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~~PROPOSED~~ FINAL JUDGMENT AND ORDER OF DISMISSAL

This matter came before the Court for hearing pursuant to the Order Preliminarily Approving Settlements and Providing for Notice to the Settlement Class dated October 29 and November 5, 2015 (together, the "Preliminary Approval Order"), and Plaintiffs' April 1, 2016 Motion for Final Approval of Settlements with All Defendants, Approval of Plan of Distribution, and Certification of Settlement Class (the "Motion for Final Approval"). See Dkt. Nos. 465, 468, 502. The settlements addressed in the Preliminary Approval Order and foregoing motions include the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement with Royal Bank of Scotland PLC and Royal Bank of Scotland N.V., dated September 30, 2015 (the "Agreement"), see Dkt. No. 445, Ex. 13, that is the subject of this Final Judgment and Order of Dismissal. The Court has considered all papers filed and proceedings held in connection with the above-captioned Action, and is fully informed of these matters. For good cause shown, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that:

1. This Final Judgment and Order of Dismissal incorporates by reference the definitions in the Agreement, and all capitalized terms used, but not defined, herein shall have the same meanings as in the Agreement.

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

3. The notice provisions of the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1715, have been satisfied.

4. The Court certifies, solely for purposes of effectuating the Settlement Agreement, the Settlement Class defined as follows:

All Persons who, during the period of January 1, 2008 through September 25, 2015, purchased CDS from or sold CDS to the Dealer Defendants, a Released Party, or any purported co-conspirator, in any Covered Transaction (as defined in Paragraph 2(i) of the Agreement).

Excluded from the Settlement Class are Defendants (as identified in Paragraph 2(j) of the Agreement) and all of their respective officers, directors, management, employees, current subsidiaries, or affiliates, as well as any Person whose exclusion is mandated by law, provided that the foregoing exclusions shall not cover Investment Vehicles.

5. The requirements of Rules 23(a) and 23(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure have been satisfied, as follows: (a) the members of the Settlement Class are so numerous that joinder of all Settlement Class Members in the Action is impracticable; (b) questions of law and fact common to the Settlement Class predominate over any individual questions; (c) the claims of Class Plaintiffs are typical of the claims of the Settlement Class; (d) Class Plaintiffs and Co-Lead Counsel have fairly and adequately represented and protected the interests of the Settlement Class; and (e) a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy, considering (i) the interests of Settlement Class Members in individually controlling the prosecution of separate actions; (ii) the extent and nature of any litigation concerning the controversy already begun by Settlement Class Members; (iii) the desirability or undesirability of concentrating the litigation of these claims in this particular forum; and (iv) the likely difficulties in managing this Action and a class action.

6. Class Plaintiffs Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association; Salix Capital US Inc.; Value Recovery Fund LLC; Delta Institutional, LP; Delta Onshore, LP; Delta Offshore, Ltd.; Delta Pleiades, LP; and Essex Regional Retirement System are certified as Settlement Class representatives.

7. The law firm of Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP is appointed as Lead Counsel for the Settlement Class and the law firm of Pearson, Simon & Warshaw, LLP is appointed as Co-Lead Counsel for the Settlement Class. Together, these firms are referred to herein as “Co-Lead Counsel.”

8. Pursuant to Rule 23(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court grants final approval of the Settlement on the basis that the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate as to, and in the best interests of, all Settlement Class Members, and is in compliance with all applicable requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. In reaching this conclusion, the Court has considered the factors set forth in *City of Detroit v. Grinnell Corp.*, 495 F.2d 448, 462 (2d Cir. 1974). Moreover, the Court concludes that:

a. The Settlement was fairly and honestly negotiated by counsel with significant experience litigating antitrust class actions and is the result of vigorous arm’s-length negotiations undertaken in good faith and with the assistance of the Hon. Daniel Weinstein (Ret.), a nationally-recognized mediator;

b. This Action is likely to involve contested and serious questions of law and fact, such that the value of an immediate monetary recovery outweighs the mere possibility of future relief after protracted and expensive litigation;

c. Success in antitrust cases such as this one is inherently uncertain, and there is no guarantee that continued litigation would yield a superior result; and

d. The Settlement Class Members' positive reaction to the Settlement is entitled to great weight.

9. Except as to any individual claim of those Persons (identified in Exhibit 1 hereto) who have validly and timely requested exclusion from the Settlement Class ("Opt-Outs"), the Action and all claims contained therein, as well as all of the Released Claims, against Settling Defendant by the Class Plaintiffs and Settlement Class Members are dismissed with prejudice. The Parties are to bear their own costs, except as otherwise provided in the Agreement and the orders of this Court.

10. The Opt-Outs identified in Exhibit 1 hereto have timely and validly requested exclusion from the Settlement Class and are excluded from the Settlement Class, not bound by this Final Judgment and Order of Dismissal, and may not make any claim or receive any benefit from the Settlement. The Opt-Outs may not pursue any Released Claims on behalf of any Releasing Party. This Final Judgment and Order of Dismissal binds and will forever bind all Settlement Class Members.

11. Upon the Effective Date of Settlement, each of the Releasing Parties: (i) shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Final Judgment and Order of Dismissal, shall have, fully, finally, and forever waived, released, relinquished, and discharged to the fullest extent permitted by law all Released Claims against the Released Parties, regardless of whether such Releasing Party executes and delivers a proof of claim; (ii) shall forever be enjoined from prosecuting in any forum any Released Claim against any of the Released Parties; and (iii) agrees and covenants not to sue any of the Released Parties with respect to any Released Claims or to assist any third party in commencing or maintaining any suit against any Released Party related in any way to any Released Claims. This Final Judgment and Order of Dismissal

shall not affect in any way the right of Class Plaintiffs or Settlement Class Members to pursue claims, if any, outside the scope of the Released Claims.

12. Upon the Effective Date of Settlement, Settling Defendant: (i) shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Final Judgment and Order of Dismissal, shall have, fully, finally, and forever waived, released, relinquished, and discharged to the fullest extent permitted by law all Settling Defendant's Claims against the Releasing Parties, regardless of whether such Releasing Party executes and delivers a proof of claim; (ii) shall forever be enjoined from prosecuting in any forum any Settling Defendant's Claim(s) against any of the Releasing Parties; and (iii) agrees and covenants not to sue any of the Releasing Parties with respect to any Settling Defendant's Claims or to assist any third party in commencing or maintaining any suit against any Releasing Party related in any way to any Settling Defendant's Claims.

13. Upon the Effective Date, claims by (i) any of the other Defendants currently named in the Action; (ii) any other Person formerly named in the Action; or (iii) any alleged co-conspirators or any other Person subsequently added or joined in the Action against the Released Parties for contribution or indemnification (however denominated) for all or a portion of any amounts paid in the Action by way of settlement, judgment, or otherwise, are barred. Any final verdict or judgment that may be obtained by or on behalf of the Settlement Class or a member of the Settlement Class against any Person subject to this bar order shall be reduced as provided by applicable law.

14. All rights of any Settlement Class Member against any other Person other than Settling Defendant and the other Released Parties are specifically reserved by Class Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class Members, including against other Defendants to the Action. CDS Transactions entered into with Settling Defendant, to the extent permitted and/or authorized by

law, and to the extent consistent with the claims asserted in the Action and the definition of any class(es) that may be certified by the Court against other Defendants, remain in the case against the other Defendants in the Action as a potential basis for damage claims and shall be part of any joint and several liability claims against the other Defendants in the Action or any other Persons other than the Released Parties.

15. The January 11, 2016 mailing and distribution of the Notice to all Settlement Class Members who could be identified through reasonable effort, and the publication of the Summary Notice, as provided for in the Preliminary Approval Order, satisfy the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and due process, constitute the best notice practicable under the circumstances, and constitute due and sufficient notice to all Persons entitled to notice.

16. Neither the Agreement nor the Settlement contained therein, nor any act performed or document executed pursuant to or in furtherance of the Agreement or the Settlement: (a) is or may be deemed to be or may be used as an admission or evidence of the validity of any Released Claim, or of any wrongdoing or liability of the Released Parties; or (b) is or may be deemed to be or may be used as an admission of, or evidence of, any fault or omission of any of the Released Parties in any civil, criminal, or administrative proceeding in any court, administrative agency, or other tribunal. The Agreement may be filed in an action to enforce or interpret the terms of the Agreement, the settlement contained therein, and any other documents executed in connection with the performance of the agreements embodied therein. The Released Parties may file the Agreement and/or this Final Judgment and Order of Dismissal in any action that may be brought against them in order to support a defense or counterclaim based on the principles of *res judicata*, collateral estoppel, 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.

17. Without affecting the finality of this Judgment in any way, this Court retains continuing and exclusive jurisdiction over: (a) implementation of the Settlement ; (b) any award, distribution, or disposition of the Settlement Fund, including interest earned thereon; (c) hearing and determining applications for attorneys' fees, costs, expenses including expert fees, and incentive awards; and (d) all Parties, Released Parties, and Releasing Parties for the purpose of construing, enforcing, and administering the Agreement.

18. In the event that the Settlement does not become effective in accordance with the terms of the Agreement, then this Final Order and Judgment of Dismissal shall be rendered null and void and shall be vacated. In such event, all orders entered and releases delivered in connection herewith shall be null and void, and the Parties shall be deemed to have reverted to their respective status in the Action as of the Execution Date, and, except as otherwise expressly provided herein, the Parties shall proceed in all respects as if the Agreement and any related orders had not been entered; provided, however, that in the event of termination of the Settlement, Paragraphs 3(b), 10, 11(c), and 15 of the Agreement shall nonetheless survive and continue to be of effect and have binding force.

19. The Parties are directed to consummate the Settlement according to their terms. Without further Court order, the Parties may agree to reasonable extensions of time to carry out any of the provisions of the Settlement Agreements.

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

*So ordered.*  
*Annice Cole*  
*April 18, 2016*

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: New York, New York  
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DENISE COTE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE



**Exhibit 1**

Exclusion Requests:

1. Fairfax (Barbados) International Corporation
2. Itau BBA International plc
3. Itau Unibanco SA Nassau Branch
4. NexPoint Credit Strategies Fund (Highland Credit Strategies Fund)
5. Highland CDO Opportunity Master Fund, L.P.
6. Highland Multi-Strategy Credit Fund, L.P. (Highland Credit opportunities CDO LP)
7. Highland Credit Strategies Master Fund, L.P.
8. Highland Special Opportunities Holding Company
9. Granite Bay Long/Short Credit Master Fund, L.P.
10. Tunstall Opportunities Master Fund, L.P.
11. Highland Crusader Offshore Partners, L.P.
12. Highland Long Short Equity Fund
13. Highland Offshore Partners, L.P.
14. Brigade Credit Fund II LTD
15. Brigade Opportunistic Credit LBG Fund LTD
16. Brigade Energy Opportunities Fund LP
17. Brigade Structured Credit Fund LTD
18. Tasman Fund LP
19. Brigade Distressed Value Master Fund LTD
20. Brigade Leveraged Capital Structures Fund LTD
21. Banco Safra SA - Cayman Islands Branch.