### ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE

The Honourable	)	Thursday, the 13 <sup>th</sup> day
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AIRIA BRANDS INC., STARTECH.COM LTD., AND QCS-QUICK CARGO SERVICE GMBH

-and

AIR CARGO INC., SINGAPORE AIRLINES LTD., SUSTER AIR WAYS LIMITED, and MARTINAIR HOLLAND N.V.

Defendants

**Plaintiffs** 

Proceeding under the Class Proceedings Act, 1992

#### **ORDER**

THIS MOTION made by the Plaintiffs for an Order certifying the Action as a class proceeding for settlement purposes only as against Qantas Airways Limited ("Qantas"), and approving the settlement agreement entered into with Qantas was heard this day at the Court House, 80 Dundas Street, London, Ontario.

ON READING the materials filed, including the settlement agreement entered into by the Plaintiffs and Qantas dated May 6, 2011 and attached to this Order as Schedule "A" (the

"Settlement Agreement"), and on hearing the submissions of counsel for the Plaintiffs and counsel for Qantas;

**AND ON BEING ADVISED** that the Plaintiffs and Qantas consent to this Order and the Non-Settling Defendants take no position on this Order;

- 1. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, in addition to the definitions used elsewhere in this Order, the definitions set out in the Settlement Agreement shall apply to and are incorporated into this Order. The following definitions shall also apply in this Order:
  - (a) "Action" means the proceeding commenced by Airia Brands Inc., StarTech.com Ltd., and QCS-Quick Cargo Service Gmbh in the form of a Statement of Claim filed in the Ontario Court (London Registry) (Court File No. 50389 CP), filed on July 6, 2006.
  - (b) "Proportionate Liability" means the proportion of any judgment that, had Qantas not settled, a court or other arbiter would have apportioned to Qantas and/or Released Parties, whether pursuant to *pro rata*, proportionate fault, *pro tanto*, or another method.
  - (c) "Settled Defendant" means any party that was named as a Defendant in the Action, but that has, at any time, entered into a settlement with the Plaintiffs that has been approved by the Court, provided that the Settled Defendant's own settlement has not been terminated in accordance with its terms or has otherwise failed to take effect for any reason.
- 2. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Action be certified as a class proceeding as against Qantas only and for settlement purposes only.
- 3. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Settlement Class be defined as:

All Persons, other than members of the Quebec Settlement Class or the BC Settlement Class, who purchased Airfreight Shipping Services during the Purchase Period, including those Persons who purchased Airfreight Shipping Services through freight forwarders, from any air cargo carrier, including without limitation, the Defendants, and specifically including Qantas. Excluded from the Ontario Settlement Class are the Defendants and their respective parents, employees, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers and directors; Persons who validly and timely opted-out of the Ontario Action in accordance with the order of the Ontario Court dated March 6, 2008; and Persons currently resident in Australia who paid identified amounts totalling more than AUD\$20,000 for the carriage of goods to or from Australia, including in each instance a component by air during the period January 1, 2000 to January 11, 2007.

- \*Airfreight Shipping Services means airfreight cargo shipping services for shipments within, to, or from Canada, but specifically excluding airfreight cargo shipping services for shipments to or from the United States.
- 4. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that Airia Brands Inc., StarTech.Com Ltd., and QCS-Quick Cargo Service GMBH be appointed as the representative plaintiffs for the Settlement Class.
- 5. THIS COURT ORDERS that the following issue is common to the Settlement Class:

Did Qantas conspire to fix, raise, maintain or stabilize the prices of Airfreight Shipping Services during the Purchase Period in violation of Part VI of the *Competition Act* and the common law? If so, what damages, if any, did Settlement Class Members suffer?

- 6. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Settlement Agreement is fair, reasonable and in the best interests of the Settlement Class.
- 7. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Settlement Agreement is approved pursuant to s. 29 of the *Class Proceedings Act*, 1992 and shall be implemented in accordance with its terms.
- 8. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Settlement Agreement is incorporated by reference into and forms part of this Order, and is binding upon the representative plaintiffs and all Settlement Class Members, and where any term of this Order and the Settlement Agreement conflict, the term contained in this Order shall govern.
- 9. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, upon the Effective Date, each Settlement Class Member shall consent and shall be deemed to have consented to the dismissal as against the

- Released Parties, without costs and with prejudice, of any and all of the Settlement Class Member's Released Claims in any jurisdiction.
- 10. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, upon the Effective Date, any and all Released Claims commenced in Ontario by any Settlement Class Member shall be dismissed against the Released Parties, without costs and with prejudice.
- 11. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that this Order, including the Settlement Agreement, is binding upon each Settlement Class Member including those persons who are minors or mentally incapable and the requirements of Rules 7.04(1) and 7.08(4) of the *Rules of Civil Procedure* are dispensed with in respect of the Action.
- 12. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, upon the Effective Date, each Releasing Party has released and shall be conclusively deemed to have forever and absolutely released the Released Parties from the Released Claims.
- 13. THIS COURT ORDERS that, upon the Effective Date, each Releasing Party shall not now or hereafter institute, continue, maintain or assert, either directly or indirectly, whether in Canada or elsewhere, on their own behalf or on behalf of any class or any other person, any action, suit, cause of action, claim or demand against any Released Party or any other person who may claim contribution or indemnity from any Released Party in respect of any Released Claim or any matter related thereto, except for the continuation of the Actions against the Non-Settling Defendants or unnamed co-conspirators.
- 14. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, upon the Effective Date, the Released Parties have released and shall be conclusively deemed to have forever and absolutely released each of the other from any and all claims for contribution and indemnity with respect to the Released Claims.
- 15. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the use of the terms "Releasing Party" and "Released Claims" in the Order does not constitute a release of claims by those Settlement Class Members who are resident in any jurisdiction where the release of one tortfeasor is a release of all tortfeasors.

16. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, upon the Effective Date, each Settlement Class Member who is resident in any jurisdiction where the release of one tortfeasor is a release of all tortfeasors shall covenant and undertake not to make any claim in any way nor to threaten, commence, or continue any proceeding in any jurisdiction against the Released Parties in respect of or in relation to the Released Claims.

#### 17. THIS COURT ORDERS that:

- (a) subject to subparagraph (b) of this paragraph, all claims for contribution and indemnity or other claims over, whether asserted or unasserted or asserted in a representative capacity, inclusive of interest, taxes and costs, relating to the Released Claims, which were or could have been brought in the Actions or otherwise by any Non-Settling Defendant or any other Person or party (including a Settled Defendant), against a Released Party, or by a Released Party against a Non-Settling Defendant or other Defendant, are barred, prohibited and enjoined in accordance with the terms of this paragraph;
- (b) if a person or party is permitted to bring a claim against a Non-Settling Defendant or other Defendant (excluding Qantas) in a jurisdiction outside of Ontario (the "Foreign Claim") that if brought in Ontario would contravene paragraphs 17 or 18 hereof, then that Non-Settling Defendant or other Defendant is permitted to bring a claim for contribution, indemnity or other claims over against the Released Party thereafter in respect of the Foreign Claim notwithstanding this paragraph, provided that the Non-Settling Defendant or other Defendant establishes that it raised before the foreign court or other arbiter in a timely and proper manner that this Order is an absolute bar to any Foreign Claim arising from the Released Claims.
- THIS COURT ORDERS that if, in the absence of paragraph 17 hereof, the Non-Settling Defendants or other Defendants (excluding Qantas) would have the right to make claims for contribution and indemnity or other claims over, whether in equity or in law, by statute or otherwise, from or against the Released Parties:

- (a) the Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class Members shall not be entitled to claim or recover from the Non-Settling Defendants or other Defendants (excluding Qantas) that portion of any damages (including punitive damages, if any), restitutionary award, disgorgement of profits, interest and costs (including investigative costs claimed pursuant to s. 36 of the *Competition Act*) awarded in respect of any claim(s) on which judgment is entered that corresponds to the Proportionate Liability of the Released Parties proven at trial or otherwise;
- (b) for greater certainty, the Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class Members shall limit their claims against the Non-Settling Defendants to, and shall be entitled to recover from the Non-Settling Defendants, only those claims for damages, costs and interest attributable to the Non-Settling Defendants' several liability to the Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class Members, if any;
- (c) this Court shall have full authority to determine the Proportionate Liability at the trial or other disposition of the Action, whether or not the Released Parties appear at the trial or other disposition, and the Proportionate Liability shall be determined as if the Released Parties are parties to this Action for that purpose and any such finding by this Court in respect of the Proportionate Liability shall only apply in the Action and shall not be binding upon the Released Parties in any other proceedings.
- 19. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that if, in the absence of paragraph 17 hereof, the Non-Settling Defendants would not have the right to make claims for contribution and indemnity or other claims over, whether in equity or in law, by statute or otherwise, from or against the Released Parties, then nothing in this Order is intended to or shall limit, restrict or affect any arguments which the Non-Settling Defendants may make regarding the reduction of any judgment against them in the Action.
- 20. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, subject to paragraph 21 hereof, a Non-Settling Defendant may, on motion to the Court brought on at least thirty (30) days notice, not to be brought unless and until the Action against the Non-Settling Defendants has been certified and all appeals or times to appeal have been exhausted, seek orders for the following:

- (a) documentary discovery and an affidavit of documents in accordance with the Rules of Civil Procedure O. Reg. 194 from Qantas;
- (b) oral discovery of a representative of Qantas, the transcripts of which may be read in at trial by the Non-Settling Defendant;
- (c) leave to serve a request to admit on Qantas in respect of factual matters; and/or
- (d) production of a representative of Qantas to testify at trial, with such witness to be subject to cross-examination by counsel for the Non-Settling Defendants.
- 21. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that Qantas retains all rights to oppose such motion(s) brought under paragraph 20 hereof. Notwithstanding any provision in this Order, on any motion brought pursuant to paragraph 20 the Court may make such orders as to costs and other terms as it considers appropriate.
- 22. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that a Non-Settling Defendant may affect service of the motion(s) referred to in paragraph 20 above on Qantas by service on counsel of record for Oantas in the Action.
- 23. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that for purposes of enforcement of the Order, this Court will retain an ongoing supervisory role and Qantas will attorn to the jurisdiction of this Court for this purpose.
- 24. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, except as provided herein, the Order does not affect any claims or causes of action that any Settlement Class Member has or may have against the Non-Settling Defendants or unnamed co-conspirators in the Action.
- 25. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Released Parties have no responsibility for and no liability whatsoever with respect to the administration of the Settlement Agreement.
- 26. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Settlement Amount be held in trust for the benefit of the Settlement Class, pending further orders of the Court, which shall be sought by the Plaintiffs on a motion in the Action brought on notice to the Settling Defendants.

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- 27. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Action be dismissed against Qantas without costs and with prejudice.
- 28. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that this Order is contingent upon the approval of the Quebec Court and British Columbia Court of the same Settlement Agreement and this Order shall be of no force and effect if such approval is not secured in Quebec and British Columbia.

Date: 0CT 2 5 2011

The Honourable Justice Leitch



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## Qantas Settlement Approval ORDER

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