

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

IN RE NORTHERN DYNASTY
MINERALS LTD. SECURITIES
LITIGATION

Case No. 1:20-CV-5917(TAM)

ORDER AND FINAL JUDGMENT

On the 26th day of January, 2024, following a hearing held before this Court on December 7, 2023, to determine: (1) whether the terms and conditions of the Stipulation of Settlement dated June 7, 2023 (“Settlement Stipulation”) are fair, reasonable, and adequate for the settlement of all claims asserted by Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class against Defendants (as defined in the Stipulation), including the release of the Released Claims against the Released Parties, and should be approved; (2) whether judgment should be entered dismissing the Action with prejudice; (3) whether to approve the proposed Plan of Allocation as a fair and reasonable method to allocate the Net Settlement Fund among the Settlement Class Members; (4) whether and in what amount to award Plaintiffs’ Counsel fees and reimbursement of expenses; and (5) whether and in what amount to award Plaintiffs an incentive award; and

The Court having considered all matters submitted to it at the hearing and otherwise; and

It appearing in the record that the Summary Notice was emailed to potential Settlement Class Members for whom the Claims Administrator was able to obtain email addresses, the Postcard Notice was mailed to potential Settlement Class Members if no email address could be obtained, and the Notice was mailed to persons who requested it and to nominees in the Claims Administrator’s internal broker list, substantially in the form approved by the Court in the Court’s Order Granting Plaintiffs’ Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement, dated August 24, 2023 (“Preliminary Approval Order”), and posted to the website of the Claims Administrator, both in accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order and the specifications of the Court; and

It appearing in the record that the Summary Notice substantially in the form approved by the Court in the Preliminary Approval Order was published in accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order and the specifications of the Court;

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

1. This Order and Final Judgment incorporates by reference the definitions in the Settlement Stipulation, and all capitalized terms used herein shall have the same meanings as set forth therein.

2. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Action, Plaintiffs, all Settlement Class Members, and Defendants.

3. The Court finds that, for settlement purposes only, the prerequisites for a class action under Rule 23(a) and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure have been satisfied in that:

- (a) the number of Settlement Class Members is so numerous that joinder of all members thereof is impracticable;
- (b) there are questions of law and fact common to the Settlement Class;
- (c) the claims of the Plaintiffs are typical of the claims of the Settlement Class they seek to represent;
- (d) Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel fairly and adequately represent the interests of the Settlement Class;
- (e) questions of law and fact common to the members of the Settlement Class predominate over any questions affecting only individual members of the Settlement Class; and
- (f) a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this Action, considering:

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

The Settlement Class is being certified for settlement purposes only.

4. The Court hereby finally certifies this action as a class action for purposes of the Settlement, pursuant to Rule 23(a) and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, on behalf of all Persons (including, without limitation, their beneficiaries) who purchased or otherwise acquired Northern Dynasty securities during the period from December 21, 2017 through November 24, 2020, both dates inclusive, (i) on any stock exchanges located in the United States, (ii) on any alternative trading systems located in the United States, or (iii) pursuant to other domestic transactions, and who were allegedly damaged thereby, except excluded from the Settlement Class are all: (i) Individual Defendants; (ii) the officers and directors of Northern Dynasty; (iii) members of the Individual Defendants' immediate families and their legal representatives, heirs, successors or assigns; and (iv) any entity in which the Individual Defendants have or had a controlling interest. Also excluded from the Settlement Class is any individual or entity, who or which has: (i) asserted claims against any or all of the Defendants in any cross-border litigation initiated outside of the United States, including in, but not limited to, the cases captioned *Haddad v. Northern Dynasty Minerals Ltd. et al.*, Case No. VLC-S-

S2012849 and *Woo v. Northern Dynasty Minerals Ltd. et al.*, Case No. VLC-S-S-211530 in Canada; (ii) been deemed by a court to be a member of a class in such litigation, for settlement purposes or otherwise; and (iii) is entitled to a settlement or other distribution payment – regardless of whether such payment is cashed – in connection with the resolution of the crossborder litigation.

5. Pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, for the purposes of this Settlement only, Plaintiffs are certified as the class representatives on behalf of the Settlement Class (“Class Representatives”) and Lead Counsel previously selected by Plaintiffs and appointed by the Court are hereby appointed as Class Counsel for the Settlement Class (“Class Counsel”).

6. In accordance with the Court’s Preliminary Approval Order, the Court hereby finds that the forms and methods of notifying the Settlement Class of the Settlement and its terms and conditions met the requirements of due process, Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and 15 U.S.C. § 77z-1(a)(7); constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances; and constituted due and sufficient notice of these proceedings and the matters set forth herein, including the Settlement and Plan of Allocation, to all persons and entities entitled to such notice. No Settlement Class Member is relieved from the terms and conditions of the Settlement, including the releases provided for in the Settlement Stipulation, based upon the contention or proof that such Settlement Class Member failed to receive actual or adequate notice. A full opportunity has been offered to the Settlement Class Members to object to the proposed Settlement and to participate in the hearing thereon. The Court further finds that the notice provisions of the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1715, were fully discharged. Thus, it is hereby determined that all Settlement Class Members are bound by this Order and

Final Judgment, except those persons listed on Exhibit A to this Order and Final Judgment.

7. The Settlement is approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and in the best interests of the Settlement Class. This Court further finds that the Settlement set forth in the Settlement Stipulation is the result of good faith, arm's-length negotiations between experienced counsel representing the interests of the Class Representatives, Settlement Class Members, and Defendants. The Settling Parties are directed to consummate the Settlement in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Settlement Stipulation.

8. The Action and all claims contained therein, as well as all of the Released Claims, are dismissed with prejudice as against Defendants and the Released Parties. The Settling Parties are to bear their own costs, except as otherwise provided in the Settlement Stipulation.

9. The Releasing Parties, on behalf of themselves, their successors and assigns, and any other Person claiming (now or in the future) through or on behalf of them, regardless of whether any such Releasing Party ever seeks or obtains by any means, including without limitation by submitting a Proof of Claim and Release Form, any disbursement from the Settlement Fund, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of this Order and Final Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished, and discharged all Released Claims against the Released Parties. The Releasing Parties shall be deemed to have, and by operation of this Order and Final Judgment shall have, covenanted not to sue the Released Parties with respect to any and all Released Claims in any forum and in any capacity. The Releasing Parties shall be and hereby are permanently barred and enjoined from asserting, commencing, prosecuting, instituting, assisting, instigating, or in any way participating in the commencement or

prosecution of any action or other proceeding, in any forum, asserting any Released Claim, in any capacity, against any of the Released Parties. Nothing contained herein shall be understood to release any shareholder derivative claims on behalf of Northern Dynasty. Moreover, nothing contained herein shall bar Releasing Parties from bringing any action or claim to enforce the terms of the Settlement Stipulation or this Order and Final Judgment.

10. To the fullest extent permitted by law, all Persons shall be permanently enjoined, barred, and restrained from bringing, commencing, prosecuting, or asserting any claims, actions, or causes of action for contribution, indemnity, or otherwise against any of the Released Parties seeking as damages or otherwise the recovery of all or any part of any liability, judgment, or settlement which they pay, are obligated to pay, agree to pay, or that are paid on their behalf to the Settlement Class or any Settlement Class Member arising out of, relating to or concerning any acts, facts, statements, or omissions that were or could have been alleged in the Action, whether arising under state, federal, or foreign law as claims, cross-claims, counterclaims, third party claims, or otherwise, in the Court or any other federal, state, or foreign court, or in any arbitration proceeding, administrative agency proceeding, tribunal, or any other proceeding or forum. Further, nothing in the Settlement Stipulation or this Order and Final Judgment shall apply to bar or otherwise affect any claim for insurance coverage by any Defendant.

11. The Court hereby finds that the proposed Plan of Allocation is a fair and reasonable method to allocate the Net Settlement Fund among Settlement Class Members, and Class Counsel and the Claims Administrator are directed to administer the Plan of Allocation in accordance with its terms and the terms of the Stipulation.

12. Plaintiffs' Counsel is awarded attorneys' fees in the amount of \$2,125,000 and expenses in the amount of \$45,102.04 plus any applicable interest, such amounts to be paid out of the Settlement Fund immediately following entry of this Order. Lead Counsel shall thereafter be solely responsible for allocating the attorneys' fees and expenses among other Plaintiffs' Counsel in the manner in which Lead Counsel in good faith believe reflects the contributions of such counsel to the initiation, prosecution, and resolution of the Action.

13. Plaintiffs are awarded \$25,000 in total, or \$20,000 for Lead Plaintiff Lawrence Kelemen and \$5,000 for Named Plaintiff Charles Hymowitz, as compensatory awards for their service to the Class and for reasonable costs and expenses directly relating to the representation of the Settlement Class as provided in 15 U.S.C. §78u-4(a)(4), such amounts to be paid from the Settlement Fund upon the Effective Date of the Settlement.

14. The Court finds that the Settling Parties and their counsel have complied with all requirements of Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 as to all proceedings herein.

15. Neither this Order and Final Judgment, the Stipulation (nor the Settlement contained therein), nor any of its terms and provisions, nor any of the negotiations, documents, or proceedings connected with them:

(a) is or may be deemed to be, or may be used as an admission, concession, or evidence of the validity or invalidity of any Released Claims, the truth or falsity of any fact alleged by the Class Representatives, the sufficiency or deficiency of any defense that has been or could have been asserted in the Action, or of any wrongdoing, liability, negligence, or fault of Defendants, the Released Parties, or each or any of them;

(b) is or may be deemed to be or may be used as an admission of, or evidence of, any fault or misrepresentation or omission with respect to any statement or written document attributed to, approved or made by Defendants or Released Parties in any civil, criminal, or administrative proceeding in any court, administrative agency, or other tribunal;

(c) is or may be deemed to be or shall be used, offered, or received against the Settling Parties, Defendants, or the Released Parties, or each or any of them, as an admission, concession, or evidence of the validity or invalidity of the Released Claims, the infirmity or strength of any claim raised in the Action, the truth or falsity of any fact alleged by Plaintiffs or the Settlement Class, or the availability or lack of availability of meritorious defenses to the claims raised in the Action;

(d) is or may be deemed to be or shall be construed as or received in evidence as an admission or concession against Defendants, or the Released Parties, or each or any of them, that any of Class Representatives' or Settlement Class Members' claims are with or without merit, that a litigation class should or should not be certified, that damages recoverable in the Action would have been greater or less than the Settlement Fund or that the consideration to be given pursuant to the Settlement Stipulation represents an amount equal to, less than or greater than the amount which could have or would have been recovered after trial.

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

Parties may file the Stipulation and/or this Order and Final Judgment in any proceedings that may be necessary to consummate or enforce the Stipulation, the Settlement, or this Order and Final Judgment.

17. Except as otherwise provided herein or in the Stipulation, all funds held by the Escrow Agent shall be deemed to be in *custodia legis* and shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Court until such time as the funds are distributed or returned pursuant to the Stipulation and/or further order of the Court.

18. Without affecting the finality of this Order and Judgment in any way, this Court hereby retains continuing exclusive jurisdiction over the Settling Parties and the Settlement Class Members for all matters relating to the Action, including the administration, interpretation, effectuation or enforcement of the Stipulation and this Order and Final Judgment, and including any application for fees and expenses incurred in connection with administering and distributing the Settlement proceeds to the Settlement Class Members.

19. Without further order of the Court, Defendants and Class Representatives may agree to reasonable extensions of time to carry out any of the provisions of the Stipulation.

20. There is no just reason for delay in the entry of this Order and Final Judgment and immediate entry by the Clerk of the Court is expressly directed pursuant to Rule 54(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

21. The finality of this Order and Final Judgment shall not be affected, in any manner, by rulings that the Court may make on Class Counsels' application for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses or an award to the Class Representatives.

22. In the event the Settlement is not consummated in accordance with the terms of the Stipulation, then the Stipulation and this Order and Final Judgment (including any amendment(s) thereof, and except as expressly provided in the Stipulation or by order of the Court) shall be null and void, of no further force or effect, and without prejudice to any Settling Party, and may not be introduced as evidence or used in any action or proceeding by any Person against the Settling Parties or the Released Parties, and each Settling Party shall be restored to his, her or its respective litigation positions as they existed before April 11, 2023, pursuant to the terms of the Stipulation.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: Brooklyn, New York
January 26, 2024

Taryn A. Merkl

TARYN A. MERKL
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Exhibit A

Persons excluded from the Settlement Class

1. Max Waddoups III
2. Kevin Fisk
3. Edward J. Harrigan