

CANADA

(CLASS ACTION)

**PROVINCE OF QUEBEC
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL**

SUPERIOR COURT

NO. : 500-06-000126-017

**ASSOCIATION DE PROTECTION DES
ÉPARGNANTS ET INVESTISSEURS DU
QUEBEC (A.P.E.I.Q.)**

and

ANDRÉ DUSSAULT

Representatives

v.

CORPORATION NORTEL NETWORKS

Defendant

and

**FONDS D'AIDE AUX RECOURS
COLLECTIFS**

Mis en cause

ORDER

THIS MOTION made by the Representatives for an Order approving the Settlement Agreement and Confirmation of Stipulation of Agreement of Settlement (the "Settlement Agreement") entered into between the Representatives and the Defendant, Corporation Nortel Networks, approving Quebec Class Counsel Fees and for declaratory relief, was heard this day.

ON READING the materials filed, including the Settlement Agreement attached to this Order as Schedule "A", and on hearing the submissions of counsel for the Representatives and counsel for the Defendant:

1. THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES that for the purposes of this Order the following definitions apply and are incorporated into this Order:

- (a) **"Authorization Order"** means the Order authorizing the bringing of the class action for the purpose of settlement dated June _____ 2006;
- (b) **"British Columbia Action"** means the proceeding in Supreme Court of British Columbia, *Jeffery et al. v. Nortel Networks Corporation et al.*, Court File No. S0151590, Vancouver Registry;
- (c) **"British Columbia Class"** means all persons and entities, except **Excluded Persons** who, while resident in British Columbia at the time, purchased Nortel common stock or call options on Nortel common stock or wrote (sold) put options on Nortel common stock during the **Class Period** ;
- (d) **"Canadian Actions"** means the **Ontario National Action**, the **British Columbia Action** and the **Quebec Action**;
- (e) **"Claims Administrator"** means the The Garden City Group, Inc.;
- (f) **"Class Members"** means the members of the British Columbia Class, the Ontario National Class, the Quebec Class and the U.S. Global Class;
- (g) **"Class Period"** means the period of time between October 24, 2000 through February 15, 2001, inclusive;
- (h) **"Courts"** means this Court, the Supreme Court of British Columbia, the Ontario Supreme Court of Justice and the United States Federal District Court for the Southern District of New York;
- (i) **"Defendant"** means Corporation Nortel Networks;
- (j) **"Derivative Application"** means the application brought in *Indiana Electrical Workers Pension Trust Fund IBEW and Laborers Local 100 and 397 Pension Fund v. Nortel Networks Corporation*, Ontario Superior Court of Justice, Court File No. 49059, for leave pursuant to the *Canada Business Corporations Act* to commence a representative action in the name of and on behalf of Nortel against certain of the **Released Parties**;

- (k) **"Effective Date"** means the date upon which the **Settlement** contemplated by the **Settlement Agreement** shall become effective, as provided in paragraph 24 of the **Stipulation**;
- (l) **"Escrow Agent"** has the meaning set forth in the **Stipulation**;
- (m) **"Excluded Persons"** means Nortel and the **Individuals**, members of any of the **Individuals'** immediate families, any entity in which Nortel or any of the **Individuals** has a controlling interest or is a parent or subsidiary of or is controlled by Nortel, and the officers, directors, affiliates, legal representatives, heirs, predecessors, successors or assigns of any of Nortel and the **Individuals**;
- (n) **"Gross Settlement Fund"** has the meaning set forth in the **Stipulation**;
- (o) **"Gross Settlement Shares"** means 314,333,875 shares of common stock of Nortel to be issued by Nortel, pursuant to the **Settlement**, as may be adjusted in accordance with paragraph 4(d) of the **Stipulation**;
- (p) **"Individuals"** means Clarence Chandran, Frank Dunn and John Andrew Roth;
- (q) **"Nortel"** means the Defendant, Corporation Nortel Networks;
- (r) **"Nortel I Actions"** means the **Ontario National Action**, the **British Columbia Action**, the **Quebec Action** and the **U.S. Action**;
- (s) **"Nortel I Defendants"** means the Defendant and Clarence Chandran;
- (t) **"Nortel II Actions"** means the following proceedings in Canada and the U.S.:
 - (i) *Peter Gallardi v. Nortel Networks Corporation et al.*, in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, Toronto, Court File No. 05-CV-285606 CP;
 - (ii) *Clifford W. Skarstedt v. Corporation Nortel Networks*, in the Superior Court of Quebec, District of Montreal, No. 500-06-000277-059 and
 - (iii) *In re Nortel Networks Corp. Securities Litigation*, in the U.S. Federal District Court for the Southern District of New York, Master File No. 05-MD-1659 (LAP);

- (u) **"Ontario National Action"** means the proceeding in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, *Frohlinger v. Nortel Networks Corporation et al.*, Court File No. 02-CL-4605;
- (v) **"Ontario National Class"** means all persons and entities, except **Excluded Persons** and except members of the **British Columbia Class** and the **Quebec Class**, who, while resident in Canada at the time, purchased Nortel common stock or call options on Nortel common stock or wrote (sold) put options on Nortel common stock during the **Class Period**;
- (w) **"Other Actions"** means actions or proceedings, other than the **Proceedings**, relating to **Settled Claims** commenced by a **Quebec Class Member** against one or more **Released Parties**;
- (x) **"Plan of Allocation"** means the plan of allocation set forth in the Notice of Certification in Canada and Proposed Settlements of Class Actions, Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Settlement Fairness Hearings and attached as Schedule "B" to this Order;
- (y) **"Proceedings"** means the **Ontario National Action**, the **Quebec Action**, the **British Columbia Action**, the **U.S. Action** and the **Nortel II Actions**;
- (z) **"Quebec Action"** means this proceeding;
- (aa) **"Quebec Class"** means all persons, except **Excluded Persons** who, while resident in Quebec at the time, purchased Nortel common stock or call options on Nortel common stock or wrote (sold) Nortel put options on Nortel common stock during the **Class Period**;
- (bb) **"Quebec Class Counsel"** means Belleau Lapointe, S.A., and Unterberg, Labelle, Lebeau S.E.N.C.;
- (cc) **"Quebec Class Counsel Fees"** means the fees, disbursements, costs, GST, and other applicable taxes or charges of **Quebec Class Counsel**, as approved by this Court in this Order;
- (dd) **"Quebec Class Member"** means a member of the **Quebec Class** who has not opted out of the **Quebec Class** in accordance with the **Authorization Order**;
- (ee) **"Released Parties"** means any and all of the **Nortel I Defendants**, their past or present subsidiaries, parents, principals, affiliates, general or limited partners or partnerships, successors and predecessors, heirs, assigns, officers, directors, agents, employees, attorneys, advisors,

investment advisors, investment bankers, underwriters, insurers, co-insurers, re-insurers, accountants, auditors, consultants, administrators, executors, trustees, personal representatives, immediate family members and any person, firm, trust, partnership, corporation, officer, director or other individual or entity in which any **Nortel I Defendant** has a controlling interest or which is related to or affiliated with any of the **Nortel I Defendants**, and the legal representatives, heirs, executors, administrators, trustees, successors in interest or assigns of the **Nortel I Defendants**;

- (ff) "**Representative Plaintiffs**" means, collectively, the representative or lead plaintiffs in each of the **Canadian Actions** and the **U.S. Action**;

- (gg) "**Settled Claims**" means any and all claims, debts, demands, rights or causes of action, suits, matters, and issues or liabilities whatsoever (including, but not limited to, any claims for damages, interest, attorneys' fees, expert or consulting fees, and any other costs, expenses or liability whatsoever), whether based on United States or Canadian federal, state, provincial, local, statutory or common law or any other law, rule or regulation, whether fixed or contingent, accrued or unaccrued, liquidated or unliquidated, at law or in equity, matured or un-matured, whether class or individual in nature, including both known claims and **Unknown Claims**, (i) that have been asserted in any of the **Nortel I Actions** against any of the **Released Parties**, or (ii) that could have been asserted in any forum by the **Class Members** in the **Nortel I Actions**, or any of them, against any of the **Released Parties**, that arise out of or are based upon the allegations, transactions, facts, matters or occurrences, representations or omissions involved, set forth, or referred to in the **Nortel I Actions** and that relate to the purchase of Nortel common stock or call options or the sale of Nortel put options during the **Class Period** or (iii) any oppression or other claims under the *Canada Business Corporations Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-44, as amended, that arise out of or are based upon the allegations, transactions, facts, matters or occurrences, representations or omissions, set forth or referred to in the **Nortel I Actions**. **Settled Claims** does not mean or include claims, if any, against the Released Parties arising under the United States *Employee Retirement Income Security Act* of 1974, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 1001, *et seq.* ("ERISA") that are not common to all Class Members and which ERISA claims are the subject of an action pending before the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation, denominated *In re Nortel Networks Securities and "ERISA" Litigation*, MDL Docket No. 1537. **Settled Claims** also does not include: (a) the action in *Rohac et al. v. Nortel Networks et al.*, Ontario Superior Court of Justice, Court File No. 04-CV-3268; and (b) the **Derivative Application**;

- (hh) **"Settled Defendants' Claims"** means any and all claims, rights or causes of action or liabilities whatsoever, whether based on federal, provincial, local, statutory or common law or any other law, rule or regulation, including both known claims and **Unknown Claims**, that have been or could have been asserted in the **Nortel I Actions** or any forum by the **Nortel I Defendants** or any of them or the successors and assigns or any of them against the **Representative Plaintiffs**, any **Class Member**, or their counsel, and that arise out of or relate in any way to the institution, prosecution, or settlement of the **Nortel I Actions** (except **Settled Defendants' Claims** does not include all claims, rights or causes of action or liabilities whatsoever related to the enforcement of the **Settlement** including, without limitation, any of the terms of the **Stipulation** or orders or judgments issued by the **Courts** in connection with the **Settlement**, confidentiality obligations or in respect of the **Derivative Application**);
- (ii) **"Settlement Agreement"** means the Settlement Agreement and Confirmation of Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement, including the **Stipulation** attached as Schedule "A" thereto, entered into between the Representatives and Nortel, through their counsel, dated as of June ____, 2006, attached to this Order as Schedule "A";
- (jj) **"Settlement"** means the proposed settlement of the **Nortel I Actions** pursuant to the terms set forth in the **Settlement Agreement** adopting and ratifying the **Stipulation**;
- (kk) **"Stipulation"** means the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement attached to the **Settlement Agreement** as Schedule "A";
- (ll) **"Supplemental Agreement"** means the agreement referred to in paragraph 23 of the **Stipulation** setting forth certain conditions under which the **Settlement** may be terminated by Nortel if potential **Class Members** who purchase in excess of a certain number of Nortel common stock or options on Nortel common stock during the **Class Period** exclude themselves from the Class;
- (mm) **"Unknown Claims"** means any and all **Settled Claims** which any of the **Representative Plaintiffs**, or **Class Members** does not know or suspect to exist in his, her or its favour at the time of the release of the **Released Parties** and any **Settled Defendants' Claims** which any **Nortel I Defendant** does not know or suspect to exist in his, her or its favour, which if known by him, her or it might have affected his, her or its decision(s) with respect to the **Settlement**;
- (nn) **"U.S. Action"** means the proceeding in the United States Federal District Court for the Southern District of New York, *In re Nortel*

Networks Corp. Securities Litigation, Consolidated Civil Action No. 2001-CV-1855 (RMB), certified as a class action on September 5, 2003;

- (oo) **"U.S. Global Class"** means all persons, except **Excluded Persons**, who purchased Nortel common stock or call options on Nortel common stock or wrote (sold) put options on Nortel common stock (collectively, "Nortel Securities") during the **Class Period**, and who suffered damages thereby, including, but not limited to, those persons or entities who traded in Nortel Securities on the New York Stock Exchange and/or the Toronto Stock Exchange. Excluded from this class are any putative class members who previously requested exclusion in response to a notice dated March 10, 2004 that was mailed to members of this class beginning on April 12, 2004 notifying them of the pendency of the **U.S. Action**.

2. **THIS COURT DECLARES** that the Settlement Agreement is fair, reasonable and in the best interests of the Quebec Class.

3. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Settlement Agreement attached to this Order as Schedule "A" is hereby approved pursuant to Article 1025 of the *Code of Civil Procedure*.

4. **THIS COURT DECLARES** that the Settlement Agreement is binding upon the Representatives, upon all Quebec Class Members, and upon the Defendant, including those persons who are minors or mentally incapable.

5. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, upon the Effective Date, the Representatives herein and each of the Quebec Class Members, on behalf of themselves, their personal representatives, heirs, executors, administrators, trustees, successors and assigns, are hereby permanently barred and enjoined from instituting, commencing or prosecuting any Settled Claims against the Released Parties.

6. **THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES** that, upon the Effective Date, each of the Representatives herein and each of the Quebec Class Members, on behalf of themselves,

their personal representatives, heirs, executors, administrators, trustees, successors and assigns shall release and shall be conclusively deemed to have fully, finally and forever released the Released Parties from the Settled Claims.

7. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, upon the Effective Date, each of the Representatives herein and each of the Quebec Class Members and their respective personal representatives, heirs, executors, administrators, trustees, successors and assigns, shall not institute, continue, maintain or assert, either directly or indirectly, whether in the United States, 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 any form of contribution or indemnity (save for a contractual indemnity) from any Released Party in respect of any Settled Claim or any matter related thereto, at any time on or after the Effective Date, and are enjoined from doing so.

8. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, upon the Effective Date, the Defendant Nortel, on behalf of itself and its personal representatives, heirs, executors, administrators, trustees, successors and assigns, is hereby permanently barred and enjoined from prosecuting a Settled Defendants' Claim against any of the Representatives herein, the Quebec National Class Members or Quebec Class Counsel. In the event that any of the Released Parties asserts against the Representatives, any Quebec Class Member or the Quebec Class Counsel any claim that is a Settled Defendants' Claim, then the Representatives, such Quebec Class Member or Quebec Counsel, as the case may be, shall be entitled to use and assert such factual matters included within the Settled Claims only against such Released Party in defence of such claim but not for the purposes of asserting any claim against any Released Party.

9. **THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES** that each Quebec Class Member shall consent and shall be deemed to have consented to the dismissal of any Other Actions he, she or it has commenced against the Released Parties, without costs and with prejudice.

10. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that neither this Order, the Settlement Agreement, the Stipulation, nor any of their terms and provisions, nor any of the negotiations or proceedings connected with it, nor any of the documents or statements referred to therein shall be:

- (a) offered or received against the Defendant as evidence of or construed as or deemed to be evidence of any presumption, concession, or admission by the Defendant with respect to the truth of any fact alleged in the Quebec Action or the validity of any claim that has been or could have been asserted in the Quebec Action or in any litigation, or the deficiency of any defence that has been or could have been asserted in the Quebec Action or in any litigation, or of any liability, negligence, fault, or wrongdoing of the Defendant;
- (b) offered or received against the Defendant as evidence of a presumption, concession or admission of any fault, misrepresentation or omission with respect to any statement or written document approved or made by the Defendant;
- (c) offered or received against the Defendant as evidence of a presumption, concession or admission with respect to any liability, negligence, fault or wrongdoing, or in any way referred to for any other reason as against the Defendant, in any other civil, criminal or administrative action or proceeding, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to enforce and give effect to the provisions of the Settlement Agreement (provided, however, that Defendant may refer to it to effectuate the release and liability protection granted them hereunder);
- (d) construed against the Defendant as an admission or concession that the consideration to be given hereunder represents the amount which could be or would have been recovered after trial; or
- (e) construed as or received in evidence as an admission, concession or presumption against Representatives or any of the Quebec Class Members that any of their claims are without merit, or that any defences asserted by the Defendant have any merit, or that damages recoverable under the Quebec Action would not have exceeded the amounts set forth under the Settlement Agreement.

11. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Plan of Allocation is approved as fair and reasonable.

12. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that Quebec Class Counsel Fees in the amount of \$ _____ in cash, and _____ shares, which includes \$ _____ for disbursements, and which amounts this Court finds to be fair and reasonable, are hereby approved.

13. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Quebec Class Counsel Fees shall be paid out of the Gross Settlement Fund.

14. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that this Court shall retain jurisdiction over the parties herein, the Quebec Class Members, the Claims Administrator and the Escrow Agent for all matters relating to the Quebec Action, including the administration, interpretation, effectuation or enforcement of the Settlement Agreement and this Order, and including any application for fees and expenses by the Quebec Class Counsel and the Claims Administrator incurred in overseeing and administering the Settlement, in distributing settlement proceeds to the Quebec Class Members, and in complying with the terms of this Order and the Authorization Order.

15. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, on notice to the Court but without further order of the Court, the parties to the Settlement Agreement may agree to reasonable extensions of time to carry out any of the provisions of the Settlement Agreement.

16. **THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES** that the Released Parties have no responsibility for and no liability whatsoever with respect to the administration of the Settlement.

17. **THIS COURT RECOGNIZES & ACKNOWLEDGES** that: (i) one of the effects of its determination that the Settlement Agreement is fair is that, pursuant to Section 3(a)(10) of the United States *Securities Act of 1933*, as amended, 15 U.S.C. § 77c(a)(1), the Gross Settlement Shares may be distributed to Class Members, and to counsel for the plaintiffs in the Nortel I Actions as may be awarded by the respective Courts for counsel fees, without registration and compliance with the prospectus delivery requirements of U.S. securities laws; and (ii) Nortel will rely on such Section 3(a)(10) exemption (and Nortel will not register the Gross Settlement Shares under the United States *Securities Act of 1933*) based on this Court's approval of the fairness of the Settlement.

18. **THIS COURT DECLARES** that all Quebec Class Members to whom it is proposed to issue Gross Settlement Shares have had the right to appear at the hearing on the fairness of the Settlement Agreement, and that adequate notice of this hearing has been provided to Class Members in accordance with the terms of the Authorization Order.

19. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that if (a) the Settlement Agreement is terminated by Nortel pursuant to the Supplemental Agreement and paragraph 26 of the Stipulation; (b) any specified condition to the Settlement set forth in the Stipulation is not satisfied and any of the Representative Plaintiffs or Nortel elect(s) to terminate the Settlement Agreement as provided in paragraph 25 of the Stipulation; or (c) is otherwise terminated pursuant to paragraph 27 of the Stipulation, then, in any such event:

- (a) this Order (except for paragraphs 1, 10, 14, 16, 17, 18 and 19 herein) shall be set aside, be of no further force or effect, and without prejudice to any party;
- (b) the Authorization Order (except for paragraph 24), shall be set aside, of no further force or effect, and without prejudice to any party;
- (c) the judgment authorizing the bringing of the class action shall be annulled pursuant to the *Code of Civil Procedure*; and
- (d) each party to the Quebec Action shall be restored to his, her or its respective position as it existed immediately prior to the execution of the Settlement Agreement.

20. **THIS COURT ORDERS AND ADJUDGES** that any appeal or challenge, to the extent that any such right exists, affecting the approval of the Plan of Allocation or this Court's approval of Quebec Counsel Fees shall in no way disturb or affect the balance of this Order and shall be deemed to be separate and apart from the balance of this Order.

21. **THIS COURT ORDERS AND ADJUDGES** that, upon the Effective Date, the Quebec National Action be and is hereby dismissed against the Defendant with prejudice and without costs.

Date

J.C.S.