

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**MERRIMACK, SS.**

**SUPERIOR COURT**

**Docket No. 03-E-0106**

**In the Matter of the Liquidation of  
The Home Insurance Company**

**LIQUIDATOR'S MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF  
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH NOOTER**

Roger A. Sevigny, Insurance Commissioner for the State of New Hampshire, as Liquidator ("Liquidator") of The Home Insurance Company ("Home"), moves that the Court enter an order in the form submitted herewith approving a Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release ("Settlement Agreement") between Nooter Corporation ("Nooter") and the Liquidator. As reasons therefor, the Liquidator states as follows:

1. Home issued seven insurance policies to Nooter for certain policy periods between July 1, 1972 and July 1, 1985. Upon Home's placement in liquidation, Nooter filed seven proofs of claim in the Home liquidation regarding claims under the policies, including but not limited to claims for coverage for asbestos bodily injury. Affidavit of Peter A. Bengelsdorf, Special Deputy Liquidator, in Support of Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement with Nooter ("Bengelsdorf Aff.") ¶ 3.

2. The Liquidator and Nooter have negotiated a Settlement Agreement reflecting a resolution of the proofs of claim and all matters under the policies. A copy of the Settlement Agreement is attached as Exhibit A. The Settlement Agreement is subject to approval by the Court. Settlement Agreement ¶ 1. Bengelsdorf Aff. ¶ 4.

3. The Settlement Agreement provides that the Liquidator will recommend allowance of the proofs of claim in the aggregate amount of \$7,400,000 as a Class II priority

claim of Nooter under RSA 402-C:44. Settlement Agreement ¶ 2(A). Allowance of the recommended amount as a Class II claim will fully and finally resolve all proofs of claim and all claims Nooter has under the policies. Id. ¶ 2(B). Distributions based on that allowance will be made at the same intervals and at the same percentages as distributions to other Class II creditors of Home. Id. ¶ 2(C). Bengelsdorf Aff. ¶ 5.

4. The Settlement Agreement is intended to resolve the proofs of claim and all claims under the policies. See Settlement Agreement ¶¶ 2(B), 5. To that end, the Settlement Agreement provides for mutual releases of all claims between Home and Nooter arising from or related to the proofs of claim or the policies. Id. ¶¶ 3, 4. The Liquidator also agrees not to pursue claims respecting the underlying matters covered by the proofs of claim against other insurers of Nooter that agree not to pursue such claims against Home. Id. ¶ 6. Bengelsdorf Aff. ¶ 6.

5. The Liquidator is not aware of any third party claimants asserting claims under the policies. However, in resolving all matters relating to the proofs of claim and the policies, the Settlement Agreement contemplates denial of any third party claimants' claims under the policies in the Home liquidation without prejudice to their claims against Nooter. Accordingly, Nooter acknowledges in the Settlement Agreement that it is intended to resolve all matters between Nooter and the Liquidator/Home relating to the proofs of claim and the policies, including asserted rights of third party claimants. Settlement Agreement ¶ 5. Nooter agrees to address, at its sole cost, the claims of claimants asserting claims against Nooter as if Nooter had no insurance coverage from Home under the policies. Id. Nooter agrees to indemnify the

Liquidator and Home against claims arising from the policies up to the amounts actually distributed to Nooter. Id.<sup>1</sup> Bengelsdorf Aff. ¶ 7.

6. The denial of any third party claimants' proofs of claim without prejudice to their claims against Nooter will not harm the third party claimants, who will continue to have their full claims against Nooter. As noted above, Nooter has agreed to address these claims as if it had no insurance coverage from Home under the policies. Settlement Agreement ¶ 5. Third party claimants' proofs of claim against the insolvent Home, if not denied with this agreement, would release Nooter from those claims up to the limits of the policies but only entitle the third party claimants (assuming their claims are allowed) to a presently undetermined percentage distribution at the future date when a distribution is made. See RSA 402-C:40, I; Gonya v. Commissioner, New Hampshire Insurance Dept., 153 N.H. 521, 535 (2006) (noting the "inherent uncertainty of any creditor's recovery in a liquidation"). It is not expected that the allowed claims of any third party claimants (or other Class II creditors) will be paid in full. Under the Settlement Agreement, Nooter will continue to be fully responsible for any third party claimants' claims against it. See Settlement Agreement ¶ 5. Bengelsdorf Aff. ¶ 8.

7. The Settlement Agreement reflects a compromise of the claims asserted in the proofs of claim. It is the result of negotiations involving the Claims Department, under the supervision of the Special Deputy Liquidator, which has extensive experience in assessing the exposure presented by asbestos bodily injury claims under Home's insurance policies. The agreed settlement amount is based on careful evaluation and negotiation of coverage obligations under Home's policies respecting the underlying liabilities of Nooter. The Liquidator accordingly recommends approval of the Settlement Agreement and allowance of the \$7,400,000

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<sup>1</sup> Two insurers have submitted contribution claims in respect of the policies. See Settlement Agreement ¶ 5. Unlike third party claimants' claims, a contribution claim is independent of the insured's claims (although derived from the same underlying circumstances), and the insurer's claim will remain to be determined on its own merits in the liquidation proceeding. Nooter has advised the Liquidator that it expects these proofs of claim to be withdrawn. Id.

settlement amount as a Class II claim of Nooter in accordance with RSA 402-C:45 and RSA 402-C:44. Bengelsdorf Aff. ¶ 9.

8. The Court has previously approved similar settlement agreements. See, e.g., Order Approving Settlement Agreement with Wisconsin Energy (March 18, 2010); Order Approving Settlement Agreement with Straits Steel (May 3, 2009); Order Approving Settlement Agreement with Georgia-Pacific (April 3, 2008); Order Approving Commutation Agreement with Northwestern National Insurance Company and Settlement Agreement and Assignment of Distribution with AK Steel Corporation (March 10, 2006). The Liquidator's negotiation and the Court's approval of such agreements are authorized by the broad authority of the Liquidator to "compound, compromise or in any other manner negotiate the amount for which claims will be recommended to the court," RSA 402-C:45, I, and the authority of the Court to "approve, disapprove or modify any report on claims by the liquidator." RSA 402-C:45, II. It is also an appropriate exercise of the Liquidator's authority ("[s]ubject to the court's control") to "do such other acts . . . as are necessary or expedient for the accomplishment of or in aid of the purpose of liquidation." RSA 402-C:25, XXII.

9. In his Motion for Approval of Commutation with Northwestern National Insurance Company and Settlement Agreement and Assignment of Distribution with AK Steel Corporation ¶¶ 19-23 (February 16, 2006), the Liquidator provided his analysis of New Hampshire law, including RSA 402-C:40 III, as it applies to this type of comprehensive policy coverage compromise and settlement in an insurer liquidation context. That analysis also applies to the proposed Settlement Agreement with Nooter.

10. The Liquidator submits that the Settlement Agreement is fair and reasonable and in the best interests of the policyholders and creditors of Home. See Bengelsdorf Aff. ¶ 10.

WHEREFORE, the Liquidator respectfully requests that this Court:

- A. Grant this Motion;
- B. Enter an Order in the form submitted herewith approving the Settlement Agreement, approving the Liquidator's claim recommendation, and allowing Nooter's claim as a Class II claim in the aggregate amount of \$7,400,000; and
- C. Grant such other and further relief as justice may require.

Respectfully submitted,

ROGER A. SEVIGNY, INSURANCE  
COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF  
NEW HAMPSHIRE SOLELY AS  
LIQUIDATOR OF THE HOME  
INSURANCE COMPANY,

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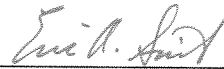
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**Certificate of Service**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Liquidator's Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement with Nooter, the Affidavit of Peter A. Bengelsdorf, and the Proposed Order, were sent, this 9th day of September, 2010, by first class mail, postage prepaid to all persons on the attached service list.



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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE

This Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release (the "Settlement Agreement") is made this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 2010, by and between Nooter Corporation ("Nooter"), 530 Maryville Centre Drive, Ste. 100, St. Louis, Missouri 63141 (Nooter is hereinafter referred to as "Claimant") on the one hand, and Roger A. Sevigny, Commissioner of Insurance of the State of New Hampshire, solely in his capacity as Liquidator ("Liquidator") of The Home Insurance Company ("Home"), on the other hand (the Claimant and the Liquidator are hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties").

**WHEREAS**, Home issued the following insurance policies under which Nooter is a named insured:

<u>Policy Number</u>	<u>Policy Period</u>
GA4315500	7/1/72 - 7/1/75
GA9105397	7/1/75 - 7/1/78
GA9557700	7/1/78 - 7/1/81
GA9990329	7/1/81 - 7/1/82
GA0987004	7/1/82 - 7/1/83
GA0987018	7/1/83 - 7/1/84
GA0987033	7/1/84 - 7/1/85

which together with all other insurance policies that Home may have issued to Nooter are defined as the "Policies";

**WHEREAS**, Home is being liquidated pursuant to the June 13, 2003 Order of the Superior Court of the State of New Hampshire, Merrimack County (the "Liquidation Court"), pursuant to which the Liquidator was appointed as the Liquidator of Home;

**WHEREAS**, Nooter seeks payment from Home respecting claims, including but not limited to claims for asbestos bodily injury against them, and has submitted proofs of claim in the Home liquidation estate that have been assigned the following Proof of Claim numbers:

INSU274367  
INSU701706  
INSU701708  
INSU701710

INSU274406  
INSU701707  
INSU701709

which together with any other proofs of claim hereinbefore or hereinafter filed by Claimant in the Home liquidation estate are defined as the "Proofs of Claim";

**WHEREAS**, the Parties are desirous of resolving all claims that were asserted, or could have been or could be asserted, between them and resolving all matters concerning the Proofs of Claim and all rights and obligations with respect to the Policies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties agree that this Settlement Agreement is subject to and conditioned upon its approval by the Liquidation Court and allowance of the Recommended Amount (as defined below) into the Home liquidation estate and in the event the Liquidation Court does not approve the Settlement Agreement and allow the Recommended Amount, this Settlement Agreement shall be null and void and without any force or effect;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of all the respective transactions contemplated by this Settlement Agreement, and the mutual covenants and representations herein contained, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Effectiveness. This Settlement Agreement is conditioned and shall only become effective (the "Effective Date"), upon approval by the Liquidation Court. The Liquidator shall move for approval of this Settlement Agreement promptly following execution by both of the Parties.

2. Recommendation. Allowance and Classification of Claims.

A. Subject to all the terms of this Settlement Agreement, and with the agreement of Claimant, which by Claimant execution hereof is hereby granted, the Liquidator shall recommend pursuant to RSA 402-C:45 that the Proofs of Claim be allowed in the aggregate amount of \$7,400,000 (the "Recommended Amount"), as a Class II priority claim under RSA 402-C:44. The Liquidator shall seek allowance of the Recommended Amount as a Class II claim by the Liquidation Court in the Liquidator's motion for approval of this Settlement Agreement.

B. Allowance of the Recommended Amount as a Class II claim by the Liquidation Court shall fully and finally resolve the Proofs of Claim and any and all claims of whatever nature that Claimant has under the Policies. In the event that the Liquidation Court does not allow the Recommended Amount as a Class II claim, this Settlement Agreement shall be null and void and shall have no force and effect and the Parties will be returned to *status quo ante*, as if no such agreement was ever reached, with this Settlement Agreement then being inadmissible for any purpose in any dispute between the Parties.

C. If and when the Liquidation Court allows the Recommended Amount as a Class II claim, Claimant will become a Class II creditor in the Home liquidation estate pursuant to N.H. RSA 402-C:44, and Claimant shall, subject to this Settlement Agreement, receive distributions on the allowed amount at the same intervals and at the same percentages as other Class II creditors of Home.

3. Release by Claimant. Subject to the terms of this Settlement Agreement and the Liquidation Court's approval of the Recommended Amount as a Class II claim, Claimant for itself and on behalf of its officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, subsidiaries, affiliates, predecessors, and their successors and assigns (including any trustee or other statutory

successor), irrevocably and unconditionally releases and discharges the Liquidator and Home and each of their officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, subsidiaries, affiliates, predecessors, successors and assigns, from any and all actions, causes of action, liabilities, adjustments, obligations, offsets, suits, debts, dues, sums of money, accounts, reckonings, bonds, bills, premiums, losses, salvage, specialties, covenants, contracts, controversies, agreements, promises, variances, trespasses, damages, judgments, extents, executions, claims and / or demands arising from or related to the Proofs of Claim or the Policies, in law, admiralty or equity, which Claimant, its subsidiaries, affiliates, predecessors, successors and assigns, ever had, now have or hereafter may have against the Liquidator or Home or their officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, subsidiaries, affiliates, predecessors, successors and assigns, all whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, fixed or contingent, in law, admiralty or equity, arising from or related to the Proofs of Claim or the Policies.

4. Release by Liquidator. Subject to the terms of this Settlement Agreement and the Liquidation Court's approval of the Recommended Amount as a Class II claim, the Liquidator, in his capacity as such, and on behalf of Home and each of their officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, subsidiaries, affiliates, predecessors, and their successors and their assigns (including any liquidator or statutory successor), irrevocably and unconditionally releases and discharges Claimant and its officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, subsidiaries, affiliates, predecessors, successors and assigns, from any and all actions, causes of action, liabilities, adjustments, obligations, offsets, suits, debts, dues, sums of money, accounts, reckonings, bonds, bills, premiums, losses, salvage, specialties, covenants, contracts, controversies, agreements, promises, variances, trespasses, damages, judgments, extents, executions, claims and / or demands arising from or related to the Proofs of Claim or the

Policies, in law, admiralty or equity, which the Liquidator, Home, or their subsidiaries, affiliates, predecessors, successors and assigns, ever had, now have or hereafter may have against Claimant and its officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, subsidiaries, affiliates, predecessors, successors and assigns, all whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, fixed or contingent, in law, admiralty or equity, arising from or related to the Proofs of Claim or the Policies.

5. Resolution of Matters and Indemnification. Claimant acknowledge that this Settlement Agreement is intended to resolve all matters arising out of or relating to any rights it ever had, now has or hereafter may have in the Policies and the Proofs of Claim, including but not limited to any asserted rights of claimants against Claimant under the Policies, and Claimant agrees to address, at its sole cost and expense, any such claims of claimants against Claimant as if there had been no liquidation proceeding for Home and as if Claimant had no insurance coverage from Home by virtue of the Policies. In consideration of the Recommended Amount being allowed by the Liquidation Court as a Class II claim, Claimant agrees to indemnify and hold the Liquidator and Home harmless from and against any and all claims, losses, liabilities, debts, damages, costs or expenses arising from or related to the Policies; provided, however, that the obligation of Claimant to pay for defense (including costs, fees, attorneys' fees, and disbursements), indemnify and hold harmless the Liquidator and Home under this Section 5: (a) shall exclude all salaries of all the Liquidator's employees and all internal costs incurred by the Liquidator; and (b) shall not exceed the aggregate amount actually distributed to Claimant hereunder. The future obligations of Claimant under this paragraph shall extend to and include (by way of example and not limitation) any claims made under the Policies against the Liquidator or Home by vendors of or respecting Claimant (including claims for defense and

indemnity), by other insurers of Claimant, and by any individuals or entities asserting "direct action" claims arising out of or related to the Policies. The Liquidator shall promptly notify Claimant of any claim that it contends might fall within the scope of this paragraph 5, and claimants shall have no duty to pay for defense, indemnify or hold harmless prior to receipt of notice. The Liquidator shall have the right to choose counsel to defend any such claim. Claimant shall have the right to participate in the defense of any indemnifiable claim (at their own cost), and shall cooperate fully in the defense of any such claim. Claimant shall cooperate with the Liquidator (including but not limited to the provision of affidavits or testimony) to eliminate claims against the Liquidator or Home by any individual or entity arising out of or relating to the Policies. The Liquidator represents that he has reviewed the Proofs of Claim submitted in the Home liquidation and that as of the date this agreement is signed on his behalf, he is aware of no other Proofs of Claim that have been submitted specifically referencing the Policies other than the following contribution claims filed by other insurers of Nooter: AMBC701072 by Travelers Casualty & Surety Company and AMBC701073 by Travelers Property Casualty Company of America. Nooter has advised the Liquidator that neither Travelers Casualty & Surety Company nor Travelers Property Casualty Company of America can properly file Proofs of Claim in the Home liquidation seeking contribution with respect to Nooter, and that Nooter expects these Proofs of Claim to be withdrawn;

6. Mutual Release of Settling Carriers. Claimant agrees to use reasonable commercial efforts to cause any settlement agreement relating to the underlying matters covered by the Proofs of Claim with any other insurance company to include a waiver by that other insurance company of any claim, including contribution, apportionment, indemnification, subrogation, equitable subrogation, allocation or recoupment, against Home regarding these



matters. The Liquidator agrees to waive, relinquish and release any claim, including contribution, apportionment, indemnification, subrogation, equitable subrogation, allocation or recoupment, as to the matters covered by the Proofs of Claim against any other insurance company which executes a settlement with Claimant that includes a provision that is materially the same as this paragraph.

7. No Assignments. Claimant warrants and agrees that it has not assigned, conveyed, or otherwise transferred any claims, demands, causes of action, rights, or obligations related in any way to the Policies, or any proceeds thereof, or to the claims, losses and expenses released herein, to any person or entity. Claimant shall not assign or otherwise transfer this Settlement Agreement or any rights or obligations thereunder without the written consent of the Liquidator, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

8. Further Assurances. The Parties shall take all further actions as may be necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Settlement Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated herein.

9. Governing Law and Venue. This Settlement Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire without regard to the conflicts of law provisions thereof. The Parties agree that the exclusive venue for any dispute between the Parties arising out of the Proofs of Claim, the Policies or this Settlement Agreement shall be the Liquidation Court.

10. Due Diligence. The Parties acknowledge and agree that, in negotiating and executing this Settlement Agreement they have relied upon their own judgment and upon the recommendations of their own legal counsel, that they have read this Settlement Agreement and have had the opportunity to consider its terms and effects and that they have executed this

Settlement Agreement voluntarily and with full understanding of its terms and effects. This Settlement Agreement is the product of negotiations between the Parties. No Party shall be charged with having promulgated this Settlement Agreement, and the general rule that ambiguities are to be construed against the drafter shall not apply to this Agreement.

11. No Third Party Rights. This Settlement Agreement is entered into solely for the benefit of the Liquidator, Home and Claimant and is not intended to, and does not give or create any rights to or in any person or entity other than the Parties.

12. Counterparts. This Settlement Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which, when so delivered, shall be an original, but such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument. The Parties agree that a signature sent by facsimile or electronic mail to the other Party shall have the same force and effect as an original signature.

13. Power and Authority to Execute. Subject to the approval of the Liquidation Court required by paragraph 1, each Party hereto represents and warrants that it has the full power and authority to execute, deliver and perform this Settlement Agreement; that all requisite and necessary approvals have been obtained to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Settlement Agreement, that there are no other agreements or transactions to which it is a party that would render this Settlement Agreement or any part thereof, void, voidable or unenforceable; that each individual signing on behalf of a Party has been duly authorized by that Party to execute this Settlement Agreement on its behalf; and that no claims being released under the terms of this Settlement Agreement have been assigned, sold, or otherwise transferred to any other entity.

14. Successor-in-Interest Bound. This Settlement Agreement shall be binding upon, and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective officers, directors, employees, affiliates, attorneys, liquidators, receivers, administrators, agents, representatives, successors and assigns.

15. Entire Agreement. This Settlement Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the Parties with respect to the subject matter thereof. This Settlement Agreement supersedes all prior agreement and understandings, whether written or oral, concerning such matters.

16. Survival of Warranties and Representations. The warranties and representations made herein shall survive the execution of this Settlement Agreement.

17. Validity of Settlement Agreement. Subject to approval of this Settlement Agreement by the Liquidation Court as required by paragraph 1, each Party represents and warrants that this Settlement Agreement is a legal, valid and binding obligation, enforceable in accordance with its terms.

18. No Waiver. No waiver of any right under this Settlement Agreement shall be deemed effective unless contained in a writing signed by the Party or an authorized representative of the party charged with such waiver, and no waiver of any breach or failure to perform shall be deemed to be a waiver of any future breach or failure to perform or of any other provision of this Settlement Agreement. This Settlement Agreement may not be amended except in a document signed by the Party or an officer or other authorized official of the Party to be charged.

19. Notice. All notices to be given under this Settlement Agreement shall be given by facsimile and first class U.S. mail directed to:

If to Claimant, Nooter, to:

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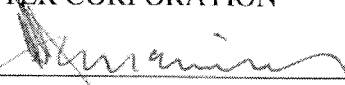
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20. Severability. If any provision of this Settlement Agreement is invalid, unenforceable or illegal under the law of any applicable jurisdiction, the validity and

enforceability of such provision in any other jurisdiction shall not be affected thereby and, upon the agreement of the Parties, the remaining provisions of this Settlement Agreement shall remain valid and enforceable. However, in the event of such invalidity, unenforceability or illegality, the Parties shall negotiate in good faith to amend this Settlement Agreement through the insertion of additional provisions which are valid, enforceable and legal and which reflect, to the extent possible, the purposes contained in the invalid, unenforceable or illegal provision.


**Wherefore**, the Parties have caused this Settlement Agreement to be executed on their respective behalves as of the date below the signatures of their duly authorized representatives:

NOOTER CORPORATION

By:   
Name: TERRY L. JANSING  
Title: SECRETARY / TREASURER

Date: July , 2010

ROGER A. SEVIGNY, COMMISSIONER  
OF INSURANCE OF THE STATE OF  
NEW HAMPSHIRE, SOLELY IN HIS  
CAPACITY AS LIQUIDATOR OF THE  
HOME INSURANCE COMPANY

By:   
Name: Thomas W. KOBEN  
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Date: ~~July~~, 2010  
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