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19 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
20 **OAKLAND DIVISION**

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22 SALVATORE, individually and on behalf of
23 all others similarly situated,

24 Plaintiffs,

25 v.

26 ADVANCED MICRO DEVICES, INC.,
27 RORY P. READ, THOMAS J. SEIFERT,
28 RICHARD A. BERGMAN, AND LISA T.
SU,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 4:14-cv-00226-YGR (JSC)

CLASS ACTION

**CLASS REPRESENTATIVES' NOTICE
OF MOTION AND MOTION FOR
FINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS
ACTION SETTLEMENT AND PLAN OF
ALLOCATION AND MEMORANDUM
OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN
SUPPORT THEREOF**

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1 **NOTICE OF MOTION**

2 TO: ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

3 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on February 27, 2018, at 2:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter
4 as they may be heard, Class Representatives Arkansas Teacher Retirement System (“ATRS”)
5 and KBC Asset Management NV (“KBC”), on behalf of themselves and all members of the
6 certified Class, will move this Court for orders, pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil
7 Procedure: (1) granting final approval of the proposed Settlement of the Action; and (2)
8 approving the proposed Plan of Allocation for the net proceeds of the Settlement.

9 This motion is supported by the following memorandum of points and authorities and the
10 accompanying Joint Declaration of Jonathan Gardner and James M. Hughes in Support of Class
11 Representatives’ Motion for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement and Plan of Allocation
12 and Class Counsel’s Motion for an Award of Attorneys’ Fees and Payment of Expenses, dated
13 January 23, 2018 (“Joint Declaration” or “Joint Decl.”), and the exhibits attached thereto.¹

14 Proposed orders will be submitted with the Class Representatives’ reply submission on
15 February 13, 2018, after the February 6, 2018 deadline for requesting exclusion or objecting has
16 passed.

17 **STATEMENT OF ISSUES TO BE DECIDED**

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19 (1) Whether the Court should grant final approval to the proposed class action
20 Settlement; and

21 (2) Whether the Court should approve the proposed Plan of Allocation.
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25 ¹ The Joint Declaration contains a detailed description of the allegations and claims, the
26 procedural history of the Action, the risks faced by the Class in pursuing litigation, the
27 negotiations that led to a settlement, among other matters. All exhibits referenced herein are
28 annexed to the Joint Declaration. For clarity, citations to exhibits that themselves have attached
exhibits will be referenced as “Ex. ___ - ___.” The first numerical reference is to the designation
of the entire exhibit attached to the Joint Declaration and the second alphabetical reference is to
the exhibit designation within the exhibit itself.

1 **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

2 ATRS and KBC (“Lead Plaintiffs” or “Class Representatives”) through their counsel
3 Labaton Sucharow LLP (“Labaton Sucharow”) and Motley Rice LLC (“Motley Rice,” and
4 collectively with Labaton Sucharow, “Class Counsel”), respectfully submit this memorandum of
5 points and authorities in support of their motion, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure
6 23(e), requesting (i) final approval of the proposed settlement of the above-captioned class action
7 (the “Settlement”); and (ii) approval of the proposed Plan of Allocation.²

8 **PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

9 As detailed in the Stipulation, Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. (“AMD” or the
10 “Company”), and Rory P. Read, Thomas J. Seifert, Richard A. Bergman, and Lisa T. Su (the
11 “Individual Defendants” and with AMD, the “Defendants”) have agreed to the payment of
12 \$29,500,000 in cash, which has been paid by Defendants’ insurers, to secure a settlement of the
13 claims in the Action and all Released Claims. The terms of the Settlement are set forth in the
14 Stipulation, which was previously filed with the Court. ECF No. 333-1. This recovery is a very
15 favorable result for the Class and avoids the risks and expenses of continued litigation, including
16 the risk of recovering less than the Settlement Amount, or no recovery at all.

17 AMD is a multinational semiconductor company. The Class Representatives’ claims
18 center on the launch of AMD’s “Llano” microprocessor, a processor that combined a Central
19 Processing Unit with a Graphics Processing Unit onto a single computer chip. As detailed in the
20 operative complaint, the Class Representatives alleged that Defendants made materially false and
21 misleading statements and omissions concerning Llano’s production, launch, demand, margins,
22 and sales, among other things, allegedly in violation of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934.
23 The Class Representatives further alleged that when certain disclosures pertaining to Llano’s
24 production and supply, and the related impact on AMD’s financial results and inventories, were
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27 ² All capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein have the meanings set forth in the
28 Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement, dated as of October 9, 2017 (the “Stipulation,” ECF
No. 333-1).

1 made, AMD's stock price fell, allegedly damaging Class Members. Defendants have vigorously
2 denied the allegations and are not admitting any wrongdoing in the Settlement.

3 As described below and in the accompanying Joint Declaration, the decision to settle was
4 informed by four years of hard-fought litigation involving a comprehensive investigation;
5 extensive fact and expert discovery (involving the production of approximately 2.5 million pages
6 of documents, 18 merits depositions, seven confidential witness depositions, seven expert
7 depositions, and 11 expert reports); certification of a class; intensive summary judgment and
8 *Daubert* motion practice; and two rounds of mediated full-day, in-person, and arm's-length
9 negotiations. The first mediation session was conducted by the Honorable Judge Layn R.
10 Phillips (Ret.), a former United States Attorney and United States District Judge who is one of
11 the most well respected mediators in the country for securities fraud class actions.³ The second
12 mediation session, which ultimately resulted in the Settlement, was conducted by both Judge
13 Phillips and the Honorable Gary A. Feess (Ret.), a former United States District Judge in the
14 Central District of California.

15 The \$29.5 million recovery represents approximately 7% of the maximum damages
16 estimated by the Class Representatives' damages expert, assuming the Class prevailed in all
17 respects through summary judgment and trial. *See* Joint Decl. ¶¶5, 82. Class Counsel, who have
18 extensive experience and expertise in prosecuting securities class actions, believe that the
19 Settlement represents a very favorable resolution of this complex litigation in light of the specific
20 risks of continued litigation. The Class Representatives, who were actively involved in the
21 Action, have approved the Settlement. *See* Declaration of George Hopkins on Behalf of ATRS
22 (Ex. 1) and Declaration of Bart Elst on Behalf of KBC (Ex. 2).

23 Accordingly, the Class Representatives respectfully request that the Court grant final
24 approval of the Settlement. In addition, the Plan of Allocation, which was developed with the
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27 ³ *See, e.g., In re Delphi Corp. Sec. Derivative & ERISA Litig.*, 248 F.R.D. 483, 498 (E.D.
28 Mich. 2008) (speaking of Judge Phillips, "the Court and the parties have had the added benefit of
the insight and considerable talents of a former federal judge who is one of the most prominent
and highly skilled mediators of complex actions").

1 assistance of the Class Representatives' damages expert, is a fair and reasonable method for
2 distributing the Net Settlement Fund and should also be approved by the Court.

3 **PRELIMINARY APPROVAL AND THE NOTICE PROGRAM**

4 On October 25, 2017, the Court entered an order preliminarily approving the Settlement
5 and approving the proposed forms of notice, after giving the relief requested careful
6 consideration (the "Preliminary Approval Order") (ECF No. 339). Pursuant to and in
7 compliance with the Preliminary Approval Order, through records maintained by AMD's
8 transfer agent, information gathered from the previous mailing of the notice of pendency of the
9 Action (the "Class Notice"), and information from brokerage firms, beginning on November 8,
10 2017, Epiq Systems, Inc. ("Epiq"), the Court-appointed Claims Administrator, caused the
11 Settlement Notice and Proof of Claim and Release form (together, the "Claim Packet") to be
12 mailed to potential Class Members. *See* Declaration of Alexander Villanova of Epiq, Ex. 3 ¶¶3-
13 8. A total of 222,130 Claim Packets have been mailed as of January 22, 2018. *Id.* ¶9. On
14 November 20, 2017, the Summary Notice was published in *Investor's Business Daily* and was
15 issued over *PR Newswire*. *Id.* ¶11 and Exhibit C attached thereto. The Settlement Notice and
16 Proof of Claim were posted on the case-dedicated website established by Epiq for purposes of
17 this Action. *Id.* ¶17.

18 The Settlement Notice described, *inter alia*, the claims asserted in the Action, the
19 contentions of the Parties, the course of the litigation, the terms of the Settlement, the maximum
20 amounts that would be sought in attorneys' fees and expenses, the Plan of Allocation, the right to
21 object to the Settlement, the right to seek to be excluded from the Class, and the right to opt-back
22 into the Class (for those who previously requested exclusion in connection with the Class
23 Notice). *See generally* Ex. 3-A. The Settlement Notice also gave the deadlines for objecting,
24 seeking exclusion, or opting back into the Class, and advised potential Class Members of the
25 scheduled Settlement Hearing before this Court. *Id.*

26 The Ninth Circuit has held that notice must be "reasonably calculated, under all the
27 circumstances, to apprise interested parties of the pendency of the action and afford them an
28 opportunity to present their objections." *Mendoza v. Tucson Sch. Dist. No. 1*, 623 F.2d 1338,

1 1351 (9th Cir. 1980) (citation omitted). The Ninth Circuit has also ruled that the objection
 2 deadline should fall after motions in support of approval and attorneys' fees and expenses have
 3 been filed. *See, e.g., In re Mercury Interactive Corp. Sec. Litig.*, 618 F.3d 988 (9th Cir. 2010)
 4 (requiring that fee motion be made available to the class before the deadline for objecting to the
 5 fee). The Class Representatives respectfully submit that the notice program utilized here readily
 6 meets these standards.

7 To date, the Class's reaction to the proposed Settlement has been positive. While the
 8 deadline (February 6, 2018) for requesting exclusion or objecting to the Settlement has not yet
 9 passed, to date there have only been six new requests for exclusion (some of which are
 10 duplicates of requests submitted in connection with the Class Notice and none of which are from
 11 an institution or pension fund), two objections to the proposed Settlement, and no objections to
 12 the Plan of Allocation.⁴

13 ARGUMENT

14 **I. THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT IS FAIR, REASONABLE, AND ADEQUATE** 15 **UNDER THE APPLICABLE STANDARDS AND SHOULD BE APPROVED**

16 **A. The Standards for Final Approval of Class Action Settlements**

17 Strong judicial policy favors settlement of class actions. *Class Plaintiffs v. City of*
 18 *Seattle*, 955 F.2d 1268, 1276 (9th Cir. 1992). It is well established in the Ninth Circuit that
 19 "voluntary conciliation and settlement are the preferred means of dispute resolution." *Officers*
 20 *for Justice v. Civil Serv. Comm'r*, 688 F.2d 615, 625 (9th Cir. 1982). Indeed, "there is an
 21 overriding public interest in settling and quieting litigations," and this is "particularly true in
 22 class action suits." *Van Bronkhorst v. Safeco Corp.*, 529 F.2d 943, 950 (9th Cir. 1976). Class-
 23 action suits readily lend themselves to compromise because of the difficulties of proof, the
 24 uncertainties of the outcome, and the typical length of the litigation. Settlements of complex
 25 cases such as this one greatly contribute to the efficient utilization of scarce judicial resources

26 ⁴ The objections are discussed below. A full report on the requests for exclusion submitted
 27 in response to the Settlement Notice will be provided with the Class Representatives' reply
 28 papers on February 13, 2018. The "nutritional" tables requested by the Court during the October
 24, 2017 preliminary approval hearing will also be provided with the reply papers. On February
 20, 2018, the Class Representatives will submit a report on the claims submitted to date.

1 and achieve the speedy resolution of claims. *See, e.g., Garner v. State Farm Mut. Auto Ins. Co.*,
2 No. CV 08 1365 CW (EMC), 2010 WL 1687832, at *10 (N.D. Cal. Apr. 22, 2010) (“Settlement
3 avoids the complexity, delay, risk and expense of continuing with the litigation and will produce
4 a prompt, certain and substantial recovery for the Plaintiff class.”) (citation and internal
5 quotation marks omitted).

6 Rule 23(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure requires judicial approval of the
7 compromise of claims brought on a class basis. The standard for determining whether to grant
8 final approval to a class action settlement is whether the proposed settlement is “fundamentally
9 fair, adequate, and reasonable.” *In re Mego Fin. Corp. Sec. Litig.*, 213 F. 3d 454, 458 (9th Cir.
10 2000) (citing *Hanlon v. Chrysler Corp.*, 150 F.3d 1011, 1026 (9th Cir. 1998)); *In re TracFone*
11 *Unlimited Serv. Plan Litig.*, 112 F. Supp. 3d 993, 997 (N.D. Cal. 2015). In making this
12 determination, courts in the Ninth Circuit consider and balance a number of factors, including:

13 (1) the strength of the plaintiffs’ case; (2) the risk, expense, complexity, and likely
14 duration of further litigation; (3) the risk of maintaining class action status throughout the
15 trial; (4) the amount offered in settlement; (5) the extent of discovery completed and the
16 stage of the proceedings; (6) the experience and views of counsel; (7) the presence of a
17 governmental participant; and (8) the reaction of the class members of the proposed
18 settlement.

19 *See Churchill Vill. L.L.C. v. Gen. Elec.*, 361 F.3d 566, 575-76 (9th Cir. 2004) (citing *Hanlon*,
20 150 F.3d at 1026); *Officers for Justice*, 688 F.2d at 625 (same). Courts have also considered “the
21 role taken by the lead plaintiff in [the settlement] process, a factor somewhat unique to the
22 PSLRA.” *In re Portal Software, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, No. C-03-5138 VRW, 2007 WL 4171201, at *3
23 (N.D. Cal. Nov. 26, 2007) (internal citation omitted). Not all of these factors will apply to every
24 class action settlement and, under certain circumstances, one factor alone may prove
25 determinative in finding sufficient grounds for court approval. *See Torrisi v. Tucson Elec.*
26 *Power Co.*, 8 F.3d 1370, 1376 (9th Cir. 1993).

27 The determination of whether a settlement is fair, adequate, and reasonable is committed
28 to the Court’s sound discretion. *See Mego*, 213 F.3d at 458 (“Review of the district court’s
decision to approve a class action settlement is extremely limited.”) (citing *Linney v. Cellular*
Alaska P’ship, 151 F.3d 1234, 1238 (9th Cir. 1998)). In applying the pertinent factors, the Court

1 need not reach conclusions about the merits of the case, in part because the Court will be called
2 upon to decide the merits if the action proceeds. *See Officers for Justice*, 688 F.2d at 625
3 (“[T]he settlement or fairness hearing is not to be turned into a trial or rehearsal for trial on the
4 merits. . . . [I]t is the very uncertainty of outcome in litigation and avoidance of wasteful and
5 expensive litigation that induce consensual settlements.”). The Court’s discretion in assessing
6 the fairness of the settlement is also circumscribed by “the strong judicial policy that favors
7 settlements, particularly where complex class action litigation is concerned.” *Linney*, 151 F.3d at
8 1238 (quoting *Officers for Justice*, 688 F.2d at 626); *Class Plaintiffs*, 955 F.2d at 1276 (same).

9 **B. Application of the Ninth Circuit’s Criteria Supports**
10 **Final Approval of the Settlement**

11 **1. The Strength of the Class Representatives’ Case and**
12 **the Risks Associated with Continued Litigation**

13 To determine whether the proposed Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate, the
14 Court must balance the risks of continued litigation against the benefits afforded to class
15 members and the certainty of a recovery. *See Mego*, 213 F.3d at 458. Although the Class
16 Representatives believe that the case against Defendants is strong, that confidence must be
17 tempered by the fact that the Settlement is beneficial and that every case involves significant risk
18 of no recovery, particularly in a complex case such as the one at bar. However, here, there was
19 no restatement, parallel governmental investigation, or criminal indictment of AMD or any of the
20 Individual Defendants, which would have aided the Class Representatives in proving certain
21 elements of the case, like materiality, falsity, and scienter. There is no question that to prevail
22 here, the Class Representatives would have confronted a number of challenges. The Class
23 Representatives would have had to argue, and the Court would rule on, the pending *Daubert* and
24 summary judgment motions. Defendants’ *Daubert* motions sought the exclusion of each of the
25 Class Representatives’ experts. Their summary judgment motion sought judgment as a matter of
26 law on each element of the Class Representatives’ case, *i.e.*, falsity, materiality, scienter, and loss
27 causation. There was no guarantee that the claims would survive these challenges, and, even if
28 they did, how the Court’s rulings would affect the future prosecution of the claims.

1 (a) **Falsity and Materiality Defenses**

2 The Class Representatives faced substantial risks in proving that Defendants' statements
3 and alleged omissions were false and misleading at the time that they were made or occurred.
4 *See* Joint Decl. ¶¶71-73. In their summary judgment motion, Defendants argued, principally,
5 that plaintiffs cannot prove material falsity because, as discussed below, many of the challenged
6 statements are inactionable puffery, forward-looking, or are indisputably accurate. *Id.* ¶59. If
7 Defendants' motion were successful, the Class Representatives' case would have been severely
8 curtailed, if not over.

9 For instance, Defendants have contended that at least 27 of the at-issue misstatements
10 include non-actionable puffery. Defendants would argue that there is no objective standard by
11 which to measure whether Llano yield was "good" and whether demand for Llano was "strong"
12 and that courts have consistently rejected claims based on similar statements. *See, e.g., In re*
13 *Cutera Sec. Litig.*, 610 F.3d 1103, 1111 (9th Cir. 2010) (affirming dismissal of claims based on
14 "mildly optimistic, subjective assessment[s]"); *In re LeapFrog Enters., Inc. Sec. Litig.*, 527 F.
15 Supp. 2d 1033, 1050 (N.D. Cal. 2007) (statements including "consumer demand for our . . .
16 products is more vibrant than ever" and "we continue to make strong growth in supply chain" are
17 "soft statements or loose predictions that do not give rise to a securities fraud claim").
18 Defendants would also point the jury to "cautionary language" in AMD's public statements that
19 warned of the risks associated with AMD's financial projections. For example, as they argued
20 on summary judgment, the Company highlighted that difficulty in achieving "anticipated
21 manufacturing yields" could cause "supply shortages" that could "have a material adverse
22 impact" on "revenue or gross margins." Joint Decl. ¶71.

23 Defendants would also contend that plaintiffs could not show that any of the supply,
24 demand, and margin statements were materially false given AMD's earnings guidance, which
25 was not challenged by plaintiffs, and other facts known to AMD when the statements were made.
26 For example, Defendants would likely argue, with respect to supply statements made on April 4,
27 2011 (the first day of the Class Period), that the evidence shows that Llano yields were precisely
28 "at target" and that GlobalFoundries' yield projections were increasing. As to the demand

1 statements, Defendants would argue that the plaintiffs' failure to challenge AMD's revenue
2 guidance is a concession that Defendants' statements regarding demand for Llano were accurate
3 when made. *Id.* ¶72.

4 The Class Representatives would contend that Defendants' materiality and falsity
5 defenses, among other things, ignore evidence that relevant industry standards exist and that
6 other equally key manufacturing metrics had been deteriorating during the Class Period. Piecing
7 this information together for a jury would have been a substantial undertaking and there were no
8 guarantees that the jury would credit the Class Representatives' interpretation of the evidence
9 over that of Defendants. *Id.*

10 **(b) Scienter Defenses**

11 Defendants cannot be liable under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 unless they acted
12 with scienter – *i.e.*, knowledge of falsity, or reckless disregard for whether their statements were
13 true or false. Here, Defendants have strongly contested that the Class Representatives would be
14 able to prove that Defendants knew or recklessly disregarded facts indicating that their public
15 statements about Llano yield, manufacture, supply, demand, sales, and margins were false when
16 made. Joint Decl. ¶¶74-76.

17 For example, Defendants would argue that the evidence shows that on April 4, 2011, the
18 first day of the Class Period, they did not know what would ultimately occur later that year
19 regarding Llano supply and, in particular, about the supply shortage that would emerge in 3Q11.
20 Defendants would also offer evidence that AMD did not begin to learn until September 2011 that
21 GlobalFoundries would not be able to supply sufficient units of Llano for AMD to meet its
22 financial guidance. Defendants would also argue that they were reasonable in their belief that
23 AMD would have sufficient Llano supply in 2011 and demand would carry into 2012. *Id.* ¶74.

24 Another challenge would have been the fact that the Individual Defendants accumulated
25 AMD stock during the Class Period, and that none stood to personally profit from the alleged
26 wrongdoing – leaving a jury to question their motive for violating the Exchange Act. *Id.* ¶75.

27 In response, the Class Representatives would seek to present evidence that the
28 Defendants had substantial information concerning the Llano issues, through the receipt of

1 reports and attending meetings, sufficient to survive summary judgment. *Id.* ¶76. Nonetheless,
2 even if the Court finds that there is a genuine issue of material fact as to Defendants’ scienter,
3 there remains significant uncertainty as to how a jury would ultimately resolve such factual
4 issues if the claims proceeded to trial.

5 (c) **Loss Causation and Damages Challenges**

6 Another risk in continuing the litigation is the difficulty of proving loss causation and
7 damages, which were hotly contested by Defendants at summary judgment and in their *Daubert*
8 motions, and would continue to be challenged at trial and post-trial proceedings and appeals. *See*
9 Joint Decl. ¶¶77- 83. To succeed at trial “a plaintiff [must] prove that the defendant’s
10 misrepresentation (or other fraudulent conduct) proximately caused the plaintiff’s economic
11 loss.” *Dura Pharms., Inc. v. Broudo*, 544 U.S. 336, 346 (2005). If a jury were to find that any of
12 the five alleged corrective disclosures were not truly corrective, the potential recovery for the
13 Class would be significantly diminished.

14 Principally, Defendants have argued that the “corrective” disclosures do not correct the
15 allegedly false statements. For example, Defendants have argued that the only information
16 “corrected” by the announcement on September 28, 2011 – the first alleged disclosure that AMD
17 would fall short of its previously issued guidance and listing a limited supply of Llano as one of
18 the reasons for the miss – is AMD’s 3Q11 earnings guidance, which plaintiffs do not challenge.
19 In fact, Defendants have argued that since each alleged corrective disclosure, particularly those
20 in the later part of the Class Period, occurred when the Company announced quarterly financial
21 results, including that AMD missed its earnings guidance, and that plaintiffs never challenged
22 AMD’s earnings guidance as false, there can be no loss causation. Joint Decl. ¶¶78. This was a
23 centerpiece of Defendants’ summary judgment motion. *Id.* ¶¶59, 61.

24 Defendants would also argue that even if guidance miss announcements could be broadly
25 corrective of misstatements *unrelated* to guidance, the Class Representatives cannot show that
26 the facts that caused the stock price to drop after the alleged disclosures were the very facts that
27 were concealed at the time of the challenged statements. *Id.* ¶78.

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1 Relatedly, the Class Representatives bear the burden of separating the effect of non-fraud
2 factors from the revelation of the alleged fraud. Each of the alleged corrective disclosures
3 included multiple pieces of information that admittedly were not related to the alleged fraud.
4 The Class Representatives believe that they would be able to adequately disentangle those
5 unrelated factors and that the methodology of their expert, Chad Coffman, is proper given that
6 Mr. Coffman's event study controls for market and industry wide effects and identifies the
7 relevant percentage of each revenue miss attributable to Llano for each corrective disclosure. *Id.*
8 ¶¶80. However, Defendants have contended that Mr. Coffman's event study is flawed and should
9 be excluded before trial. *Id.* ¶¶64, 81.

10 Defendants have also argued that the Class Representatives failed to account for July 22,
11 2011 and October 28, 2011 as inflation causing dates, which they argue should offset the price
12 effect of the alleged corrective disclosures and reduce Class wide damages from the beginning of
13 the Class Period. *Id.* ¶79.

14 Defendants would also dispute the Class Representatives' expert's damages
15 methodology. Defendants would continue to challenge Mr. Coffman's analyses, arguing, among
16 other things, that he failed to conduct an adequate analysis to determine which of the challenged
17 statements were material to the market and did not determine which corrective disclosures
18 corrected any particular prior statements. *Id.* ¶81.

19 The Class Representatives' expert has estimated maximum aggregate damages to be
20 approximately \$430 million, if the Class Representatives were to prevail on all of their claims,
21 including all five alleged corrective disclosures. Accordingly, the proposed Settlement
22 represents a recovery of approximately 7% of that maximum amount. Of course if Defendants
23 prevailed at summary judgment on their argument that there is no loss causation, then the Class
24 would recover nothing at all. If, alternatively, Defendants prevailed at summary judgment on
25 their argument that the disclosures in the later part of the Class Period (*i.e.*, in connection with
26 claims related to the weak demand for Llano in 2012) must be eliminated, the Class
27 Representatives would be left with only one corrective disclosure (September 28, 2011), and
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1 maximum aggregate damages of approximately \$210 million, in which case the proposed
2 Settlement would represent a recovery of approximately 14%. *Id.* ¶82.

3 Resolution of these loss causation and damages issues would involve dense and complex
4 testimony of expert witnesses and the Parties would end up in a “battle of the experts” where it
5 would be impossible to predict with any certainty which arguments would find favor with a jury.
6 *See, e.g., Nguyen v. Radiant Pharms. Corp.*, No. SACV 11-00406 DOC (MLGx), 2014 WL
7 1802293, at *2 (C.D. Cal. May 6, 2014) (approving settlement in securities case where
8 “[p]roving and calculating damages required a complex analysis, requiring the jury to parse
9 divergent positions of expert witnesses in a complex area of the law” and “[t]he outcome of that
10 analysis is inherently difficult to predict and risky”) (citation omitted); *In re Warner Commc’ns*
11 *Sec. Litig.*, 618 F. Supp. 735, 744 (S.D.N.Y. 1985) (approving settlement where “it is virtually
12 impossible to predict with any certainty which testimony would be credited, and ultimately,
13 which damages would be found to have been caused by actionable, rather than the myriad
14 nonactionable factors such as general market conditions”), *aff’d*, 798 F.2d 35 (2d Cir. 1986).
15 The outcome could well have depended on whose testifying expert the jury believed or even
16 whether the jury was able to follow the economic theories used by the experts.

17 In sum, as a result of the various defenses described above and in the Joint Declaration, it
18 is possible that, even if the Court or a jury were to find that Defendants knowingly made
19 misleading statements, in the end Class Members could recover nothing.

20 **2. The Complexity, Expense, and Likely Duration of Further Litigation**

21 Final approval is also supported by the complexity, expense, and likely duration of
22 continued litigation. *See Torrasi*, 8 F.3d at 1376 (“the cost, complexity and time of fully
23 litigating the case all suggest that this settlement was fair”). “Generally, unless the settlement is
24 clearly inadequate, its acceptance and approval are preferable to lengthy and expensive litigation
25 with uncertain results.” *In re LinkedIn User Privacy Litig.*, 309 F.R.D. 573, 587 (N.D. Cal.
26 2015) (citation omitted).

27 Here, the complexity, expense, and duration of preparing and trying the case before a
28 jury, subsequent post-trial motion practice, and a likely appeal of the Court’s rulings on class

1 certification, summary judgment, post-trial motions, and a jury verdict would be significant.
2 Barring a settlement, there is no question that this case would be litigated for years, taking a
3 considerable amount of court time and costing millions of additional dollars, with the possibility
4 that the end result would be no better for the class, and might be worse. *See Destefano v. Zynga*
5 *Inc.*, No. 12-04007-JSC, 2016 WL 537946, at *10 (N.D. Cal. Feb. 11, 2016) (“continuing
6 litigation would not only be costly – representing expenses that would take away from any
7 ultimate classwide recovery – but would also delay resolution and recovery for Settlement Class
8 Members”); *cf. Glickenhau & Co., v. Household Int’l, Inc.*, 787 F.3d 408 (7th Cir. 2015)
9 (reversing and remanding jury verdict of \$2.46 billion after 13 years of litigation on loss
10 causation grounds and error in jury instruction under *Janus Capital Grp., Inc. v. First Derivative*
11 *Traders*, 564 U.S. 135 (2011)).

12 The Settlement, therefore, provides sizeable and tangible relief to the Class now, without
13 subjecting Class Members to the risks, duration, and expense of continuing litigation. This
14 factor weighs strongly in favor of final approval of the Settlement.

15 3. The Risk of Maintaining Class-Action Status Through Trial

16 While the Class Representatives are confident that the certification of the Class would
17 have remained intact, under Rule 23(c)(1)(C), a Court’s prior grant of certification “may be
18 altered or amended before final judgment.” It is possible, therefore, that the Class could be
19 decertified or modified if the litigation were to continue. *See In re Omnivision Techs., Inc.*, 559
20 F. Supp. 2d 1036, 1041 (N.D. Cal. 2008) (noting that even if a class is certified, “there is no
21 guarantee the certification would survive through trial, as Defendants might have sought
22 decertification or modification of the class”).

23 4. The Amount Offered in the Settlement

24 In evaluating the fairness of a settlement, a fundamental question is how the value of the
25 settlement compares to the amount the class potentially could recover at trial, discounted for risk,
26 delay, and expense. Thus, “[i]t is well-settled law that a cash settlement amounting to only a
27 fraction of the potential recovery does not per se render the settlement inadequate or unfair.”
28 *Mego*, 213 F.3d at 459 (citation omitted). Indeed, “[t]here is a range of reasonableness with

1 respect to a settlement – a range which recognizes the uncertainties of law and fact in any
2 particular case and the concomitant risks and costs necessarily inherent in taking any litigation to
3 completion[.]” *Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. v. Visa U.S.A. Inc.*, 396 F.3d 96, 119 (2d Cir. 2005).

4 The proposed \$29.5 million Settlement is well within the range of reasonableness in light
5 of the potential recovery at trial and the risks of continued litigation. As noted above, the Class
6 Representatives’ damages expert has estimated that if liability were to be established with
7 respect to all of the claims, including all five alleged corrective disclosures, the maximum
8 aggregate damages recoverable at trial would be approximately \$430 million. As a percentage of
9 this maximum estimate of damages, the \$29.5 million Settlement represents a recovery of
10 approximately 7%. Joint Decl. ¶¶5, 82. Of course this estimated recovery assumes that the
11 Class Representatives were able to establish damages based on all alleged corrective disclosures,
12 which was vigorously contested by Defendants in connection with summary judgment and would
13 be contested at trial and beyond.

14 Since the passage of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (“PSLRA”),
15 courts have approved settlements that recovered a similar, or smaller, percentage of maximum
16 damages. *See, e.g., McPhail v. First Command Fin. Planning, Inc.*, No. 05cv179-IEG- JMA,
17 2009 WL 839841, at *5 (S.D. Cal. Mar. 30, 2009) (finding a \$12 million settlement recovering
18 7% of estimated damages was fair and adequate); *Omnivision*, 559 F. Supp. 2d at 1042
19 (\$13.75 million settlement yielding 6% of potential damages after deducting fees and costs was
20 “higher than the median percentage of investor losses recovered in recent shareholder class
21 action settlements”) (citation omitted); *Int’l Bd. of Elec. Workers Local 697 Pension Fund v.*
22 *Int’l Game Tech., Inc.*, No. 3:09-cv-00419-MMD-WGC, 2012 WL 5199742, at *3 (D. Nev. Oct.
23 19, 2012) (approving \$12.5 million settlement recovering about 3.5% of the maximum damages
24 that plaintiffs believe could be recovered at trial and noting that the amount is within the median
25 recovery in securities class actions settled in the last few years). The Settlement also presents a
26 superior recovery when compared to the median percentage of estimated damages recovered in
27 securities class action settlements in 2016, as calculated by Cornerstone Research, which was
28 reported to be 2.5% in 2016. *See* Laarni T. Bulan, Ellen M. Ryan & Laura E. Simmons,

1 *Securities Class Action Settlements: 2016 Review and Analysis*, at 7, Figure 6 (Cornerstone
2 Research 2017), Ex. 10.

3 Moreover, the \$29.5 million Settlement in the aggregate is significantly above the median
4 reported settlement amount in 2016, which was \$8.6 million in 2016 and \$8.3 million from 1996
5 to 2015. *Id.* at 1.

6 Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the Settlement is a favorable result that falls
7 well within the range of reasonableness.

8 **5. The Extent of Discovery Completed and the Stage of the Proceedings**

9 The stage of the proceedings and the amount of discovery completed are also factors
10 courts consider in determining the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of a settlement. *See*
11 *Mego*, 213 F.3d at 459. This factor strongly weighs in favor of approval of the Settlement.

12 At the time the Parties agreed to settle, the Class Representatives and Class Counsel had a
13 thorough understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of the claims and defenses asserted.
14 The Action has been hotly contested from its inception, four years ago. As a result, the Class
15 Representatives' and Class Counsel's knowledge of the strengths and weaknesses of the claims
16 alleged and the stage of the proceedings are more than adequate to support the Settlement. This
17 knowledge is based on, among other things, Class Counsel's thorough investigation before filing
18 the Corrected Amended Class Action Complaint for Violations of the Federal Securities Laws;
19 ("CAC"); the briefing and order on Defendants' motion to dismiss the CAC; Class Counsel's
20 extensive class, fact, and expert discovery; as well as the briefing on class certification, the cross-
21 motions for summary judgment, and the competing *Daubert* motions.

22 In particular, Class Counsel's investigation in connection with the preparation of the
23 CAC was comprehensive, involving in-house investigator interviews with 64 former employees
24 of AMD, GlobalFoundries, and AMD's customers, on a confidential basis (nine of whom were
25 cited in the CAC as confidential witnesses). Joint Decl. ¶13. Additionally, Class Counsel
26 conducted an extensive review of publicly available information before filing the CAC,
27 including documents filed publicly by the Company with the U.S. Securities and Exchange
28 Commission; press releases, news articles, analyst reports, and other public statements

1 concerning AMD’s business; information provided by a consultant with expertise in
2 microprocessor fabrication, and the microprocessor market; media reports concerning the
3 microprocessor technology industry and markets; and other publicly available information and
4 data concerning AMD, its securities, and the markets therefor. *Id.*

5 In connection with formal merits discovery, Class Counsel engaged in an extremely labor
6 intensive meet and confer process with Defendants on the scope of discovery, and ultimately
7 obtained and analyzed approximately 2.5 million pages of documents from Defendants and non-
8 parties, and took or defended 34 depositions (18 merits depositions, including each of the
9 Individual Defendants, seven expert depositions, seven confidential witness depositions, and two
10 Class Representative depositions). *Id.* §IV.A-E. Class Counsel also worked with experts on
11 issues related to loss causation and damages, accounting, and the semiconductor industry. *Id.*
12 §IV.F. Class Counsel also understood Defendants’ defenses to the claims through the extensive
13 briefing on their motion to dismiss the complaint, the class certification motion, summary
14 judgment, *Daubert* challenges, and the positions taken by Defendants in the course of settlement
15 negotiations. *Id.* §V.

16 In sum, the Class Representatives had a full understanding of the likelihood of success
17 and the potential recovery at trial at the time the Settlement was entered into. *See Portal*
18 *Software*, 2007 WL 4171201, at *4 (“The settlement reflects three and a half years of completed
19 work including pre-filing investigation, locating and interviewing over twenty-one witnesses, . . .
20 and plaintiff’s analysis of defendants’ motion for summary judgment. . . . As a result, the true
21 value of the class’s claims [were] well-known.”); *Eisen v. Porsche Cars N. Am., Inc.*, No. 2:11-
22 cv-09405-CAS-FFMx, 2014 WL 439006, at *4 (C.D. Cal. Jan. 30, 2014) (approving settlement
23 when record established that “all counsel had ample information and opportunity to assess the
24 strengths and weaknesses of their claims and defenses”). This factor strongly supports final
25 approval of the Settlement.

26 **6. The Experience and Views of Counsel**

27 Experienced counsel, negotiating at arm’s-length, have weighed the factors discussed
28 above and endorse the Settlement. As the Ninth Circuit observed in *Rodriquez v. West*

1 *Publishing Corporation*, “[t]his circuit has long deferred to the private consensual decision of the
2 parties” and their counsel in settling an action. 563 F.3d 948, 965 (9th Cir. 2009). The views of
3 the attorneys actively conducting the litigation and who are most closely acquainted with the
4 facts of the underlying litigation, are entitled to “great weight.” *Nat’l Rural Telecomm. Coop. v.*
5 *DirectTV Inc*, 221 F.R.D. 523, 528 (C.D. Cal. 2004) ; *see also Zynga*, 2016 WL 537946, at *13
6 (“A district court is entitled to give consideration to the opinion of competent counsel that the
7 settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate.”) (internal quotation omitted).

8 Class Counsel firmly believe that the Settlement is fair, adequate, and reasonable, and
9 particularly so in view of the risks, burdens, and expense of continued litigation. Further, it is
10 respectfully submitted that Class Counsel are experienced and able lawyers in this area of
11 practice (*see* Joint Decl. ¶¶130-31 and Exs. 4-H and 5-H) and “[t]here is nothing to counter the
12 presumption that Lead Counsel’s recommendation is reasonable.” *Omnivision*, 559 F. Supp. 2d
13 at 1043. Accordingly, this factor strongly favors approval of the Settlement.

14 **7. The Presence of a Governmental Participant**

15 With respect to the seventh factor, there was no governmental investigation or proceeding
16 that assisted with the investigation or prosecution of the Action – no “roadmap” to be followed,
17 or criminal convictions that have aided the Class Representatives in proving certain elements of
18 the case, like materiality, falsity, and scienter. There was also no restatement of AMD’s
19 financial results.

20 Accordingly, this factor supports approval of the Settlement.

21 **8. Reaction of the Class to Date**

22 Pursuant to this Court’s Preliminary Approval Order, the Court-approved Settlement
23 Notice and Claim Form were mailed to potential Class Members who could be identified with
24 reasonable effort. *See* Ex. 3 ¶¶3-9. The Summary Notice was transmitted over the *PRNewswire*
25 on November 20, 2017 and published in *Investor’s Business Daily* on November 20, 2017 as
26 well. *Id.* ¶11. Additionally, the Stipulation, Settlement Notice, Claim Form, and Preliminary
27 Approval Order were posted to a website dedicated to the Action
28 (www.AMDSecuritiesLitigation.com).

1 The Settlement Notice advised the Class of the terms of the Settlement, the Plan of
 2 Allocation, and the maximum amount of Class Counsel’s request for an award of attorneys’ fees
 3 and expenses, as well as the procedure and deadline for filing objections, opting out of the Class,
 4 and opting back in. *See generally* Ex. 3-A. The Settlement Notice also stated that the motions in
 5 support of approval of the Settlement and the request for attorneys’ fees and expenses would be
 6 filed with the Court on January 23, 2018, and available to the public through the website, Class
 7 Counsel’s websites, or request to Epiq. Ex. 3-A at 10.

8 To date, 222,130 Claim Packets have been mailed to potential Class Members and
 9 nominees. Ex. 3 ¶9. While the objection/exclusion deadline – February 6, 2018 – has not yet
 10 passed, to date, only two objections and six new exclusion requests have been received.⁵ *Id.*
 11 ¶¶19-21. As discussed below, neither objection has merit.⁶

12 **(a) The Lackey Objection**

13 Attorney John Lackey, who previously unsuccessfully moved to intervene in the Action
 14 (ECF Nos. 232, 250) served and filed an objection to the Settlement on or about December 26,
 15 2017. ECF No. 347, Ex. 3-E.⁷ His objection has two prongs, neither of which have merit.

16 First, Mr. Lackey states that he objects to the Settlement because it is “insufficient.” He
 17 provides no information about why he thinks the \$29.5 million Settlement should, or could, be
 18 larger. As discussed above, the Settlement is well within the range of approval and is, in fact, a
 19 very favorable Settlement. *See also* Joint Decl. ¶5.

20 Second, he argues that the parties, “have given no accounting to this objecting party
 21 about the sums payable to the named plaintiffs⁸ or their attorneys or for the costs of the

22 ⁵ In connection with the previously issued Class Notice, Epiq received 15 valid and timely
 23 exclusion requests. ECF No. 239-3. Investors who requested exclusion in connection with the
 24 Class Notice were not required to request exclusion in response to the Settlement Notice.
 However, some submitted duplicate exclusion requests. A full report on the additional exclusion
 requests will be submitted with the Class Representatives’ February 13, 2018 reply papers.

25 ⁶ Two documents were also filed with the Court in December, 2017, ECF Nos. 345 and
 26 346; however, neither are objections. Labaton Sucharow has written to their author, and the
 estate of the author’s deceased husband, to offer assistance with perfecting a claim.

27 ⁷ Mr. Lackey also served interrogatories on Class Counsel that mirror his objection.

28 ⁸ There is no requirement that class representatives disclose their recognized losses in a
 proposed settlement, but in the interest of transparency, Epiq has calculated both KBC and
 ATRS’s settlement claims and recognized loss amounts. KBC’s recognized loss under the

1 litigation” and that the “motion to approve the Settlement is not timely until the abovementioned
2 information has been provided.” However, the Settlement Notice explained the maximum
3 amounts that would be sought in attorneys’ fees and expenses, and Mr. Lackey objected before
4 the instant motion, and the accompanying motion requesting fees and expenses, was filed. The
5 Settlement Notice clearly stated that this additional information would be forthcoming (*see* Ex.
6 3-A at 10) and the timetable followed in this case fully meets due process requirements, *see*
7 *Mercury*, 618 F.3d at 988.

8 Labaton Sucharow has been communicating with Mr. Lackey about his objection, and
9 interrogatories, and will provide him with copies of all the motion papers once they are filed.
10 We respectfully submit that the extensive detail provided in the instant motions satisfies all of
11 the standards for a court’s, and class members’, consideration of the approval of a proposed class
12 action settlement and motion for attorneys’ fees and expenses.

13 **(b) The Hutcheson Objection**

14 Mr. Hutcheson submitted an e-mail to Epiq objecting to the proposed Settlement. *See*
15 Ex. 3-E. The objection was not provided to Counsel or filed with the Court, and he does not
16 provide information indicating that he is a Class Member. It should be rejected on those bases
17 alone.

18 The objection itself is difficult to make sense of, but it appears that as a purported long-
19 term shareholder, Mr. Hutcheson objects to the Settlement because he believes it will negatively
20 impact AMD’s business prospects and competitive prospects. “In my opinion this settlement
21 plays into the hands of AMD’s competition and is unfair to its minority shareholders and their
22 long term support of AMDs.” *Id.* To the extent Mr. Hutcheson is complaining that the payment
23 of the Settlement Amount will harm AMD, that is really an argument that the Settlement should
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(continued)

26 proposed Plan of Allocation is \$89,888.67 and ATRS’s is \$101,056. *See* Ex. 3 ¶18. They will
27 recover their *pro rata* share of the Net Settlement Fund based on these losses, as would any other
28 eligible claimant. As explained in the Fee Brief, in addition to their *pro rata* recoveries, KBC is
seeking \$14,875 and ATRS is seeking \$8,348.25 as reimbursement for their representation of the
Class, pursuant to §21D(a)(4) of the PSLRA, 15 U.S.C. §78u-4(a)(4). The Class Representatives
will receive no other payments from the Settlement.

1 be smaller and an argument against the enforcement of the federal securities laws. Congress and
2 the courts would disagree. Accordingly, Mr. Hutcheson's objection is not a basis for rejecting
3 this Settlement.

4 **II. THE PLAN OF ALLOCATION OF THE NET SETTLEMENT FUND IS FAIR,
5 ADEQUATE, AND REASONABLE AND SHOULD BE APPROVED**

6 The standard for approval of a plan of allocation in a class action under Rule 23 of the
7 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure is the same as the standard applicable to the settlement as a
8 whole – the plan must be fair, reasonable, and adequate. *Class Plaintiffs*, 955 F.2d at 1284;
9 *Omnivision*, 559 F. Supp. 2d at 1045. An allocation formula need only have a reasonable basis,
10 particularly if recommended by experienced class counsel. *In re Heritage Bond Litig.*, No. 02-
11 ML-1475, 2005 WL 1594403, at *11 (C.D. Cal. June 10, 2005).

12 Here, the Class Representatives' damages expert, Chad Coffman, prepared the Plan of
13 Allocation after careful consideration of the Class Representatives' theories of liability and
14 damages. Joint Decl. ¶¶97-100. The Plan of Allocation was fully described in the Settlement
15 Notice and, to date, there has been no objection to the proposed plan. *See* Ex. 3-A at 11-13.

16 “[A] plan of allocation . . . fairly treats class members by awarding a pro rata share to
17 every Authorized Claimant, even as it sensibly makes interclass distinctions based upon, inter
18 alia, the relative strengths and weaknesses of class members' individual claims and the timing of
19 purchases of the securities at issue.” *Redwen v. Sino Clean Energy, Inc.*, No. 11-3936, 2013 U.S.
20 Dist. LEXIS 100275, at *29 (C.D. Cal. July 9, 2013)(citation and internal quotation marks
21 omitted). Here, the Plan of Allocation provides for distribution of the Net Settlement Fund
22 among Authorized Claimants on a *pro rata* basis based on “Recognized Loss” formulas tied to
23 liability and damages. These formulas consider the amount of alleged artificial inflation in the
24 prices of AMD's publicly traded common stock, as quantified by Mr. Coffman. *See* Joint Decl.
25 ¶99. Mr. Coffman analyzed the movement in the prices of AMD's stock and took into account
26 the portion of the price drops attributable to the alleged fraud. *Id.* Claimants will be eligible for
27 a payment based on when they purchased, held, or sold their AMD stock.

1 The Claims Administrator will calculate claimants' Recognized Losses using the
2 transactional information provided by claimants in their Claim Forms. Because most securities
3 are held in "street name" by the brokers that buy them on behalf of clients, the Claims
4 Administrator, Class Counsel, and Defendants do not have class members' transactional data.

5 Once the Claims Administrator has processed all submitted claims, distributions will be
6 made to eligible Authorized Claimants. After an initial distribution of the Net Settlement Fund,
7 if there is any balance remaining in the Net Settlement Fund (whether by reason of tax refunds,
8 uncashed checks or otherwise) after at least six (6) months from the date of initial distribution,
9 Class Counsel will, if feasible and economical, re-distribute the balance among Authorized
10 Claimants who have cashed their checks. Re-distributions will be repeated until the balance in
11 the Net Settlement Fund is no longer economically feasible to distribute to Authorized
12 Claimants. The Stipulation provides that any balance that still remains in the Net Settlement
13 Fund after re-distribution(s), which is not feasible or economical to reallocate, after payment of
14 any outstanding Notice and Administration Expenses or Taxes, will be donated in equal amounts
15 to Bay Area Legal Aid and Consumer Federation of America—both of which have programs that
16 assist consumers facing financial fraud. *See* Stipulation ¶25; Joint Decl. ¶¶101-03.

17 Bay Area Legal Aid (BayLegal) is a non-profit organization that provides free legal
18 assistance to low income residents of the San Francisco Bay Area through offices in Santa Clara,
19 San Mateo, San Francisco, Napa, Marin, Contra Costa, and Alameda Counties. *See*
20 <https://baylegal.org/who-we-are/our-mission/>. BayLegal has a Consumer Protection project that
21 advocates on behalf of allegedly wronged consumers by providing them with direct legal
22 representation in cases concerning, among other things, fair credit reporting, fair debt collection
23 practices, and unfair and deceptive advertising of financial products and services. *See*
24 <https://baylegal.org/what-we-do/stability/consumer-protections/>. *Cy pres* funds from the
25 Settlement can be earmarked for the Consumer Protection project so that they directly assist
26 victims of financial fraud. BayLegal has been approved as a *cy pres* beneficiary in several
27 securities cases in California, including *In re Celera Corp. Sec. Litig.*, No. 10-cv-02604-EJD
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1 (N.D. Cal.), *Westley, et al. v. Oclaro, Inc., et al.*, No. 11-cv-02448-EMC (N.D. Cal.), and *In re*
 2 *Ubiquiti Networks, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, No. 12-cv-04677-YGR (N.D. Cal.). Joint Decl. ¶102.

3 Consumer Federation of America (CFA) is a non-profit, consumer advocacy organization
 4 established in 1968 to advance consumer interests through policy research, advocacy, and
 5 education before the judiciary, Congress, the White House, federal and state regulatory agencies,
 6 and state legislatures. *See generally* www.consumerfed.org. With respect to victims of financial
 7 fraud, CFA has an Investor Protection program that works nationwide to promote consumer-
 8 oriented policies that safeguard investors against fraud through: (i) the development of
 9 educational material for investors; (ii) drafting policies and legislation; (iii) and providing
 10 testimony and comments on legislation and regulations. *See*
 11 www.consumerfed.org/issues/investor-protection. CFA has been approved as a cy pres
 12 beneficiary in several securities cases in California, including *In re Vocera Commc'ns, Inc. Sec.*
 13 *Litig.*, No. 13-CV-03567-EMC (N.D. Cal.), *In re Broadcom Corp. Sec. Litig.*, No. 01-CV-00275-
 14 MLR (C.D. Cal.), and *In re Ubiquiti Networks, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, No. 12-cv-04677-YGR (N.D.
 15 Cal.). Joint Decl. ¶103.

16 Accordingly, for all of the reasons set forth herein and in the Joint Declaration, the Plan
 17 of Allocation is fair, reasonable and adequate and should be approved.

18 CONCLUSION

19 For all the foregoing reasons, the Class Representatives respectfully request that the
 20 Court: (i) grant final approval of the Settlement; and (ii) approve the Plan of Allocation as fair,
 21 reasonable, and adequate.

22 Dated: January 23, 2018

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