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IN THE COURT OF CHANCERY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN RE: SEARS HOLDINGS CORPORATION STOCKHOLDER AND DERIVATIVE LITIGATION	Consolidated C.A. No. 11081-VCL
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NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF DERIVATIVE ACTION, PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF DERIVATIVE ACTION, SETTLEMENT HEARING AND RIGHT TO APPEAR

*The Delaware Court of Chancery authorized this Notice.
This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.*

TO: ALL RECORD HOLDERS AND BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF SHARES OF COMMON STOCK OF SEARS HOLDINGS CORPORATION (“SEARS”) AS OF THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON FEBRUARY 8, 2017 (“SEARS STOCKHOLDERS”). IF YOU ARE A NOMINEE WHO OR WHICH HELD SEARS COMMON STOCK AS OF THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON FEBRUARY 8, 2017 FOR THE BENEFIT OF ANOTHER, PLEASE READ THE SECTION BELOW ENTITLED “NOTICE TO PERSONS OR ENTITIES HOLDING RECORD OWNERSHIP ON BEHALF OF OTHERS.”

**PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY AND IN ITS ENTIRETY.
YOUR RIGHTS WILL BE AFFECTED BY THIS LITIGATION.**

This Notice relates to a proposed settlement (the “Settlement”) of the above-captioned, consolidated derivative action (the “Action”), which was brought by certain Sears stockholders on behalf of and for the benefit of Sears in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware (the “Court”). The complete terms of the Settlement, which remains subject to the approval of the Court, are set forth in a Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement, Compromise and Release, dated February 8, 2017 (the “Stipulation”), entered into by and among (i) plaintiffs Ryan Flanagan, Jacob Rossof, John Solak, and Shiva Stein (collectively, “Plaintiffs”), individually and derivatively on behalf of Sears; (ii) defendants Cesar L. Alvarez, Paul G. DePodesta, Kunal S. Kamrani, William C. Kunkler III, Edward S. Lampert, Steven T. Mnuchin, Ann N. Reese, and Thomas J. Tisch (collectively, the “Individual Defendants”), ESL Investments Inc. (“ESL”), Seritage Growth Properties (“Seritage”), Fairholme Capital Management, L.L.C. and Fairholme Funds, Inc. (collectively, “Fairholme,” and with the Individual Defendants, ESL, and Seritage, “Defendants”); and (iii) nominal defendant Sears (collectively with Plaintiffs and Defendants, the “Parties”).¹

Because this Action was brought as a derivative action on behalf of and for the benefit of Sears, the benefits from the Settlement will go directly to Sears and thus there is no proof of claim form for Sears Stockholders to submit in connection with the Settlement.

¹ All capitalized terms used in this Notice that are not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings provided in the Stipulation. A copy of the Stipulation is available for review at the following websites: www.girardgibbs.com/sears-derivative-settlement, www.robbinsarroyo.com/notices, and www.labaton.com.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE?

1. The purpose of this Notice is to inform Sears Stockholders about: (a) the pendency of the Action; (b) the proposed Settlement, subject to Court approval, on the terms and conditions set forth in the Stipulation; (c) Sears Stockholders' rights with respect to the proposed Settlement and Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel's application for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of litigation expenses; and (d) the hearing that the Court will hold on May 9, 2017, at 2:00 p.m., at the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware, New Castle County Courthouse, 500 North King Street, Wilmington, Delaware, 19801, at which the Court will, among other things: (a) determine whether Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel have adequately represented the interests of Sears and its stockholders; (b) determine whether the proposed Settlement on the terms and conditions provided for in the Stipulation is fair, reasonable and adequate to Plaintiffs, Sears and Sears's stockholders, and should be approved by the Court; (c) determine whether a Final Order and Judgment (as defined in paragraph 20 below) should be entered dismissing the Action with prejudice; (d) determine whether the application by Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel for an award of attorneys' fees, incentive awards, and reimbursement of litigation expenses should be approved; (e) hear and consider any objections to the Settlement and/or Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel's application for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses; and (f) consider any other matters that may properly be brought before the Court in connection with the Settlement.

WHAT IS THIS CASE ABOUT?

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION OF THIS CASE HAS BEEN PREPARED BY COUNSEL FOR THE PARTIES. THE COURT HAS MADE NO FINDINGS WITH RESPECT TO SUCH MATTERS, AND THIS NOTICE IS NOT AN EXPRESSION OR STATEMENT BY THE COURT OF ANY FINDINGS OF FACT.

2. On November 7, 2014, Sears announced that it was exploring the potential monetization of a portion of its owned real estate, through a potential sale-leaseback transaction, with the selected properties to be sold to a newly-formed real estate investment trust ("REIT").

3. On April 1, 2015, Sears announced that it was proceeding with the transaction and began publicly filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") the documents necessary to commence and complete a rights offering by Seritage to finance, in part, the transaction (the "Rights Offering"). To that end, Sears caused Seritage, a REIT formed by Sears, to file a registration statement on Form S-11 with the SEC (together with any amendments thereto, the "Registration Statement") setting forth the terms of a potential transaction between Seritage and Sears (the "Seritage Transaction"), as well as the Rights Offering. Through the Rights Offering, each stockholder of Sears was given the right to purchase an interest in Seritage economically proportionate to the interest the stockholder owned in Sears at the time the Rights Offering commenced. The exercise price of these rights was the same for all stockholders.

4. Between May 29, 2015 and June 19, 2015, the following four complaints were filed in the Court asserting claims on behalf of Sears against the Defendants relating to the Seritage Transaction and/or the Rights Offering: *Solak v. Lampert et al.*, C.A. No. 11081-VCL (filed May 29, 2015); *Stein v. Lampert et al.*, C.A. No. 11173-VCL (filed June 18, 2015); *Rossof v. Lampert et al.*, C.A. No. 11178-VCL (filed June 19, 2015); *Flanagan v. Lampert et al.*, C.A. No. 11180-VCL (filed June 19, 2015) (the "Original Complaints"). The Original Complaints alleged that ESL and members of Sears's Board of Directors breached fiduciary duties to stockholders in connection with the Seritage Transaction and that certain other Defendants aided and abetted such breaches.

5. Between May 2015 and June 2015, the parties to the *Solak* action engaged in expedited discovery. After entering into a confidentiality stipulation which the Court approved on June 19, 2015, certain Defendants produced certain non-public documents to Plaintiffs related to the Seritage Transaction, including, among other things, minutes of meetings of Sears's Board of Directors and data regarding Sears's real estate assets.

6. On June 9, 2015, Seritage filed a final prospectus concerning the Seritage Transaction and the Rights Offering. And, on July 7, 2015, Sears announced that the Seritage Transaction and the Rights Offering had closed, with approximately 97% of the rights having been exercised. Pursuant to the Seritage Transaction, Sears sold to Seritage 235 Sears- and Kmart-branded stores along with Sears's 50 percent interests in joint ventures with third parties, which joint ventures together hold an additional 31 Sears properties.

7. On July 28, 2015, the Court entered an Order for Consolidation and Leadership consolidating the actions filed by each of the Plaintiffs into the Action and appointing as Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel the law firms of Labaton Sucharow LLP, Girard Gibbs LLP, and Robbins Arroyo LLP.

8. On October 14, 2015, Plaintiffs filed a Verified Consolidated Stockholder Derivative Complaint (the “Consolidated Complaint”). The Consolidated Complaint asserted derivative claims on behalf of Sears challenging, among other things, the consideration paid to Sears in the Seritage Transaction, the valuation of the stores sold in connection with the Seritage Transaction, and the process relating to the foregoing. The Consolidated Complaint alleged that Mr. Lampert and ESL breached their fiduciary duties as alleged controlling stockholders, that the other Individual Defendants breached their fiduciary duties, and that Seritage and Fairholme aided and abetted these alleged breaches. The Consolidated Complaint did not assert any direct claims, as Plaintiffs and their counsel concluded that claims challenging the Seritage Transaction are properly pleaded only as derivative claims.

9. Beginning in January 2016, certain of the Parties engaged in arm’s-length discussions to assess whether a settlement of the Action could be achieved. On January 12, 2016, counsel for certain of the Parties met in person in New York City to discuss the allegations set forth in the Consolidated Complaint and Defendants’ defenses. Subsequently, the Parties entered into a series of stipulations, approved by the Court, deferring Defendants’ date to respond to the Consolidated Complaint in order to allow the Parties to explore their respective settlement positions.

10. In connection with such discussions, certain Defendants produced on a rolling basis documents to Plaintiffs, Plaintiffs retained commercial real estate industry and valuation and appraisal experts to review these documents and evaluate the fairness of the Seritage Transaction, and counsel for Plaintiffs and certain Defendants held a number of in-person and telephonic meetings. In connection with the Parties’ discussions, on May 2, 2016, Plaintiffs sent Defendants a confidential settlement demand. On May 3, 2016, Plaintiffs’ Co-Lead Counsel and their valuation experts met with counsel for certain of the Defendants in New York City, to further discuss the Parties’ respective positions.

11. On July 12, 2016, Plaintiffs filed a Verified Consolidated Amended Stockholder Derivative Complaint (the “Consolidated Amended Complaint”). The Consolidated Amended Complaint, which remains the operative complaint in the Action, realleges substantially identical claims as set forth in the Consolidated Complaint

12. During the summer of 2016, certain Parties continued to explore settlement and scheduled a mediation with the Honorable Layn R. Phillips, a former United States District Court Judge. Certain Parties submitted mediation statements on July 15, 2016, and on August 9, 2016, Plaintiffs’ Co-Lead Counsel, certain Defendants and their counsel, and certain of Defendants’ insurance carriers and their counsel participated in an in-person mediation before Judge Phillips. The mediation session ended without an agreement being reached.

13. Between August 9, 2016 and September 23, 2016, Plaintiffs’ Co-Lead Counsel, certain Defendants and their counsel, and certain of Defendants’ insurance carriers and their counsel continued to engage in settlement discussions with the assistance of Judge Phillips.

14. On September 23, 2016, Plaintiffs’ Co-Lead Counsel, certain Defendants and their counsel, and certain of Defendants’ insurance carriers and their counsel participated in a second in-person mediation before Judge Phillips. Following the second mediation, Judge Phillips made a recommendation for settlement of the Action for a total payment of \$40 million to Sears (inclusive of any attorneys’ fees and expenses that would be sought by Plaintiffs’ counsel as a result of an approved settlement) to be paid by Defendants and/or their insurers. The Parties subsequently accepted the mediator’s recommendation, and agreed to settle the Action on the terms described in this Notice.

15. On February 13, 2017, the Court entered the Scheduling Order in connection with the Settlement which, among other things, authorized this Notice to be provided to Sears Stockholders and scheduled the Settlement Hearing to consider whether to grant final approval of the Settlement.

WHAT ARE THE TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT?

16. As consideration for the Settlement:

- (a) \$40 million in cash (the “Settlement Amount”) shall be paid by the Defendants and/or their insurers into an interest-bearing escrow account to be established by Plaintiffs’ Co-Lead Counsel (the “Escrow Account”). The Settlement Amount will be paid into the Escrow Account within twenty (20) calendar days of the date on which the Final Order and Judgment becomes Final.
- (b) If the Settlement is approved by the Court and the Effective Date occurs, the Settlement Amount, less Plaintiffs’ Counsel’s attorneys’ fees and litigation expenses as awarded by the Court, Plaintiffs’ incentive awards, and the costs of providing this Notice, will be paid from the Escrow Account to Sears.

WHAT ARE THE PARTIES' REASONS FOR THE SETTLEMENT?

17. Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel thoroughly considered the facts and law underlying the claims asserted in the Action. Although Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel believe that the claims asserted have merit, the Court could have adopted the Defendants' view of the applicable legal standard or of the underlying evidence, and could enter judgment for the Defendants, either dismissing the Action prior to trial or after trial. Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel also considered the expense and length of continued proceedings necessary to pursue their claims against the Defendants through trial, as well as the uncertainty of appeals.

18. In light of the substantial monetary recovery included in the Settlement, and on the basis of information available to them, including publicly available information and discovery obtained from certain Defendants, Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel have determined that the proposed Settlement is fair, reasonable, adequate, and in the best interests of Sears and Sears's stockholders. The Settlement provides substantial immediate benefits to Sears and its stockholders without the risk that continued litigation could result in obtaining similar or lesser relief for Sears and its stockholders after continued extensive and expensive litigation, including trial and the appeals that were likely to follow.

19. Defendants, who believe they have substantial defenses to the claims alleged against them in the Action, have denied and continue to deny the allegations of wrongdoing, liability, and violation of any laws and the existence of any damages asserted in or arising from the Action, but have nevertheless concluded that further litigation in connection with the Action would be time consuming and expensive, and after weighing the costs, disruption, and distraction of continued litigation, have determined that the Action should be fully and finally settled in the manner and upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Stipulation.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THE SETTLEMENT IS APPROVED? WHAT CLAIMS WILL THE SETTLEMENT RELEASE?

20. If the Settlement is approved, the Court will enter a final order and judgment (the "Final Order and Judgment"). Pursuant to the Final Order and Judgment, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, the Action will be dismissed with prejudice and the following releases will occur:

Release of Claims by Plaintiffs and Sears: Sears, Plaintiffs, and each and every Sears Stockholder derivatively on behalf of Sears, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns, in their capacities as such only, by operation of the Stipulation and the Final Order and Judgment and to the fullest extent permitted by law, shall completely, fully, finally and forever release, relinquish, settle and discharge each and all of the Released Defendant Parties (defined below) from any and all of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims (defined below), and shall forever be barred and enjoined from commencing, instituting or prosecuting any of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims against any of the Released Defendant Parties. In addition, Plaintiffs agree not to initiate, prosecute, assist in, or facilitate the prosecution of any other claims arising out of the same nucleus of operative facts giving rise to the Action.

"Released Plaintiffs' Claims" means any and all manner of claims, demands, rights, liabilities, losses, obligations, duties, damages, costs, debts, expenses, interest, penalties, sanctions, fees, attorneys' fees, actions, potential actions, causes of action, suits, judgments, defenses, counterclaims, offsets, decrees, matters, issues and controversies of any kind, nature or description whatsoever, whether known or unknown, disclosed or undisclosed, accrued or unaccrued, apparent or not apparent, foreseen or unforeseen, matured or not matured, suspected or unsuspected, liquidated or not liquidated, fixed or contingent, including Unknown Claims (defined below), which Plaintiffs asserted in any of the Original Complaints, the Consolidated Complaint, or the Consolidated Amended Complaint, or which Plaintiffs could have asserted, or which could have been asserted on behalf of Sears, or which Sears could have asserted directly, in any court, tribunal, forum or proceeding, whether based on state, local, foreign, federal, statutory, regulatory, common or other law or rule, and which are based upon, arise out of, relate in any way to, or involve, directly or indirectly, (i) the Seritage Transaction; (ii) the Rights Offering; (iii) the Registration Statement; (iv) the actions, inactions, deliberations, discussions, decisions, votes or any other conduct of any kind of any director, officer, employee, or agent of Sears relating to the Seritage Transaction, the Rights Offering, any related disclosures or non-disclosures in connection therewith (including, without limitation, the Registration Statement or any amendments or supplements thereto), or any other transaction, occurrence, fact, disclosure or non-disclosure alleged or set forth in any of the Original Complaints, the Consolidated Complaint, or the Consolidated Amended Complaint; or (v) the aiding and abetting by any other Person of any of the foregoing conduct; *provided, however*, for the avoidance of doubt, the Released Plaintiffs' Claims shall not include (x) the right to enforce this Stipulation or the Settlement,

or (y) Sears's or any of its affiliates' rights (1) to enforce or defend the terms, covenants, or provisions of, or rights relating to, any contract or agreement with Seritage or any of its affiliates, or (2) to bring or defend any claims or counterclaims relating to the performance of the landlord-tenant or contractual relationship between Sears or any of its affiliates, on the one hand, and Seritage or any of its affiliates, on the other hand.

"Released Defendant Parties" means, whether or not each or all of the following persons or entities were named, served with process, or appeared in the Action (i) Cesar L. Alvarez, Paul G. DePodesta, Kunal S. Kamlani, William C. Kunkler III, Edward S. Lampert, Steven T. Mnuchin, Ann N. Reese, Thomas J. Tisch, ESL Investments Inc., Seritage Growth Properties, Fairholme Capital Management, L.L.C., Fairholme Funds, Inc., and Sears Holdings Corporation; (ii) all past and present officers and directors of Sears; and (iii) for each and all of the Persons identified in the foregoing clauses (i) and (ii) (but only to the extent such Persons are released as provided above), any and all of their respective past or present family members, spouses, heirs, trusts, trustees, executors, estates, administrators, beneficiaries, distributees, foundations, agents, employees, fiduciaries, insurers, reinsurers, partners, partnerships, general or limited partners or partnerships, joint ventures, member firms, limited-liability companies, corporations, parents, subsidiaries, divisions, direct or indirect affiliates, associated entities, stockholders, principals, officers, managers, directors, managing directors, members, managing members, managing agents, predecessors, predecessors-in-interest, successors, successors-in-interest, assigns, financial or investment advisors, advisors, consultants, investment bankers, entities providing any fairness opinion, underwriters, brokers, dealers, lenders, commercial bankers, attorneys, personal or legal representatives, accountants and associates.

Release of Claims by the Settling Defendants: Defendants and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns, in their capacities as such only, by operation of the Stipulation and the Final Order and Judgment and to the fullest extent permitted by law, shall completely, fully, finally and forever release, relinquish, settle and discharge each and all of the Released Plaintiff Parties from any and all of the Released Defendants' Claims, and shall forever be barred and enjoined from commencing, instituting or prosecuting any of the Released Defendants' Claims against any of the Released Plaintiff Parties.

"Released Defendants' Claims" means any and all manner of claims, demands, rights, liabilities, losses, obligations, duties, damages, costs, debts, expenses, interest, penalties, sanctions, fees, attorneys' fees, actions, potential actions, causes of action, suits, judgments, defenses, counterclaims, offsets, decrees, matters, issues and controversies of any kind, nature or description whatsoever, whether known or unknown, disclosed or undisclosed, accrued or unaccrued, apparent or not apparent, foreseen or unforeseen, matured or not matured, suspected or unsuspected, liquidated or not liquidated, fixed or contingent, including Unknown Claims (defined below), arising out of or relating to the commencement, prosecution, or settlement of the Action; *provided, however*, for the avoidance of doubt, the Released Defendants' Claims shall not include the right to enforce this Stipulation or the Settlement.

"Released Plaintiff Parties" means Plaintiffs, Plaintiffs' Counsel, and any and all of their respective past or present family members, spouses, agents, attorneys, fiduciaries, employees, assigns, partners, corporations, direct or indirect affiliates, consultants, bankers, representatives, estates, insurers, reinsurers, and advisors.

"Unknown Claims" means any Released Claims that a Person granting a Release hereunder does not know or suspect to exist in his, her or its favor at the time of the Release, including without limitation those which, if known, might have affected the decision to enter into or object to the Settlement. With respect to any and all Released Claims, the Parties stipulate and agree that upon the Effective Date, Plaintiffs and Defendants shall have expressly waived, and Sears and each of the other Sears Stockholders shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Final Order and Judgment by the Court shall have, waived, relinquished and released any and all provisions, rights and benefits conferred by or under California Civil Code § 1542 or any law or principle of common law of the United States or any state or territory of the United States which is similar, comparable or equivalent to California Civil Code § 1542, which provides:

A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT 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.

Plaintiffs and Defendants acknowledge, and Sears and all other Sears Stockholders by operation of law shall be deemed to have acknowledged, that they may discover facts in addition to or different from those now known or believed to be true with respect to the Released Claims, but that it is the intention of Plaintiffs, Defendants, Sears and all other Sears Stockholders by operation of law, to completely, fully, finally and forever extinguish any and all Released Claims, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, which now exist, heretofore existed or

may hereafter exist, and without regard to the subsequent discovery of additional or different facts. Plaintiffs and Defendants acknowledge, and Sears and all other Sears Stockholders by operation of law shall be deemed to have acknowledged, that this waiver and the inclusion of “Unknown Claims” in the definition of “Released Claims” was separately bargained for and was a material element of the Settlement and was relied upon by each and all of the Parties in entering into the Stipulation and agreeing to the Settlement.

21. Pending final determination by the Court of whether the Settlement should be approved, all proceedings in the Action other than proceedings necessary to carry out or enforce the terms and conditions of the Stipulation, have been stayed. By order of the Court, pending final determination of whether the Settlement should be approved, Plaintiffs and all other Sears Stockholders are barred and enjoined from commencing, instituting or prosecuting any of the Released Plaintiffs’ Claims against any of the Released Defendant Parties.

HOW WILL PLAINTIFFS’ COUNSEL BE PAID?

22. Plaintiffs’ Counsel have not received any payment for their services in pursuing the claims asserted in the Action, nor have Plaintiffs’ Counsel been reimbursed for their litigation expenses. Plaintiffs’ Counsel invested their own resources pursuing the Action on a contingency basis, meaning they would only be compensated for their time and recover their expenses if they created a benefit for Sears and Sears’s stockholders through the Action. In light of the risks undertaken in pursuing the Action on a contingency basis and the benefits created for Sears and Sears’s stockholders through the Settlement and the prosecution of the Action, Plaintiffs’ Co-Lead Counsel intend to ask the Court for up to 20 percent of the Settlement Amount (or \$8,000,000) as (1) fees for representing Plaintiffs and recovering the Settlement, and (2) to reimburse expenses they incurred in the litigation.

23. Plaintiffs’ Co-Lead Counsel also intend to apply for incentive awards for each Plaintiff in an amount not to exceed \$10,000, payable from the fees and expenses awarded by the Court.

24. Before final approval of the Settlement, Plaintiffs’ Co-Lead Counsel will apply to the Court for an award of attorneys’ fees and litigation expenses to be paid solely from (and out of) the Settlement Amount. The Court will determine the amount of any award of attorneys’ fees and litigation expenses. Sears Stockholders are not personally liable for any such fees or expenses.

WHEN AND WHERE WILL THE SETTLEMENT HEARING BE HELD?
DO I HAVE RIGHT TO APPEAR AT THE SETTLEMENT HEARING?

25. The Court will consider the Settlement and all matters related to the Settlement at the Settlement Hearing. The Settlement Hearing will be held before The Honorable J. Travis Laster, Vice Chancellor, on May 9, 2017, at 2:00 p.m., at the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware, New Castle County Courthouse, 500 North King Street, Wilmington, Delaware, 19801. At the Settlement Hearing, the Court will, among other things: (a) determine whether Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs’ Co-Lead Counsel have adequately represented the interests of Sears and its stockholders; (b) determine whether the proposed Settlement on the terms and conditions provided for in the Stipulation is fair, reasonable and adequate to Plaintiffs, Sears and Sears’s stockholders, and should be approved by the Court; (c) determine whether a Final Order and Judgment should be entered dismissing the Action with prejudice; (d) determine whether the application by Plaintiffs’ Co-Lead Counsel for an award of attorneys’ fees, incentive awards, and reimbursement of litigation expenses should be approved; (e) hear and consider any objections to the Settlement and/or Plaintiffs’ Co-Lead Counsel’s application for an award of attorneys’ fees and expenses; and (f) consider any other matters that may properly be brought before the Court in connection with the Settlement.

26. Any person that owned Sears common stock as of February 8, 2017 and continues to own such stock through May 9, 2017, the date of the Settlement Hearing, who objects to the Settlement or the application for attorneys’ fees and expenses by Plaintiffs’ Co-Lead Counsel, or who otherwise wishes to be heard, may appear in person or through his, her, or its attorney at the Settlement Hearing and present any evidence or argument that may be proper and relevant; *provided, however*, that no such person shall be heard, and no papers, briefs, pleadings, or other documents submitted by any such person shall be received and considered by the Court unless, no later than April 24, 2017, such person files with the Register in Chancery, Court of Chancery, 500 North King Street, Wilmington, Delaware, 19801, the following: (a) a written and signed notice of intention to appear which states the name, address and telephone number of the objector and, if represented, his, her or its counsel; (b) proof that the objector owned shares of Sears stock as of February 8, 2017 and continues to hold such shares; and (c) a written detailed statement of the person’s objections to any matter before the Court, and the specific grounds therefor or the reasons why such person desires to appear and to be heard, as well as all documents and writings which such person desires the Court to consider, including any legal and evidentiary support. Any such filings with the Court must also be served upon each of the following counsel (by hand, first class U.S. mail, or express service) such that they are received no later than April 24, 2017:

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Attn: Ned Weinberger
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Attn: Gregory V. Varallo
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Potter Anderson & Corroon LLP
Attn: Donald J. Wolfe, Jr.
1313 N. Market Street
Hercules Plaza, 6th Floor
Wilmington, Delaware 19899

27. **Unless the Court orders otherwise, any person or entity who or which does not make his, her or its objection in the manner provided herein shall be deemed to have waived his, her or its right to object to any aspect of the proposed Settlement and Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel's application for an award of attorneys' fees and litigation expenses and shall be forever barred and foreclosed from objecting to the fairness, reasonableness or adequacy of the Settlement or the requested attorneys' fees and litigation expenses, or from otherwise being heard concerning the Settlement or the requested attorneys' fees and litigation expenses in this or any other proceeding.**

CAN I SEE THE COURT FILE? WHOM SHOULD I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

28. This Notice contains only a summary of the terms of the proposed Settlement. For more detailed information about the matters involved in the Action, you are referred to the papers on file in the Action, including the Stipulation, which may be inspected during regular office hours at the Office of the Register in Chancery in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware, 500 North King Street, Wilmington, Delaware, 19801. Additionally, copies of the Stipulation and any related orders entered by the Court will be posted on the following websites: www.girardgibbs.com/sears-derivative-settlement, www.robbinsarroyo.com/notices, and www.labaton.com. If you have questions regarding the Settlement, you may write or call the following representative for Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel: Darnell Donohue, Esq., Robbins Arroyo LLP, 600 B Street, Suite 1900, San Diego, CA 92101, Tel: (619) 525-3990.

NOTICE TO PERSONS OR ENTITIES HOLDING RECORD OWNERSHIP ON BEHALF OF OTHERS

29. If you are a brokerage firm, bank, or other person or entity who or which held shares of Sears common stock as of the close of business on February 8, 2017 as a record holder for the beneficial interest of persons or organizations other than yourself, you must either: (a) within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of this Notice, request from Sears through Rust Consulting, Inc. (the "Notice Administrator") sufficient copies of this Notice to forward to all such beneficial owners and within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of those Notices forward them to all such beneficial owners; or (b) within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of this Notice, provide a list of the names and addresses of all such beneficial owners to the Notice Administrator at In re Sears Holdings Corporation Stockholder and Derivative Litigation, c/o Rust Consulting, Inc. - 5568, P.O. Box 2563, Faribault, MN 55021-9563. If you choose the second option, the Notice Administrator will send a copy of the Notice to the beneficial owners. Upon full compliance with these directions, such nominees may seek reimbursement of their reasonable expenses actually incurred, by providing the Notice Administrator with proper documentation supporting the expenses for which reimbursement is sought. Copies of this Notice may also be obtained by emailing the Notice Administrator at info@SearsDerivativeSettlement.com.

**DO NOT CALL OR WRITE THE COURT OR THE OFFICE OF
THE REGISTER IN CHANCERY REGARDING THIS NOTICE.**

Dated: March 9, 2017

BY ORDER OF THE COURT OF CHANCERY OF
THE STATE OF DELAWARE