## DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

In re FORCE PROTECTION, INC. SHAREHOLDER	) Case No. A-11-651336-C
LITIGATION	Dept No. XXVII
This Document Relates To:	) (Electronic Filing Case)
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### NOTICE OF PENDENCY AND PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF CLASS ACTION

A court in Nevada authorized this Notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

Please be advised that if you held the common stock of Force Protection, Inc. ("Force Protection" or the "Company") at any time from and including November 6, 2011 through and including December 19, 2011, your rights may be affected by the settlement of a class action lawsuit pending in this Court (the "Action").

The Parties have reached an agreement to settle the Action for \$11 million in cash, which will resolve all claims in the Action.

This Notice explains important rights you may have, including your possible receipt of cash from the Settlement, as well as the deadlines for you to act. Your legal rights will be affected whether or not you act. Please read this Notice carefully!

- 1. Description of the Action and Class: This Notice relates to a proposed Settlement of a class action lawsuit pending against defendant Michael Moody, Force Protection's former President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors, arising out of the sale of Force Protection to General Dynamics Corporation ("General Dynamics") via tender offer for \$5.52 per share in cash (the "Acquisition"). General Dynamics completed the Acquisition on December 19, 2011. The proposed Settlement, if approved by the Court, concerns all holders of Force Protection common stock who held such stock at any time from and including November 6, 2011 through and including December 19, 2011 is the "Class Period."
- 2. Statement of Recovery: Subject to Court approval, Plaintiffs Hector L. Torres, Thomas E. Young, II and Richard R. Willmer ("Plaintiffs"), on behalf of the Class, have agreed to settle all claims relating to the Acquisition that were or could have been asserted against Defendant, any other director or officer of Force Protection, Force Protection, or General Dynamics in the Action in exchange for a settlement payment of \$11 million in cash (the "Settlement Amount") to be deposited into an interest-bearing escrow account. The Settlement Amount, and all interest earned thereon, shall constitute the "Settlement Fund." The Net Settlement Fund (the Settlement Fund less taxes, notice and administration costs, and attorneys' fees and litigation expenses awarded to counsel representing Plaintiffs and the Class) will be distributed in accordance with a plan of allocation (the "Plan of Allocation") that will be approved by the Court and will determine how the proceeds of the Settlement shall be allocated to the members of the Class. The proposed Plan of Allocation is included in this Notice.

Your recovery from this fund will depend on a number of variables, including the number of Force Protection shares you held on December 19, 2011, and how many others similarly situated make claims. If all eligible Class Members make claims, the average distribution per share of Force Protection common stock will be approximately \$0.17 before deduction of Court-approved fees and expenses. If all eligible Class Members make claims, and the Court awards the full amount of fees and expenses sought, the average distribution per share of Force Protection common stock will be approximately \$0.11. Historically, fewer than 100% of eligible shares make claims, resulting in higher per share distributions.

- 3. Reasons for Settlement: The Settlement avoids the costs and risks associated with continued litigation, including the danger of no recovery. If the case had not settled, it could have resulted in dismissal or loss at trial. The two sides disagree about the amount of money that could have been won if Plaintiffs had prevailed at trial. The parties also disagree about the merit of Plaintiffs' allegations and the amount of damages, if any, suffered by Plaintiffs and the Class.
- 4. Statement of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses Sought: Plaintiffs' Counsel (as defined in ¶5 below) will apply to the Court for an award of attorneys' fees from the Settlement Fund that will total no more than 30% of the Settlement Fund. In addition, Plaintiffs' Counsel will apply for payment of litigation expenses paid or incurred by Plaintiffs' Counsel in connection with the prosecution and resolution of the Action in an amount not to exceed \$550,000. Plaintiffs' Counsel have not received any payment for their work investigating the facts, conducting this litigation and negotiating the Settlement on behalf of Plaintiffs and the Class. In addition, one or more of the Plaintiffs may seek an award from the Court not to exceed \$5,000 for their service to the Class. Any such award will be paid from the fees awarded to Plaintiffs' Counsel.
- 5. Identification of Attorneys' Representatives: Plaintiffs and the Class are being represented by Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP, Levi & Korsinsky LLP and Faruqi & Faruqi, LLP, the Court-appointed lead counsel for the Class ("Plaintiffs' Counsel"). Any questions regarding the Settlement should be directed to: Rick Nelson, c/o Shareholder Relations, Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP, 655 West Broadway, Suite 1900, San Diego, CA 92101, 1-800-449-4900.

YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT:	
REMAIN A MEMBER OF THE CLASS	This is the only way to get a payment. If you wish to obtain a payment as a Class Member, you will need to file a Proof of Claim and Release form ("Claim Form") (which is included with this Notice) <b>postmarked or received no later than June 29, 2015.</b>
EXCLUDE YOURSELF FROM THE CLASS BY SUBMITTING A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR EXCLUSION SO THAT IT IS RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MAY 20, 2015.	Get no payment. This is the only option that allows you to ever be part of any other lawsuit against the Defendant or other Released Persons about the Released Claims.
OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT BY SUBMITTING WRITTEN OBJECTIONS FILED WITH THE COURT AND SERVED BY HAND DELIVERY OR OVERNIGHT MAIL ON COUNSEL IDENTIFIED UNDER QUESTION 22 OF THIS NOTICE NO LATER THAN MAY 27, 2015.	Write to the Court and explain why you do not like the Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, or the request for attorneys' fees and expenses. You cannot object to the Settlement unless you are a Class Member and do not exclude yourself.
GO TO THE HEARING ON JUNE 10, 2015, AT 9:00 A.M., AND FILE A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPEAR SO THAT IT IS RECEIVED BY THE COURT AND THE PARTIES' COUNSEL NO LATER THAN MAY 27, 2015.	Ask to speak in Court about the fairness of the Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, or the request for attorneys' fees and expenses.
DO NOTHING	Get no payment. Remain a Class Member. Give up your rights to pursue further litigation against the Released Persons about the Released Claims.

- These rights and options and the deadlines to exercise them are explained in this Notice.
- The Court in charge of this case must decide whether to approve the Settlement. Payments will be made if the Court approves the Settlement and, if there are any appeals, after the appeals are resolved. Please be patient.

#### **BASIC INFORMATION**

### 6. Why Did I Get This Notice Package?

You or someone in your family may have held Force Protection common stock during the period between November 6, 2011 (the day before the date that the Acquisition was publicly announced) and December 19, 2011 (the closing date of the Acquisition), inclusive.

The Court ordered that you be sent this Notice because you have a right to know about a proposed Settlement of a class action lawsuit, and about all of your options, before the Court decides whether to approve the Settlement. If the Court approves the Settlement and after any objections or appeals are resolved, the Claims Administrator appointed by the Court will make the payments that the Settlement allows.

This package explains the lawsuit, the Settlement, your legal rights, what benefits are available, who is eligible for them, and how to get them.

The Court in charge of the case is the Eighth Judicial District Court for Clark County, Nevada, and the case is known as *In re Force Protection, Inc. Shareholder Litigation*, Case No. A-11-651336-C. The people who sued are called the Plaintiffs, and the individual they sued, Michael Moody, is called the Defendant.

#### 7. What Is This Lawsuit About?

This case was brought as a class action alleging that Defendant's conduct in connection with the Acquisition constituted a breach of fiduciary duties by Defendant. Plaintiffs alleged that Moody had a duty to avoid favoring his own interests over the interests of the Company's public shareholders and that he breached this duty by negotiating and securing material benefits for his own personal benefit at the cost of shareholder value in connection with the Acquisition. Defendant claims that he acted properly and in compliance with his fiduciary duties at all times, and believes that the \$5.52 per share price was a fair and reasonable one. Defendant also denies the allegations that Plaintiffs or any other members of the Class have suffered damages as a result of his alleged conduct.

## 8. Why Is This a Class Action?

In a class action, one or more people called class representatives (in this case Plaintiffs in the Action), sue on behalf of people who have similar claims. Here, all these people are called a Class or Class Members. One court will resolve the

issues for all Class Members except for those who timely and properly exclude themselves from the Class. Judge Nancy L. Allf is in charge of this class action.

## 9. Why Is There a Settlement?

The Court did not decide in favor of Plaintiffs or Defendant. Instead, both sides agreed to a Settlement. That way, they avoid the cost of a trial, and eligible Class Members who make valid claims will get compensation. Plaintiffs and their attorneys think the Settlement is in the best interests of all Class Members.

### WHO IS IN THE SETTLEMENT

To see if you are eligible to get money from the Settlement, you first have to determine if you are a Class Member.

#### 10. How Do I Know if I Am a Class Member?

You are a member of the Class unless you are excluded by virtue of the definition of the Class or you timely request to be excluded. The Class consists of *holders of Force Protection common stock who held such stock at any time from and including November 6, 2011 through the consummation of the sale of Force Protection to General Dynamics at the price of \$5.52 per share on December 19, 2011, beneficially or of record, and the legal representatives, heirs, successors-in-interest, transferees, and assignees of all such foregoing holders, except those persons and entities that are excluded, as described below.* 

# 11. What Are the Exceptions to Being Included?

Excluded by definition from the Class are the Defendant, Defendant's immediate family, and the heirs, administrators, executors, and assigns of the Defendant. Also excluded from the Class are the directors and executive officers of Force Protection during the Class Period, General Dynamics and its affiliates, and those persons and entities who timely and validly request exclusion in accordance with the requirements set forth in this Notice (see Question 17 below).

### 12. What if I'm Still Not Sure if I Am Included?

If you are still not sure whether you are included, you can ask for free help. You can call Rick Nelson of Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP at 1-800-449-4900 for more information or visit the Claims Administrator's website at www.forceprotectionsecuritieslitigation.com. Or you can fill out and return the Claim Form described in Question 14 below, to see if you qualify.

## THE SETTLEMENT BENEFITS - WHAT YOU GET

## 13. How Much Will My Payment Be?

## THE PROPOSED PLAN OF ALLOCATION: GENERAL PROVISIONS

Defendant has agreed to pay or cause Eleven Million Dollars (\$11,000,000) in cash to be paid into escrow.

After approval of the Settlement by the Court and upon satisfaction of the other conditions to the Settlement, the Net Settlement Fund will be distributed to members of the Class who submit acceptable Claim Forms (the "Authorized Claimants") in accordance with the Plan of Allocation. No distribution shall be made to Authorized Claimants who would otherwise receive a distribution of less than \$10.00. If any funds remain in the Net Settlement Fund because of uncashed distributions or other reasons, then, after the Claims Administrator has made reasonable and diligent efforts to have Authorized Claimants cash their distribution checks, any balance remaining in the Net Settlement Fund six (6) months after the initial distribution of such funds will be redistributed to Class Members who have cashed their initial distribution checks and who would receive at least \$10.00 from such redistribution, after payment of any unpaid costs or fees incurred in administering the Net Settlement Fund for such redistribution. If any funds remain in the Net Settlement Fund six (6) months after such redistribution, then such balance shall be contributed to a non-sectarian not-for-profit organization designated by Plaintiffs' Counsel and approved by the Court.

The Settlement Fund will be distributed as follows:

- 1. to pay all federal, state, and local taxes on any income earned by the Settlement Fund and to pay the reasonable costs incurred in connection with determining the amount of, and paying, taxes owed by the Settlement Fund (including reasonable expenses of tax attorneys and accountants);
- 2. to pay costs and expenses in connection with providing notice to Class Members and administering the Settlement on behalf of Class Members;
- 3. to pay Plaintiffs' Counsel for the costs and expenses that Plaintiffs' Counsel incurred in commencing and prosecuting the Action, with interest thereon, to the extent allowed by the Court;
  - 4. to pay Plaintiffs' Counsel's attorneys' fees to the extent allowed by the Court; and
- 5. to compensate Authorized Claimants with the balance of the Net Settlement Fund in accordance with the Plan of Allocation, subject to an Order of the Court approving the Settlement and the Plan of Allocation (or such other allocation plan as the Court may approve), and subject to such Order's becoming "Final" (meaning that the time for appeal or appellate

review of the Order granting final approval has expired, or, if the Order is appealed, that the appeal is either decided without causing a material change in the Order or is upheld on appeal and no longer subject to appellate review by further appeal or writ of certiorari).

The Net Settlement Fund will not be distributed until the Court has approved a plan of allocation, and the time for any petition for rehearing, appeal or review, whether by certiorari or otherwise, has expired.

Defendant is not entitled to get back any portion of the Settlement Fund once the Court's Order approving the Settlement becomes Final. Defendant shall not have any liability, obligation, or responsibility for the administration of the Settlement or disbursement of the Net Settlement Fund or the Plan of Allocation.

Approval of the Settlement is independent from approval of the Plan of Allocation. Any determination with respect to the Plan of Allocation will not affect the Settlement, if approved.

Each Class Member wishing to participate in the distribution must timely submit a valid Claim Form establishing membership in the Class and proof that he, she, or it owned Force Protection common stock during the Class Period and tendered his, her, or its shares for \$5.52 per share or were cashed out of their Force Protection shares in the back-end merger for \$5.52 per share, and proof of the number of shares tendered or cashed out pursuant to the Acquisition, and include all required documentation, postmarked no later than June 29, 2015, to the address set forth in the Claim Form that accompanies this Notice. Unless the Court otherwise orders, any Class Member who fails to submit a Claim Form postmarked by June 29, 2015, shall be forever barred from receiving payments pursuant to the Settlement but will in all other respects remain a Class Member and be subject to the provisions of the Stipulation of Settlement, including the terms of any Judgment entered and releases given. This means that each Class Member releases the Released Claims (as defined in Question 16 below) against the Released Persons (as defined in Question 16 below) and is enjoined and prohibited from filing, prosecuting, or pursuing any of the Released Claims against any of the Released Persons regardless of whether or not such Class Member submits a Claim Form. Any Claim Form submitted to the Claims Administrator after the June 29, 2015 deadline may be rejected as untimely.

The Court has reserved jurisdiction to allow, disallow, or adjust on equitable grounds the claim of any Class Member.

The Court has also reserved the right to modify the Plan of Allocation without further notice to Class Members. All orders regarding a modification of the Plan of Allocation will be posted on the Claims Administrator's website, www.forceprotectionsecuritieslitigation.com.

Payment pursuant to the Plan of Allocation approved by the Court shall be conclusive against all Authorized Claimants. No person shall have any claim against Plaintiffs, Plaintiffs' Counsel, or the Claims Administrator or other agent designated by Plaintiffs' Counsel arising from distributions made substantially in accordance with the Stipulation of Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, or further orders of the Court. Plaintiffs, Defendant, their respective counsel, and all other Released Persons shall have no responsibility or liability whatsoever for the investment or distribution of the Settlement Fund, the Net Settlement Fund, the Plan of Allocation, or the determination, administration, calculation, or payment of any Claim Form or nonperformance of the Claims Administrator, the payment or withholding of taxes owed by the Settlement Fund, or any losses incurred in connection therewith.

A "Recognized Claim Amount" will be calculated for each Authorized Claimant.

## **Calculation of Recognized Claim Amounts:**

Each share of Force Protection common stock (i) which an Authorized Claimant held between November 6, 2011 and December 19, 2011; (ii) for which such Authorized Claimant received \$5.52 in cash pursuant to the Acquisition; and (iii) for which a valid Claim Form was submitted will be allocated a *pro rata* share of the Net Settlement Fund. An Authorized Claimant's Recognized Claim Amount will be allocated on a *pro rata* basis based on the number of shares of Force Protection common stock tendered or cashed out at \$5.52 relative to the total number of shares for which valid Claim Forms are submitted.

#### **Additional Provisions:**

The Net Settlement Fund will be allocated among all Authorized Claimants.

The Plan of Allocation set forth herein is the plan that is being proposed by Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' Counsel to the Court for approval. The Court may approve this Plan of Allocation as proposed or it may modify the Plan without further notice to the Class.

## **HOW YOU GET A PAYMENT — SUBMITTING A CLAIM FORM**

## 14. How Will I Get a Payment?

To qualify for payment, you must be a Class Member AND you must send in a valid Claim Form. A Claim Form is enclosed with this Notice. You may also get a Claim Form on the Internet at www.forceprotectionsecuritieslitigation.com. Please read the instructions carefully, fill out the Claim Form, include all the documents the form asks for, sign it, and mail or submit it online so that it is postmarked or received no later than June 29, 2015. The Claim Form may be submitted online at www.forceprotectionsecuritieslitigation.com.

## 15. When Will I Get My Payment?

The Court will hold a hearing on June 10, 2015, to decide whether to approve the Settlement. If the Court approves the Settlement, there still could be an appeal of that decision. It is always uncertain how these appeals will be resolved, and resolving them can take time, perhaps more than a year. It also takes time for all the Claim Forms to be processed. The Net Settlement Fund cannot be distributed unless and until the Court approves the Settlement, any appeals that may be taken are resolved, and the processing of all Claim Forms has been completed. Please be patient.

# 16. What Am I Giving Up to Get a Payment or Stay in the Class?

If the Settlement is approved, the Court will enter a judgment (the "Judgment"). The Judgment will dismiss with prejudice the claims against Defendant and will provide that Plaintiffs and all other Class Members, on behalf of themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors and assigns, shall have – and by operation of law shall be deemed to have – fully, finally, and forever released, waived, discharged, settled, relinquished, and dismissed any and all "Released Claims" (as defined below), including "Unknown Claims" (as defined below), against the "Released Persons (as defined below).

"Released Claims" means any and all claims which are based on, arise out of, result from, relate to, or involve, directly or indirectly, any of the actions, transactions, occurrences, statements, representations, misrepresentations, omissions, allegations, facts, practices, events, claims, or any other matters, things or causes whatsoever, that (i) were alleged, asserted, set forth, or claimed in the Action against the Released Persons; or (ii) could have been alleged, asserted, set forth, or claimed in the Action or in any other action, court (whether state or federal), tribunal, forum, or proceeding by the Releasors including, but not limited to, claims under any and all federal or state securities laws (including those within the exclusive jurisdiction of the federal courts), which arise out of the Class Members' status as former Force Protection stockholders, and which are based on, arise out of, result from, relate in any way to, or involve, directly or indirectly: the Merger; the Force Protection Board's approval of the Merger; the Force Protection Board's consideration, or potential consideration, of the Merger and alternatives to the Merger; disclosures made to Force Protection stockholders in connection with the Merger; the institution, prosecution, assertion, settlement, or resolution of the Action; or Class Members' ownership of Force Protection common stock during the Class Period; provided, however, that the Released Claims shall not include (i) the right of any Party to enforce the Stipulation of Settlement; or (ii) any Released Person's rights to (a) indemnification or (b) insurance coverage under applicable insurance policies. For avoidance of doubt, the Released Claims include the claims alleged in the South Carolina Actions, except to the extent that the plaintiffs in the South Carolina Actions timely and validly exclude themselves from the Class and seek to pursue such claims solely in their individual capacities.

"Released Persons" means (i) Defendant, Force Protection, and all past or present directors, officers, or employees of Force Protection; (ii) General Dynamics, Falcon, and all past or present directors, officers, or employees of General Dynamics or Falcon; (iii) any and all past or present direct or indirect affiliates, parents, subsidiaries, general partners, limited partners, partnerships, members, associates, predecessors, or successors of Force Protection, General Dynamics, or Falcon; and (iv) the respective officers, directors, managing directors, employees, agents, attorneys, advisors, insurers, accountants, auditors, trustees, financial advisors, lenders, investment bankers, representatives, heirs, executors, personal representatives, estates, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns of any of the foregoing.

"Unknown Claims" means any and all Released Claims that any Plaintiff, Class Member, or any of their counsel, does not know or suspect to exist in his, her or its favor at the time of the release of the Released Claims against the Released Persons, including, without limitation, claims which if known by him, her or it, might have affected his, her, or its decision(s) with respect to the Settlement. With respect to any and all Released Claims and any and all Released Persons' Claims, the parties stipulate and agree that upon the Effective Date, Plaintiffs and Defendant shall expressly waive, and every other Class Member and every other Released Person shall be deemed to have waived, and by operation of the Judgment shall have expressly waived, any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States, or principle of common law, that is similar, comparable, or equivalent to Cal. Civ. Code §1542, which provides:

A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him or her must have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor.

The Judgment also will provide that Defendant and/or his successors and assigns shall have — and by operation of law shall be deemed to have — fully, finally, and forever released, waived, discharged, settled, relinquished, and dismissed any and all claims, rights or causes of action or liabilities whatsoever, whether based on federal, state, 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 Action or any forum by the Defendant and/or his successors and assigns against any of the Plaintiffs or their attorneys, which arise out of or relate in any way to the institution, prosecution, or settlement of the Action (except for claims to enforce the Settlement) (the "Released Persons' Claims").

## **EXCLUDING YOURSELF FROM THE SETTLEMENT**

If you want to keep the right to sue or continue to sue Defendant and the other Released Persons on your own about the Released Claims, then you must take steps to get out of the Class.

This is called excluding yourself or is sometimes referred to as "opting out" of the Class. If you choose to exclude yourself from the Class, you will get no money from the Settlement.

#### 17. How Do I Get out of the Class?

To exclude yourself from the Class, you must mail a written Request for Exclusion from the Class, addressed to *Force Protection Shareholder Litigation* – EXCLUSIONS - c/o Gilardi & Co. LLC, P.O. Box 990, Corte Madera, CA 94976-0990. The Request for Exclusion must be *received* no later than May 20, 2015. You will not be able to exclude yourself from the Class after that date. Each Request for Exclusion must (i) state the name and address of the person or entity requesting exclusion; (ii) state that such person or entity "requests exclusion from the Class in *In re Force Protection, Inc. Shareholder Litigation*, Case No. A-11-651336-C"; (iii) be signed by the person or entity requesting exclusion; (iv) provide a telephone number for that person or entity; and (v) provide the number of shares of Force Protection common stock that the person or entity held during the period November 6, 2011 through and including December 19, 2011. Requests for Exclusion will not be valid if they are not received within the time stated above, unless the Court otherwise determines.

# 18. If I Do Not Exclude Myself, Can I Sue Defendant and the other Released Persons for the Same Thing Later?

No. Unless you exclude yourself, you give up any right to sue Defendant and the other Released Persons about the Released Claims. If you have a pending lawsuit against the Defendant, speak to your lawyer in that case immediately. Remember, the exclusion deadline is May 20, 2015.

## 19. If I Exclude Myself, Can I Get Money from This Settlement?

No. If you exclude yourself, do not send in a Claim Form.

#### THE LAWYERS REPRESENTING YOU

## 20. Do I Have a Lawyer in This Case?

The law firms of Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP, Levi & Korsinsky LLP and Faruqi & Faruqi, LLP represent you and the other Class Members in the Action. These lawyers are called Plaintiffs' Counsel. You will not be charged for these lawyers. They will be paid from the Settlement Fund to the extent the Court approves their application for attorneys' fees and expenses. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense.

## 21. How Will the Lawyers Be Paid?

Plaintiffs' Counsel will request an award of attorneys' fees from the Settlement Fund that will total no more than 30% of the Settlement Fund, and payment of litigation expenses that will total no more than \$550,000. Such sums as may be approved by the Court will be paid from the Settlement Fund. Class Members are not personally liable for any such fees or expenses.

The attorneys' fees and expenses requested will be the only payment to Plaintiffs' Counsel for their efforts in achieving this Settlement and for their risk in undertaking this representation on a wholly contingent basis. To date, Plaintiffs' Counsel have not been paid for their services for conducting this litigation on behalf of the Plaintiffs and the Class nor for their substantial expenses. The fee requested will compensate Plaintiffs' Counsel for their work in achieving the Settlement Fund and is within the range of fees awarded to class counsel under similar circumstances in other cases of this type.

## **OBJECTING TO THE SETTLEMENT**

You can tell the Court that you don't agree with the Settlement or some part of it.

### 22. How Do I Tell the Court that I Don't Like the Settlement?

Any Class Member who does not make a Request for Exclusion received no later than May 20, 2015, may object to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, Plaintiffs' Counsel's request for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses, or Plaintiffs' request for an award for their service to the Class. Objections must be in writing, and must include your name, address, telephone number, your signature, and the number of shares of Force Protection common stock you held between November 6, 2011 and December 19, 2011. You must file any written objection, together with copies of all other papers (including proof of shares of Force Protection common stock that you held between November 6, 2011 and December 19, 2011, inclusive) and briefs, with Clerk of the Court for the District Court of Clark County, Nevada, at the address set forth below on or before May 27, 2015. You must also serve the papers on Plaintiffs' Counsel and Defendant's Counsel at the addresses set forth below so that the papers are *received* by counsel on or before May 27, 2015.

### Clerk's Office:

Clerk of the Court DISTRICT COURT FOR CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA 200 Lewis Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89155

#### Plaintiffs' Counsel:

ROBBINS GELLER RUDMAN & DOWD LLP Ellen Gusikoff Stewart 655 West Broadway, Suite 1900 San Diego, CA 92101 LEVI & KORSINSKY LLP Shannon Hopkins 30 Broad Street, 24th Floor New York, NY 10004

FARUQI & FARUQI LLP Juan E. Monteverde 369 Lexington Avenue, 10th Floor New York, NY 10017

#### **Defendant's Counsel:**

KING & SPALDING LLP M. Robert Thornton Benjamin Lee 1180 Peachtree Street N.E. Atlanta, GA 30309 KAEMPFER CROWELL Peter C. Bernhard 8345 West Sunset Road, Suite 250 Las Vegas, NV 89113

Unless the Court orders otherwise, any Class Member who does not object in the manner described above will be deemed to have waived any objection and shall be forever foreclosed from making any objection to the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, or Plaintiffs' Counsel's request for an award of attorneys' fees and of expenses. Class Members do not need to appear at the hearing or take any other action to indicate their approval.

# 23. What's the Difference Between Objecting and Excluding?

Objecting is simply telling the Court that you don't like something about the Settlement. You can object **only if** you stay in the Class. Excluding yourself is telling the Court that you don't want to be part of the Class. If you exclude yourself, you have no basis to object because the case no longer affects you.

### THE COURT'S SETTLEMENT HEARING

The Court will hold a hearing to decide whether to approve the proposed Settlement (the "Settlement Hearing"). You may attend and you may ask to speak, but you don't have to.

# 24. When and Where Will the Court Decide Whether to Approve the Settlement?

The Court will hold a Settlement Hearing at 9:00 a.m., on June 10, 2015, at the District Court for Clark County, Nevada, 200 Lewis Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. At the Settlement Hearing, the Court also will consider the proposed Plan of Allocation for the proceeds of the Settlement and the application of Plaintiffs' Counsel for attorneys' fees and expenses. The Court will take into consideration any written objections filed in accordance with the instructions at Question 22 above. The Court also may listen to people who have properly indicated, within the deadline identified above, an intention to speak at the hearing; but decisions regarding the conduct of the hearing will be made by the Court. See Question 26 below for more information about speaking at the hearing. After the hearing, the Court will decide whether to approve the Settlement. We do not know how long these decisions will take.

You should be aware that the Court may change the date and time of the Settlement Hearing without further notice to the Class. Thus, if you want to come to the hearing, you should check with Plaintiffs' Counsel before coming to be sure that the date and/or time has not changed.

### 25. Do I have to Come to the Settlement Hearing?

No. Plaintiffs' Counsel will answer questions the Judge may have. But, you are welcome to come at your own expense. If you send an objection, you do not have to come to Court to talk about it. As long as you mailed your written objection on time, the Court will consider it. You may also pay your own lawyer to attend, but it is not necessary. Class Members do not need to appear at the hearing or take any other action to indicate their approval.

## 26. May I Speak at the Hearing?

If you object to the Settlement, you may ask the Court for permission to speak at the Settlement Hearing. To do so, you must send a letter to the Court saying that it is your "Notice of Intention to Appear in *In re Force Protection, Inc. Shareholder Litigation*, Case No. A-11-651336-C." Be sure to include your name, address, telephone number, your signature, and the number of shares of Force Protection common stock that you held between November 6, 2011 and December 19, 2011, inclusive. Your notice of intention to appear must be received no later than May 27, 2015, and be sent to the Clerk of the Court, Plaintiffs' Counsel, and Defendant's Counsel, at the addresses listed in Question 22. You cannot speak at the Settlement Hearing if you exclude yourself from the Class.

#### IF YOU DO NOTHING

## 27. What Happens if I Do Nothing at All?

If you do nothing, you'll get no money from the Settlement. But, unless you exclude yourself, you won't be able to start a lawsuit, continue with a lawsuit, or be part of any other lawsuit against Defendant and the other Released Persons about the Released Claims.

### **SPECIAL NOTICE TO NOMINEES**

#### 28. What if I Held Shares on Someone Else's Behalf?

If you held Force Protection common stock between November 6, 2011 and December 19, 2011, inclusive as a nominee for a beneficial owner, then, within five (5) business days after you receive this Notice, you must either: (1) send a copy of this Notice and the Claim Form by first-class mail to all beneficial owners of the shares; or (2) provide a list of the names and addresses of such beneficial owners to the Claims Administrator:

Force Protection Shareholder Litigation
Claims Administrator
c/o Gilardi & Co. LLC
P.O. Box 990
Corte Madera, CA 94976-0990

If you choose to mail this Notice and the Claim Form yourself, you may obtain from the Claims Administrator (without cost to you) as many additional copies of these documents as you will need to complete the mailing.

Regardless of whether you choose to complete the mailing yourself or elect to have the mailing performed for you, you may obtain reimbursement for or advancement of reasonable administrative costs actually incurred in connection with forwarding the Notice and which would not have been incurred but for the obligation to forward the Notice, upon submission of appropriate documentation to the Claims Administrator.

#### **GETTING MORE INFORMATION**

## 29. Are There More Details About the Settlement?

This Notice summarizes the proposed Settlement. More details are in the Stipulation of Settlement dated January 6, 2015. You can review a copy of the Stipulation of Settlement at the Clerk's office at the District Court for Clark County, Nevada, 200 Lewis Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada, during regular business hours or you may view it on the website maintained by the Claims Administrator at www.forceprotectionsecuritieslitigation.com.

## 30. How Do I Get More Information?

You can call or write to Rick Nelson, c/o Shareholder Relations, Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP, 655 West Broadway, Suite 1900, San Diego, CA 92101, 1-800-449-4900, or visit the Claims Administrator's website at www.forceprotectionsecuritieslitigation.com.

### DO NOT TELEPHONE THE COURT REGARDING THIS NOTICE

DATED: March 17, 2015

BY ORDER OF THE COURT CLARK COUNTY DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEVADA