination, budgetary resources may be reassigned from one aspect of the Plan of Dissemination to another and timing of the various elements may be adjusted in order to disseminate the Notices as effectively as possible.

#### JUILEUUIE A

### LEGAL NOTICE AUTHORIZED BY THE ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE AND THE SUPERIOR COURT OF QUÉBEC

### If you purchased a lawn mower in Canada between January 1, 1994 and December 31, 2012, you may now make a claim for money

### LAWN MOWERS CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT

In 2010, class action lawsuits were initiated in Ontario by Harrison Pensa <sup>LLP</sup> and in Québec by Consumer Law Group Inc. on behalf of all Canadians who purchased Lawn Mowers between January 1, 1994 and December 31, 2012 (the "Class Actions").

A "Lawn Mower" means a lawn mower designed, manufactured, or labelled by any of the Defendants for ultimate sale, including retail sale, in Canada, containing a gas-combustible engine labelled at 30 horsepower or less.

The Class Actions allege that the Defendants agreed to manipulate horsepower labelling on certain Lawn Mowers during the class period. The defendants deny the allegations and no manipulation of horsepower labelling has been proven in court.

#### THE SETTLEMENTS

Settlements have been reached with all defendants in this case totalling \$7,535,000 (collectively, the "Settlements"). The Settlements have been approved by the courts in Ontario and Québec.

Pursuant to previous Orders of the courts, the deadline for class members to opt out of the lawn mowers class action was September 17, 2013. If you did not previously opt out, you are eligible to make a claim and are legally bound by the results of the Class Actions.

The settlement funds, less court-approved fees, disbursements, notice costs, and applicable taxes (the "Net Settlement Amount"), are being held in an interest-bearing trust account for the benefit of all class members.

### HOW DO I MAKE A CLAIM FOR SETTLEMENT FUNDS?

All class members who wish to make a claim for compensation under the Settlements must submit a claim no later than May 22, 2019. Claims that are not made by the deadline will not be eligible for compensation.

Class members are asked to provide the best information they have regarding their Lawn Mower purchase(s). The Claims Administration rules provide for flexible evaluation of acceptable documentation. Even a declaration without further proof may qualify for cash compensation. Compensation under the Distribution Protocol increases with proof of purchase or proof of the horsepower rating of the Lawn Mower.

Claims must be submitted online through the claims portal at <a href="https://www.tawnmowersettlement.ca">www.tawnmowersettlement.ca</a>. If you are unable to make an online claim, a paper claim form can be requested.

#### THE DISTRIBUTION PROTOCOL

See <u>www.lawnmowersettlement.ca</u> to review the Distribution Protocol.

Upstream Purchasers (retailers, wholesalers, etc. who purchased Lawn Mowers for resale) are entitled to claim a share of the settlement recoveries. 20% of the Net Settlement Amount has been allocated to an Upstream Purchasers' Fund. Proportionate payments to eligible claimants will be made from the Upstream Purchaser Fund based on their eligible Lawn Mower purchase(s) and their corresponding horsepower ratings. For a full explanation of the calculation for Upstream Purchasers, see the Distribution Protocol.

**End Users** (individuals or businesses who purchased Lawn Mowers for their own use) will fall into one of the following categories based on the information they provide:

- **1.** End Users Providing a Declaration without Further Proof Those who provide a declaration of the basic required information regarding their Lawn Mower purchase(s) without any documentary proof will be entitled to \$15 per claimant.
- 2. End Users Providing Proof Those who provide proof of purchase or proof of the horsepower rating regarding their Lawn Mower(s) will receive the following, per Lawn Mower:
- \$15 Any Lawn Mower with proof of purchase but without proof of horsepower rating
- \$20 Any walk-behind Lawn Mower with proof of horsepower rating of under 5 horsepower
- \$35 Any walk-behind Lawn Mower with proof of horsepower rating of 5 horsepower or more
- \$45 Any riding Lawn Mower with proof of horsepower rating of under 18 horsepower
- \$55 Any riding Lawn Mower with proof of horsepower rating of 18 horsepower or more

The amounts set out above are subject to potential proration, up or down, depending on claims rates. Under the Distribution Protocol, the Claims Administrator also has the discretion to evaluate proof for claims that reflect an exceptional circumstance.

### **MORE QUESTIONS**

If you have any questions about the Class Actions or the claims process, visit <a href="www.lawnmowersettlement.ca">www.lawnmowersettlement.ca</a> or contact the Claims Administrator or Class Counsel:

Lawn Mower Class Action c/o RicePoint Administration Inc.

P.O. Box 3355 London, ON N6A 4K3 Tel: 1.866.432.5534

E-mail: lawnmower@ricepoint.com

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Consumer Law Group Inc.

Attention: Jeff Orenstein 1030 rue Berri, Suite 102 Montreal, QC H2L 4C3 Tel: 1.514.266.7863 ext. 2 Fax: 1.514.868.9690

E-mail: info@clq.org

#### **JUILUME D**

LEGAL NOTICE AUTHORIZED BY THE ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE AND THE SUPERIOR COURT OF QUÉBEC

## NOTICE OF CLAIMS PERIOD IN THE LAWN MOWER HORSEPOWER LABELLING CLASS ACTIONS

TO: All persons in Canada who purchased certain major brand-name walk-behind or riding lawn mowers manufactured by the defendants or containing a gas combustible engine manufactured by the defendants labelled at 30 horsepower or less between January 1, 1994 and December 31, 2012.

### PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY AS IT MAY AFFECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS

### I. WHAT IS A CLASS ACTION?

A class action is a lawsuit filed by one person on behalf of a large group of people affected by the same issue.

### II. WHAT ARE THESE CLASS ACTIONS ABOUT?

In 2010, class actions were initiated in Ontario by Harrison Pensa LLP and in Québec by Consumer Law Group Inc. (collectively, "Class Counsel") against various lawn mower and lawn mower engine manufacturers (the "Class Actions"). The Class Actions claim that the companies who manufactured the engines and the lawn mowers containing them mislabelled the products in certain circumstances to show a higher horsepower than what was actually contained in the lawn mower.

### III. WHO ARE THE DEFENDANT LAWN MOWER AND LAWN MOWER ENGINE MANUFACTURERS?

The defendants are the following companies:

- "Briggs & Stratton" Briggs & Stratton Canada Inc. and Briggs & Stratton Corporation
- "Electrolux" Electrolux Canada Corp. and Electrolux Home Products, Inc.
- "Honda" Honda Canada Inc. and American Honda Motor Co., Inc.
- "Husqvarna" Husqvarna Canada Corp. and Husqvarna Consumer Outdoor Products N.A., Inc.
- "John Deere" John Deere Canada ULC and Deere & Company
- "Kawasaki" Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A.
- "Kohler" Kohler Canada Co. and Kohler Co.
- "MTD" MTD Products Limited and MTD Products Inc.
- "Tecumseh" Tecumseh Products of Canada, Limited, Tecumseh Products Company, and Platinum Equity, LLC
- "Toro" The Toro Company (Canada), Inc. and The Toro Company

### IV. HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM A CLASS MEMBER?

You are automatically a class member if you have not previously opted out and you:

- purchased a gas-powered walk-behind or riding lawn mower labelled at 30 horsepower or less that was manufactured by one of the defendants and contains an engine manufactured by one of the defendants;
- purchased it between January 1, 1994 and December 31, 2012; AND
- purchased it in Canada.

A non-exhaustive list of eligible lawn mower brands can be found at Schedule "A" to this notice.

# V. WHAT IS A SETTLEMENT AND WHAT SETTLEMENTS HAVE BEEN REACHED IN THESE CLASS ACTIONS?

A settlement is when a defendant agrees to pay money to the class members in exchange for being released from the case.

In the Class Actions, several settlements were reached at various times during the case totalling \$7,535,000 (the "Settlement Amount") which have all been approved by the courts. The settlements are not an admission of liability, fault, or wrongdoing by the defendants, but are a compromise of disputed claims.

The settlements reached in the Class Actions are outlined below:

SETTLING DEFENDANTS	DATE OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT	DATE OF ONTARIO COURT APPROVAL	DATE OF QUÉBEC COURT APPROVAL	AMOUNT
MTD	September 29, 2010	September 20, 2013	September 23, 2013	\$300,000 + extensive cooperation to the plaintiffs
Briggs & Stratton, Electrolux, John Deere, Husqvarna, Kohler, and Toro	June 26, 2013	September 20, 2013	September 23, 2013	\$4,200,000
Honda	February 25, 2015	October 26, 2015	November 17, 2015	\$700,000
Kawasaki	June 4, 2018	October •, 2018	October •, 2018	\$785,000
Tecumseh	August 10, 2018	October •, 2018	October ø, 2018	\$1,550,000
			TOTAL:	\$7,535,00

The Settlement Amount, minus court-approved Class Counsel fees, disbursements, and applicable taxes, is held in an interest bearing trust account for the benefit of the class members (the "Settlement Funds").

### VI. WHEN CAN I MAKE A CLAIM?

The claims period will run from January 21, 2019 to May 22, 2019. You may make your claim at any time during the claims period, but no claims will be accepted after May 22, 2019. Claims that are not made by the deadline will not be eligible for compensation.

### VII. HOW DO I MAKE A CLAIM?

Claims will be made through the online claims portal at <a href="www.lawnmowersettlement.ca">www.lawnmowersettlement.ca</a>. Claimants are asked to provide the best information they have available regarding their lawn mower purchases which will be evaluated on a flexible basis by the Claims Administrator.

### **End Users**

If you are an "End User" (i.e. a consumer or a business that purchased a lawn mower for personal/professional use), you will need to complete a short online claim form containing some basic particulars of your lawn mower purchase(s). This information does not necessarily require documentary proof but simply the best information you have available regarding the following:

- lawn mower make/model;
- engine make/model;
- year of purchase;
- home address at the time the lawn mower was purchased; and
- · retailer where the lawn mower was purchased.

Additional documentation proving your lawn mower purchase(s) and/or the horsepower of your lawn mower(s) may be uploaded to increase the value of your claim. These documents may include:

- geotagged photos;
- receipts;
- manuals;
- serial numbers;
- warranty documents;
- · product registration documents;
- rebate documents;
- repair invoices; or
- any other information/document providing details about your lawn mower.

### **Upstream Purchasers**

If you are an "Upstream Purchaser" (i.e. a retailer or wholesaler who purchased lawn mowers for resale and not for actual use), you will need to provide invoices, receipts, purchase records, or historical accounting records proving your lawn mower purchases.

Alternatively, a declaration can be provided along with other documents that prove the lawn mower purchases such as delivery or packing slips, credit card statements, bank statements, cancelled cheques, wire transfer confirmations, proof of product registration, rebate documents, warranty documents, serial numbers, repair invoices, or any other comparable verification that is acceptable to the Claims Administrator.

Please see the Distribution Protocol, available at <a href="www.lawnmowersettlement.ca">www.lawnmowersettlement.ca</a>, for a full list of acceptable documents. Proof of purchase will be reasonably and flexibly administered by the Claims Administrator with a view to enabling claims while deterring non-meritorious claims.

### VIII. HOW MUCH MONEY WILL I BE PAID?

The Settlement Funds will be divided with 80% of the total being allocated to End Users and 20% being allocated to Upstream Purchasers.

### **End Users**

End Users will fall into one of the following categories of compensation:

End Users Providing a Declaration without Further Proof	End Users Providing Documentary Proof	
End Users who provide a declaration of the basic required information regarding their lawn mower	End Users who provide valid documentary proof of the following will be compensated <i>per lawn mower</i> as follows:	
purchase(s) without any documentary proof will be entitled to \$15 per claimant.	<ul> <li>Any lawn mower with proof of purchase but without proof of horsepower rating - \$15</li> </ul>	
· ·	Walk-behind lawn mowers with proof of horsepower rating of under 5 horsepower - \$20	
	<ul> <li>Walk-behind lawn mowers with proof of horsepower rating of 5 horsepower or more - \$35</li> </ul>	
	Riding lawn mowers with proof of horsepower rating of under 18 horsepower - \$45	
	Riding lawn mowers with proof of horsepower rating of 18 horsepower or more - \$55	

The amounts in either category could be either increased or decreased on a prorated basis depending on the number of eligible claims made by class members.

Further, if an End User's lawn mower purchases reflect an exceptional consideration such that the above categories do not adequately capture the circumstances of their purchases, the End User shall be permitted to submit proof and explain their lawn mower purchases. The Claims Administrator will have the discretion to evaluate the claim and make a decision with respect to compensation as appropriate in the circumstances. Full details can be found in the Distribution Protocol, available at <a href="https://www.lawnmowersettlement.ca">www.lawnmowersettlement.ca</a>.

### Upstream Purchasers

Upstream Purchasers will be compensated for their eligible lawn mower purchases on a proportional basis out of the Upstream Purchasers portion of the Settlement Funds according to the volume and type of lawn mowers purchased. A point system will be utilized to determine each Upstream Purchaser's share of the Settlement Funds. Points will be assigned as follows:

- Lawn Mowers without proof of horsepower 3 points;
- Walk-behind Lawn Mowers with engines under 5 horsepower 4 points;
- Walk-behind Lawn Mowers with engines 5 horsepower or more 7 points;
- Riding Lawn Mowers with engines under 18 horsepower 9 points; and
- Riding Lawn Mowers with engines 18 horsepower or more 11 points.

Upstream Purchasers will each receive a percentage of the Settlement Funds allocated to Upstream Purchasers in proportion to their total point value compared to the total number of points assigned to all claimants. For full details of the calculation for Upstream Purchasers, consult the full Distribution Protocol at <a href="https://www.lawnmowersettlement.ca">www.lawnmowersettlement.ca</a>.

### IX. WHEN WILL QUALIFYING CLAIMS BE PAID?

At the conclusion of the claims period, the Claims Administrator must review and assess all claims. Should any claims be missing information, the Claims Administrator will reach out to those claimants and give them an additional 30 days to correct their claims. Once all claims have been reviewed and the payments have been calculated, payment will be made to eligible claimants.

Accurate claims processing takes time and a date for payment is unknown at this time. Updates will be posted regularly on <a href="https://www.lawnmowersettlement.ca">www.lawnmowersettlement.ca</a>.

### X. WHAT DO I HAVE TO PAY?

You do not have to pay the lawyers working on these Class Actions any money. Class Counsel have been paid from the total amounts of the settlements and the payments were approved by the courts.

### XI. WHAT IF I DON'T WANT TO BE IN THE CLASS ACTIONS?

Pursuant to previous Orders of the courts, the deadline for class members to opt out of the Class Actions was September 17, 2013. If you did not previously opt out, you are eligible to make a claim and are legally bound by the results of the Class Actions.

### XII. WHO ARE THE LAWYERS WORKING ON THESE CLASS ACTIONS?

Harrison Pensa <sup>LLP</sup> represents the class representatives, Mr. Foster and Mr. Davenport, as well as all class members in all Canadian provinces and territories, excluding Québec. Harrison Pensa <sup>LLP</sup> can be reached:

- By telephone at 1-800-263-0489, ext.
- By fax at 1-519-667-3362
- By e-mail at lawnmowersettlement@harrisonpensa.com
- By mail at 450 Talbot Street, London, Ontario, N6A 5J6, Attn: Jonathan Foreman

Consumer Law Group Inc. represents the class representatives, Mr. Liverman and Mr. Vadish, as well as all class members in Québec. Consumer Law Group Inc. can be reached:

- By telephone at 1-514-266-7863, ext. 2
- By fax at 1-514-868-9690
- By e-mail at info@clg.org
- By mail at 1030 rue Berri, Suite 102, Montréal, Québec, H2L 4C3, Attn: Jeff Orenstein

### XIII. WHO IS THE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR?

RicePoint Administration Inc. is the court-approved Claims Administrator running the claims program on behalf of Class Counsel. RicePoint Administration Inc. can be reached:

- By telephone at 1-866-432-5534
- By e-mail at lawnmower@ricepoint.com
- By mail at 1480 Richmond Street, Suite 204, London, Ontario, N6G 0J4, Attn: Lawn Mower Class Action

### XIV. WHERE CAN I ASK MORE QUESTIONS?

This notice contains only a summary of the settlements, the Distribution Protocol, and the claims process. Class members are encouraged to review the complete Distribution Protocol which can be accessed from the settlement website at <a href="www.lawnmowersettlement.ca">www.lawnmowersettlement.ca</a>. If you have questions that are not answered online, please contact the appropriate Class Counsel identified above or the Claims Administrator. Inquiries should not be directed to the courts.

#### XV. INTERPRETATION

This notice contains a summary of some of the terms of the various settlement agreements and Distribution Protocol in the Class Actions. If there is a conflict between the provisions of this notice and the settlement agreements or Distribution Protocol, the terms of the settlement agreements or Distribution Protocol shall prevail.

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### SCHEDULE "A" - LAWN MOWER BRANDS

The following is a non-exhaustive list of brands of lawn mowers which may be eligible for compensation in the Class Actions. Other brand names manufactured by the defendants may be eligible for compensation.

•	Ariens	•	Jacobson	•	Simplicity
•	Bolens	6	John Deere	•	Snapper
•	Brute	6	Lawn Boy	0	Swisher
•	Columbia	9	Mastercraft	0	Toro
0	Craftsman	9	Mastercut	•	Troy-Bilt
6	Cub Cadet	₽	MTD	•	Walker
•	Dynamark	•	MTD Gold	•	Weed Eater
	Exmark	•	MTD Pro	0	White Outdoor
	Ferris	6	Murray	•	Wright
6	Gravely		Noma	•	Yard Machines
6	Honda	•	Poulan	8	Yard-Man
6	Husqvarna	•	Poulan Pro	•	YardPro
6	Hustler	•	Remington	•	Yardworks

### Schedule "C"

### PRESS RELEASE

# CANADIAN LAWN MOWER OWNERS MAY NOW CLAIM MONEY IN LAWN MOWER HORSEPOWER LABELLING CLASS ACTIONS

London, Ontario, • - Class actions initiated in Ontario and Québec have concluded with settlements totalling \$7,535,000.

Affected lawn mower purchasers can make claims for payment. Visit <a href="https://www.lawnmowersettlement.ca">www.lawnmowersettlement.ca</a> (the "Settlement Website") to learn more and to make a claim for money. Claims must be submitted by May 22, 2019.

The class actions concern all Canadians who purchased certain major brand-name gas-powered lawn mowers labelled at 30 horsepower or less between January 1, 1994 and December 31, 2012 which were manufactured or labelled by the defendants. See the Settlement Website for details respecting the eligible lawn mowers. It is alleged that the defendants agreed to manipulate horsepower labelling on certain lawn mowers during this time. The defendants deny the allegations and they have not been proven in court.

There is a speedy and simple online claims process for lawn mower purchasers to claim between \$15 and \$55 per qualifying lawn mower. See the Settlement Website for the ranges of compensation available depending on the information you provide and the horsepower of the lawn mowers you purchased. Purchasers can provide the best information they have available. Even a declaration without further proof may qualify for cash compensation.

Retailers and distributors of affected lawn mowers can also claim a share of the settlement recoveries. 20% of the Net Settlement Amount has been allocated to an Upstream Purchasers' Fund. Proportionate payments to eligible claimants will be made from the Upstream Purchaser Fund based on the eligible lawn mowers they purchased and their corresponding horsepower ratings.

For more information regarding the claims process, including more details about the levels of compensation and acceptable documentary proof, see the court-approved Distribution Protocol which is posted at <a href="https://www.lawnmowersettlement.ca">www.lawnmowersettlement.ca</a>.

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### Schedule "D"

### PRESS RELEASE

DEADLINE ALERT: CANADIAN LAWN MOWER OWNERS MUST MAKE CLAIMS FOR MONEY IN LAWN MOWER HORSEPOWER LABELLING CLASS ACTIONS BY MAY 22, 2019

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# CLAIMS FOR MONEY MAY NOW BE MADE BY CANADIANS WHO PURCHASED LAWN MOWERS BETWEEN 1994 AND 2012

### WHAT ARE THE CLASS ACTIONS ABOUT?

Class action lawsuits have been brought in Ontario and Québec on behalf of all Canadians who purchased certain major brand-name walk-behind or riding lawn mowers made by a defendant containing certain gas combustible engines labelled at 30 horsepower or less between January 1, 1994 and December 31, 2012 (the "Class Actions").

The Class Actions allege that the defendants agreed to manipulate horsepower labelling on certain lawn mowers during the class period. The defendants deny the allegations and no manipulation of horsepower or horsepower labelling has been proven in court.

Settlement agreements with all defendants have now been approved by the courts for total settlement recoveries of \$7,535,000.

### WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO NOW?

The claims period is now open. You may go to <a href="www.lawnmowersettlement.ca">www.lawnmowersettlement.ca</a> to make a claim for compensation. The claims deadline is May 22, 2019. Claims that are not made by the deadline will not be eligible for compensation.

You will be asked to provide some basic information about your lawn mower purchase. If you have additional documentation about your lawn mower, you may provide it to qualify for higher compensation. The claims administration rules provide for flexible evaluation of acceptable documentation. Purchasers are encouraged to provide the best information they have available in order to qualify for more money. The claims process is designed to be simple. Claims by lawn mower purchasers for their own use ("End Users") are designed to take only a few minutes to complete.

End Users who provide a declaration of the basic information will receive \$15 per claimant. Those who provide additional documentation proving their purchase details and/or the horsepower ratings of their lawn mower(s) will be eligible for between \$15 and \$55 per lawn mower depending on the horsepower rating of their lawn mower(s). These amounts are subject to potential proration.

Retailers and distributors of affected lawn mowers ("Upstream Purchasers") can also claim a share of the settlement recoveries. 20% of the Net Settlement Amount has been allocated to an Upstream Purchasers' Fund. Proportionate payments to eligible claimants will be made from the Upstream Purchaser Fund based on the eligible lawn mowers they purchased and their corresponding horsepower ratings.

Payment to class members will be made in accordance with the court-approved Distribution Protocol. The Distribution Protocol contains detailed information about the categories of compensation for consumers and the calculation of compensation for Upstream Purchasers. It can be reviewed at <a href="https://www.lawnmowersettlement.ca">www.lawnmowersettlement.ca</a>.

Pursuant to previous Orders of the courts, the deadline for class members to opt out of the Class Actions was September 17, 2013. If you did not previously opt out, you are eligible to make a claim and are legally bound by the results of the Class Actions.

### DOES THIS COST ME ANYTHING?

No. Pursuant to court Orders, the lawyers representing class members have been paid their legal fees and expenses out of the settlement amounts.

For more information, please contact one of the following:

Ontario Class Counsel (representing all provinces and territories, excluding Québec):

Harrison Pensa LLP | Tel: 1.800.263.0489 ext. • | <u>lawnmowersettlement@harrisonpensa.com</u>
 450 Talbot Street, P.O. Box 3237, London, Ontario, N6A 5J6, Attn: Jonathan Foreman

Québec Class Counsel (representing Québec):

Consumer Law Group Inc. | Tel: 514.266.7863 ext. 2 | info@clg.org
 1030 rue Berri, Suite 102, Montréal, Québec, H2L 4C3, Attn: Jeff Orenstein

### Claims Administrator:

RicePoint Administration Inc. | Tel: 1.866.432.5534 | <u>lawnmower@ricepoint.com</u>
 P.O. Box 3355, London, Ontario, N6A 4K3

### Schedule "F"

LEGAL NOTICE AUTHORIZED BY THE ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE
AND THE SUPERIOR COURT OF QUEBEC

# DID YOU PURCHASE A LAWN MOWER BETWEEN 1994 AND 2012? YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION UNDER A HORSEPOWER LABELLING SETTLEMENT

Court-approved settlements have been reached totalling \$7,535,000. These settlements have been secured on behalf of all persons who purchased certain major brand-name lawn mowers between January 1, 1994 and December 31, 2012.\*

### YOU MAY NOW MAKE A CLAIM FOR MONEY

To make a claim for money, visit <a href="www.lawnmowersettlement.ca">www.lawnmowersettlement.ca</a> to access the online claim portal. There is a speedy and simple online claims process for lawn mower purchasers to claim between \$15 and \$55 per qualifying lawn mower. Retailers and distributors of affected lawn mowers may also claim a portion of the settlement based on their purchase records. See the settlement website for further details regarding the claims process.

### All claims must be received by May 22, 2019

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

visit www.lawnmowersettlement.ca OR call 1-866-432-5534

\* Affected lawn mowers were those containing a gas-combustible engine of 30 horsepower or less which was designed, manufactured, or labelled by: Briggs & Stratton, Electrolux, Honda, Husqvarna, John Deere, Kawasaki, Kohler, MTD, Tecumseh, or Toro. A list of affected brand names can be found at <a href="https://www.lawnmowersettlement.ca">www.lawnmowersettlement.ca</a>.

### Schedule "G"

LEGAL NOTICE AUTHORIZED BY THE ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE AND THE SUPERIOR COURT OF QUÉBEC

# DID YOU PURCHASE A LAWN MOWER BETWEEN 1994 AND 2012? YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION

YOU MAY NOW MAKE A CLAIM FOR MONEY

Visit www.lawnmowersettlement.ca to file a claim

### Schedule "H"

### Canadian Nursery Landscape Association

CNLA Office 7856 Fifth Line South Milton, ON L9T 2X8	Tel: 905-875-1399 OR 1-888-446-3499 Fax: 905-875-1840 OR 1-866-833-8603 Email: info@cnla-acpp.ca
Association quebecoise des producteurs en pepiniere 3230, rue Sicotte Local E-300 Ouest Saint-Hyacinthe, QC J2S 7B3	Tel: 450-774-2228 Fax: 450-774-3556 Email: aqpp@fihoq.qc.ca
BC Landscape & Nursery Association 102-5783 176A St. A Surrey, BC V3S 6S6	Tel: 604-575-3500 Fax: 604-574-7773
Manitoba Nursery Landscape Association P.O. Box 1755 Winnipeg, MB R3C 2Z9	Tel: 204-661-6397 Email: info@mbnla.com
Landscape Alberta Nursery Trades Association Saskatchewan Nursery Landscape Association 18051 107 Avenue NW Edmonton, AB T5S 1K3	Tel: 1-800-378-3198 Fax: 780-444-2152 Email: admin@landscape-alberta.com
Landscape New Brunswick and Landscape Prince Edward Island Box 742 Saint John, NB E2L 4B3	Tel: 1-866-752-6862 Email: Inb@nbnet.nb.ca
Landscape Newfoundland Labrador Box 21328 St. John's, NL A1A 5G6	Tel: 709-726-5651 Fax: 709-726-8441 Email: rebecca@canadanursery.com
Landscape Nova Scotia 7744 St. Margaret's Bay Road Ingramport, NS B3Z 3Z8	Tel: 902-240-0910 Email: info@landscapenovascotia.ca
Landscape Ontario Horticultural Trades Association 7856 Fifth Line South, R.R. #4 Milton, ON L9T 2X8	Tel: 1-800-265-5656 Fax: 905-875-3942 Email: angela@landscapeontario.com

### Schedule "I"

### **Municipal Associations**

Union of British Columbia Man	Tel: 604-270-8226 Fax: 604-270-9116 Email: ubcm@ubcm.ca
Rural Municipalities of Alberta 2510 Sparrow Drive Nisku, AB T9E 8N5	Tel: 780-966-4075 Email: ma@malberta.com
Alberta Urban Municipalities Association 300-8616 51 Ave. Edmonton, AB T6E 6E6	Tel: 780-433-4431 Fax: 780-433-4454 Email: main@auma.ca
Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities 2301 Windsor Park Road Regina, SK S4V 3A4	Tel: 306-757-3577 Fax: 306-565-2141 Email: sarm@sarm.ca
Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association #200, 2222 13 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Regina, SK S4P 3M7	Tel: 306-525-3727 Fax: 306-525-4373 Email: suma@suma.org
Association of Manitoba Municipalities 1910 Saskatchewan Ave. W Portage la Prairie, MB R1N 0P1	Tel: 204-857-8666 Fax: 204-856-2370 Email: jgreen@amm.mb.ca
Association of Municipalities of Ontario 200 University Ave., Suite 801 Toronto, ON M5H 3C6	Tel: 416-971-9856 Fax: 416-971-6191 Email: amo@amo.on.ca
Federation Quebecoise des Municipalites 1134 Grande Allee Ouest Bureau RC 01 Quebec, QC G1S 1E5	Tel: 1-866-951-3343 Fax: 418-651-1127 Email: info@fqm.ca
Union des Municipalites du Quebec 2020, boulevard Robert-Bourassa Bureau 210 Montreal, QC H3A 2A5	Tel: 514-282-7700 Fax: 514-282-8893
Association Francophone des Municipalites due Nouveau- Brunswick 702, rue Principale, bureau 322 Petit-Rocher, NB E8J 1V1	Tel: 506-542-2622 Fax: 506-542-2618 Email: afmnb@afmnb.org
Union of the Municipalities of New Brunswick 302-259 Brunswick Street Fredericton, NB E3B 1G8	Tel: 506-444-2285 Fax: 506-444-2286 Email: umnb@nb.aibn.com
Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities Suite 1304, 1809 Barrington Street Halifax, NS B3J 3K8	Tel: 902-423-8331 Fax: 902-425-5592 Email: info@nsfm.ca
Federation of Prince Edward Island Municipalities 1 Kirkdale Road Charlottetown, PE C1E 1R3	Tel: 902-566-1493 Fax: 902-566-2880 Email: info@fpeim.ca
Municipalities of Newfoundland & Labrador 460 Torbay Road St. John's, NL A1A 5J3	Tel: 709-753-6820, 1-800-440-6536 Fax: 709-738-0071 Email: info@municipalnl.ca

Association of Yukon Communities 140-2237 2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue Whitehorse, YK Y1A 0K7	Tel: 867-668-4388 Fax: 867-668-7574 Email: ayc@northwestel.net
NWT Association of Communities 200, 5105-50 <sup>th</sup> Street Yellowknife, NT X1A 1S1	Tel: 867-873-8359 Fax: 867-873-3042
Nunavut Association of Municipalities	Tel: 867-975-327 Fax: 867-975-3329 Email: edofnam@northwestel.net

### Schedule "J"

### Universities and Colleges

ABM College 3880 29 Street NE, Suite 200 Calgary, AB T1Y 6B6	Tel: 403-719-4300 Email: info@abmcollege.com
Academy of Learning Career College 100 York Boulevard, Suite 400 Richmond Hill, ON L4B 1J8	Tel: 1-855-996-9977 Fax: 905-886-8591
Acadia University Wolfville, NS B4P 2R6	Tel: 902-585-1839 Fax: 902-585-1035 Email: marcel.falkenham@acadiau.ca
Alexander College 101-4603 Kingsway Burnaby, BC V5H 4M4	Tel: 604-435-5815 Fax: 604-435-5895
Algoma University 1520 Queen Street East Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 2G4	Tel: 705-949-2301 Fax: 705-949-6583 Email: william.goodship@algomau.ca
Algonquin college 1385 Woodroffe Ave. Nepean, ON K2G 1V8	Tel: 613-727-4723 ext 7710 Fax: 613-727-7601
Ambrose University College 150 Ambrose Circle SW Calgary, AB T3H0L5	Tel: 403-410-2000 Email: pbarnett@ambrose.edu
Assiniboine Community College 1430 Victoria Ave East Brandon, MB R7A 2A9	Tel: 204-725-8700 Fax: 204-725-8740 Email: info@assiniboine.net
Athabasca University Facilities Department 1 University Drive Athabasca, AB T9S 3A3	Tel: 780-675-6648 Fax: 780-675-6437 Email: gregw@athabascau.ca
Aurora College 50 Conibear Crescent Fort Smith, NT X0E 0P0	Tel: 1-866-287-655 Email: info@auroracollege.nt.ca
Bethany College, Hepburn 703 2nd Street East Hepburn, SK S0K 1Z0	Tel: 306-947-2175 Email: info@bethany.sk.ca
Bishop's University 2600 College St. Sherbrooke, QC J1M 1Z7	Tel: 819-822-9600 Fax: 819-822-9661
Bow Valley College 345 - 6 Avenue SE Calgary, AB T2G 4V1	Tel: 403-410-1712
Brandon University – Physical Plant 330B - 20th Street Brandon, MB R7A 6A9	Tel: 204-727-9620 Fax: 204-728-5704 Email: harper@brandonu.ca

Briercrest College 510 College Drive Caronport, SK S0H 0S0	Tel: 306-756-3200 Fax: 306-756-5500 Email: info@briercrest.ca
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Burman University 6730 University Drive Lacombe, AB T4L 2E5	Tel: 403-782-3381 Email: dbishop@burmanu.ca
Cambrian College 1400 Barry Downe Road Sudbury, ON P3A 3V8	Tel: 1-800-461-7145 Email: info@cambriancollege.ca
Canadian Coast Guard College 1190 Westmount Road Sydney, NS B1R 2J6	Tel: 1-888-582-9090 Fax: 902-567-3233 Email: ccgcregistrar@dfo-mpo.gc.ca
Canadore College 100 College Drive North Bay, ON P1B 8K9	Tel: 704-474-7600 ext 5837 Email: Adam.gallardi@canadorecollege.ca
Cape Breton University P.O. Bo 5300 1250 Grand Lake Road Sydney, NS B1P 6L2	Tel: 902-563-1345 Fax: 902-562-0119 Email: donnie_macisaac@cbu.ca
Capilano University 2055 Purcell Way North Vancouver, BC V7J 3H5	Tel: 604-984-4963 Email: jcook@capilanou.ca
Carleton University – Facilities Management 1125 Colonel By Drive Ottawa, ON K1S 5B6	Tel: 613-520-4475 Email: kevin.lee@carleton.ca
Carlton Trail College – Humboldt 611-17th Street Box 720 Humboldt, SK S0K 2A0	Tel: 306-682-2623 Fax: 306-682-3101 Email: humboldt@carltontrailcollege.com
Cégep Beauce-Appalaches 1055, 116e Rue Saint-Georges, QC G5Y 3G1	Tel: 418-228-8896 Email: info@cegepba.qc.ca
Cégep de Chicoutimi 534, rue Jacques-Cartier Est Chicoutimi, QC G7H 1Z6	Tel: 418-549-9520 Fax: 418-549-1315
Cégep de Drummondville 960, rue Saint-Georges Drummondville, QC J2C 6A2	Tel: 819-478-4671 Email: communications@cegepdrummond.ca
Cégep de Granby 235, rue Saint-Jacques, C.P. 7000, Granby, Québec J2G 9H7	Tel: 450-372-6614 Email: info@cegepgranby.qc.ca
Cégep de l'Abitibi-Temiscamingue 341, rue Principale Nord Amos, QC J9T 2L8	Tel: 819-732-5218 Fax: 819-732-3819 Email: nathalie.beaudoin@cegepat.qc.ca

Cégep de la Gaspesie et des lles 96, rue Jacques-Cartier Gaspe, QC G4X 2S8	Tel: 418-368-2201 Fax: 418-368-7003 Email: information@cegepgim.ca
Cégep de La Pocatière 140, 4e avenue La Pocatière QC G0R 1Z0	Tel: 418-856-1525 Fax: 418-856-4589 Email: information@cegeplapocatiere.qc.ca
Cégep de Lévis-Lauzon 205, route Mgr-Bourget Lévis, QC G6V 6Z9	Tel: 418-833-5110 Fax: 418-833-8502
Cégep de Matane 616, avenue Saint-Rédempteur Matane, QC G4W 1L1	Tel: 418-562-1240 Fax: 418-566-2115
Cégep de Rimouski 60, rue de l'Eveche Ouest Rimouski, QC G5L 4H6	Tel: 418-723-1880 Fax: 418-724-4961
Cégep de Riviere-du-Loup 80, rue Frontenac Rivière-du-Loup, QC G5R 1R1	Tel: 418-862-6903 Fax: 418-862-4959 Email: communications@cegeprdl.ca
Cégep de Sainte-Foy 2410, chemin Sainte-Foy Québec, QC G1V 1T3	Tel: 418-659-6600 Fax: 418-659-4563 Email: info@cegep-ste-foy.qc.ca
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Cégep de Saint-Jerome 455, rue Fournier Saint-Jérôme, QC J7Z 4V2	Tel: 450-436-1580 Fax: 450-436-1756 Email: info@cstj.qc.ca
Cégep de Saint-Laurent 625 Avenue Sainte-Croix Montréal, QC H4L 3X7	Tel: 514-747-6521 Email: info@cegepsl.qc.ca
Cégep de Sept-Îles 175, rue De La Vérendrye Sept-Îles, QC G4R 5B7	Tel: 418-962-9848 Fax: 418-962-2458 Email: communications@cegepsi.ca
Cégep de Sherbrooke 475, rue du Cégep Sherbrooke, QC J1E 4K1	Tel: 819-564-6350 Email: communications@cegepsherbrooke.qc.ca
Cégep de Sorel-Tracy 3000 Boulevard de Tracy Sorel-Tracy, QC J3R 5B9	Tel: 450-742-6651 Fax: 450-742-1878 Email: info@cegepst.qc.ca
Cégep de Thetford 671, boulevard Frontenac Ouest Thetford Mines, QC G6G 1N1	Tel: 418-338-8591 Fax: 418-338-3498 Email: webmestre@cegepthetford.ca
Cégep de Victoriaville 475, rue Notre-Dame Est Victoriaville, QC G6P 4B3	Tel: 819-758-6401 Fax: 819-758-8960 Email: information@cegepvicto.ca

Cégep du Vieux Montréal 255, rue Ontario Est Montréal, QC H2X 1X6	Tel: 514-982-3437 Email: gestionnairew3@cvm.qc.ca
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Cégep Garneau 1660, boulevard de l'Entente Québec, QC G1S 4S3	Tel: 418-688-8310 Fax: 418-688-1539 Email: communications@cegepgarneau.ca
Cégep Gérald-Godin 15615, boulevard Gouin Ouest Montréal, QC H9H 5K8	Tel: 514-626-2666 Fax: 514-626-8508 Email: information@cgodin.qc.ca
Cégep Limoilou 1300, 3d Avenue Quebec Quebec, QC G1J 5L5	Tel: 418-647-6600 Fax: 418-647-6798
Cégep Marie-Victorin 7000, rue Marie-Victorin Montréal, QC H1G 2J6	Tel: 514-325-0150 Fax: 514-328-3830 Email: promotion@collegemv.qc.ca
Cégep régional de Lanaudière 781, rue Notre-Dame Repentigny, QC J5Y 1B4	Tel: 450-470-0911 Fax: 450-581-2217
Cégep Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu 30, boulevard du Séminaire Nord Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC J3B 5J4	Tel: 450-347-5301 Email: communications@cstjean.qc.ca
Cégep Trois-Rivieres 3500, rue de Courval, C.P. 97 G9A 5E6	Tel: 819-376-1721 Fax: 819-693-8023 Email: webmestre@cegeptr.qc.ca
Centennial College P.O. Box 631 Station A Toronto, ON M1K 5E9	Tel: 416-289-5000 Fax: 416-289-5279
Champlain Regional College 1301 Portland Blvd. Sherbrooke, QC J1J 1S2	Tel: 819-564-3600 Fax: 819-564-5171 Email: info@crc-lennox.qc.ca
Coast Mountain College 4815 Swannell Drive Box 338 Hazelton, BC V0J 1Y0	Tel: 250-842-5291 Fax: 250-842-5813
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