# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

ERIC OLLILA, Individually and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

VS.

BABCOCK & WILCOX ENTERPRISES, INC., E. JAMES FERLAND and JENNY L. APKER,

**Defendants** 

**CIVIL ACTION NO.: 3:17-CV-00109** 

NOTICE OF (I) PENDENCY OF CLASS ACTION AND PROPOSED SETTLEMENT; (II) MOTION FOR AN AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND REIMBURSEMENT OF LITIGATION EXPENSES; AND (III) SETTLEMENT FAIRNESS HEARING

A FEDERAL COURT HAS AUTHORIZED THIS NOTICE. THIS IS NOT A SOLICITATION FROM A LAWYER.

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF CLASS ACTION AND SETTLEMENT:** Please be advised that your rights may be affected by the above-captioned action ("Action") pending in the United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina ("Court") if you are a member of the Settlement Class defined below. Please also be advised that the Court-appointed Lead Plaintiff Arkansas Teacher Retirement System ("Lead Plaintiff"), on behalf of itself and the Settlement Class (as defined below), have reached a proposed Settlement of the Action for a total of Nineteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$19,500,000.00) in cash that, if approved, will resolve all claims in the Action.

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY. It explains important rights you may have, including the possible receipt of cash from the Settlement. If you are a Settlement Class Member, your legal rights will be affected whether or not you act.

If you have any questions about this Notice, the proposed Settlement, or your eligibility to participate in the Settlement, please do not contact Defendants, their counsel, or the Court. All questions should be directed to Lead Counsel or the Claims Administrator.

1. **Description of the Action and Settlement Class**: This Notice relates to a proposed Settlement of claims in a pending securities class action lawsuit brought by investors alleging, among other things, that Babcock & Wilcox Enterprises, Inc. ("B&W"), E. James Ferland, and Jenny L. Apker (collectively, the "Defendants"), violated the federal securities laws by allegedly making false and misleading statements regarding the value and growth prospects of B&W's Renewable segment and their knowledge of significant design and construction problems at many of the Renewable projects caused by inadequate resources, substandard work, and deficient internal controls that plagued the segment throughout the Class Period (June 17, 2015 through August 9, 2017, inclusive). The proposed Settlement, if approved by the Court, will settle all claims of the Settlement Class in the Action. The "Settlement Class," as preliminarily certified by the Court for purposes of settlement only, means all persons and entities who purchased B&W publicly-traded common stock on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"), on other U.S. exchanges or in a U.S. transaction, or who purchased

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All capitalized terms used in this Notice that are not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings provided in the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement dated June 21, 2019 (the "Stipulation"), which is available on the website for the Settlement at www.BabcockWilcoxSecuritiesLitigation.com.

B&W stock on the NYSE on a "when issued" basis during the period from June 17, 2015 through August 9, 2017, inclusive. Excluded from the Settlement Class are: (i) Defendants; (ii) members of the Immediate Family of any Defendant who is an individual; (iii) any person who was an officer or director of B&W during the Class Period; (iv) any firm, trust, corporation, or other entity in which any Defendant has or had a controlling interest; (v) B&W's employee retirement and benefit plan(s) and their participants or beneficiaries, to the extent they made purchases through such plan(s); and (vi) the legal representatives, affiliates, heirs, successors-in-interest, or assigns of any such excluded person. Also excluded from the Settlement Class are those persons and entities who timely and validly request exclusion from the Settlement Class pursuant to this Notice.

- 2. **Statement of the Settlement Class's Recovery**: Subject to Court approval, and as described more fully below, Lead Plaintiff, on behalf of itself and the Settlement Class, has agreed to settle the Action in exchange for a settlement payment of Nineteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$19,500,000.00) in cash (the "Settlement Amount") to be deposited into an interest-bearing Escrow Account. The Net Settlement Fund (*i.e.*, the Settlement Amount plus any and all interest earned thereon while in escrow (the "Settlement Fund") less (i) any Taxes and Tax Expenses, (ii) any Notice and Administration Costs, (iii) any Litigation Expenses awarded by the Court; and (iv) any attorneys' fees awarded by the Court), will be distributed in accordance with a plan of allocation that is approved by the Court, which will determine how the Net Settlement Fund shall be allocated among members of the Settlement Class. The proposed plan of allocation (the "Plan of Allocation") is set forth on pages 10-14, below.
- 8. Estimate of Average Amount of Recovery Per Share: Lead Plaintiff's damages expert estimates that 52,854,406 shares of B&W common stock were purchased during the Class Period and held through a corrective disclosure, and therefore were damaged. Lead Plaintiff's damages expert estimates that, if valid Claims for all damaged shares are submitted, the average recovery per damaged share of B&W common stock will be approximately \$0.37 per share, before deduction of attorneys' fees, costs and expenses awarded by the Court, and the costs of providing notice and administering the Settlement. Settlement Class Members should note, however, that the foregoing average recovery per damaged share is only an estimate. A Settlement Class Member's actual recovery will depend on several things, including: (1) the total number of Claims filed; (2) when and at what price they purchased their B&W common stock during the Class Period; (3) whether and when they sold their B&W common stock; (4) the amount of Notice and Administration Costs; and (5) the amount of attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses awarded by the Court. Distributions to Settlement Class Members will be made based on the Plan of Allocation set forth below (see pages 10-14, below) or such other plan of allocation as may be ordered by the Court.
- 4. **Statement of Average Amount of Damages Per Share:** The Parties do not agree on the average amount of damages per share that would be recoverable if Lead Plaintiff was to prevail in the Action. Among other things, Defendants deny that any of their filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") contained materially false or misleading statements or omitted material information. In sum, Defendants do not agree with the assertion that they engaged in any actionable misconduct under the federal securities laws or that any damages were suffered by any members of the Settlement Class as a result of their conduct.
- 5. **Statement of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses Sought:** Court-appointed Lead Counsel, Kaplan Fox & Kilsheimer LLP, additional counsel Kessler Topaz Meltzer & Check, LLP and Labaton Sucharow LLP (together with Lead Counsel, "Plaintiffs' Counsel"), and Blue LLP ("Liaison Counsel"), have been prosecuting the Action on a wholly contingent basis since its inception in 2017, have not received any payment of attorneys' fees for their representation of Lead Plaintiff or the Settlement Class, and have advanced hundreds of thousands of dollars in expenses necessarily incurred in order to prosecute the Action. As set forth in greater detail below (*see* paragraphs 15-25, below), Plaintiff's Counsel and Liaison Counsel were responsible for: (i) conducting an extensive investigation into the Settlement Class's claims; (ii) drafting two detailed amended complaints; (iii) successfully opposing Defendants' motion to dismiss; (iv) engaging in an extensive discovery program, including the review of tens of thousands of documents in English and

Danish; (v) engaging experts in evaluating claims and damages; (vi) briefing an independent and experienced mediator on relevant claims and applicable law; and (vii) engaging in two mediation sessions before reaching an agreement in principle to settle the Action. Lead Counsel, on behalf of Plaintiff's Counsel and Liaison Counsel, will ask the Court to award attorneys' fees in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the Settlement Fund. Lead Counsel also will apply for the reimbursement of Litigation Expenses paid or incurred by Plaintiff's Counsel and Liaison Counsel in connection with the prosecution and resolution of the Action, in an amount not to exceed \$400,000, which may include the reasonable costs and expenses of Lead Plaintiff directly related to its representation of the Settlement Class. If the Court approves Lead Counsel's fee and expense application, the average cost per affected share of B&W common stock will be approximately \$0.10. **Please note that this amount is only an estimate.** 

- 6. **Identification of Attorneys' Representatives:** Lead Plaintiff and the Settlement Class are represented by: Frederic S. Fox, Kaplan Fox & Kilsheimer LLP, 850 Third Avenue, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10022, (800) 290-1952, mail@kaplanfox.com; Andrew L. Zivitz, Kessler Topaz Meltzer & Check, LLP, 280 King of Prussia Road, Radnor, PA 19087, (610) 667-7706, info@ktmc.com; Jonathan Gardner, Labaton Sucharow, LLP, 140 Broadway, New York, NY 10005, (888) 219-6877, settlementquestions@labaton.com, and; Dhamian Blue, Blue LLP, 205 Fayetteville Street, Raleigh, NC 27601, (919) 833-1931, dab@bluellp.com.
- 7. **Reasons for the Settlement:** Lead Plaintiff's principal reason for entering into the Settlement is the substantial cash benefit for the Settlement Class, without the risk or the delays inherent in further litigation. Moreover, the substantial cash benefit provided under the Settlement must be considered against the significant risk that a smaller recovery—or, indeed, no recovery at all—might be achieved after a trial of the Action and the likely appeals that would follow a trial, a process that could last many months, or even years, into the future. Defendants, who deny all allegations of wrongdoing or liability whatsoever, are entering into the Settlement solely to eliminate the uncertainty, burden, and expense of further protracted litigation.

YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THE SETTLEMENT:			
SUBMIT A CLAIM FORM ONLINE OR <i>POSTMARKED</i> NO LATER THAN JANUARY 2, 2020.	This is the only way to be eligible to receive a payment from the Settlement. If you are a Settlement Class Member, you will be bound by the Settlement as approved by the Court and you will give up any Released Plaintiff's Claims (as defined in paragraph 60, below) that you have against Defendants and the other Defendants' Releasees (as defined in paragraph 59, below), so it is in your interest to submit a Claim Form.		
EXCLUDE YOURSELF FROM THE SETTLEMENT CLASS BY SUBMITTING A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR EXCLUSION SO THAT IT IS RECEIVED NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 25, 2019.	If you exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, you will not be eligible to receive any payment from the Settlement Fund. This is the only option that may allow you to ever be part of any other lawsuit against the Defendants concerning the claims that were, or could have been, asserted in this Action. It is also the only way for Settlement Class Members to remove themselves from the Settlement Class. If you are considering excluding yourself from the Settlement Class, please note that there is a risk that any new claims asserted against the Defendants may no longer be timely and would be time-barred. See paragraph 66, below.		

#### YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THE SETTLEMENT:

OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT BY SUBMITTING A WRITTEN OBJECTION SO THAT IT IS RECEIVED NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 25, 2019. If you do not like the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, and/or the request for attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, you may write to the Court and explain why you do not like them. You cannot object to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or the fee and expense request unless you are a Settlement Class Member and do not exclude yourself from the Settlement Class.

# YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THE SETTLEMENT:

FILE A NOTICE OF
INTENTION TO APPEAR SO
THAT IT IS RECEIVED NO
LATER THAN NOVEMBER
25, 2019, AND GO TO THE
HEARING ON DECEMBER
16, 2019 AT THE UNITED
STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN
DISTRICT OF NORTH
CAROLINA, 401 WEST
TRADE STREET,
CHARLOTTE, NC 28202.

Filing a written objection and notice of intention to appear by November 25, 2019 allows you to speak in Court, at the discretion of the Court, about the fairness of the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, and/or the request for attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses. If you submit a written objection, you may (but do not have to) attend the hearing and, at the discretion of the Court, speak to the Court about your objection.

### DO NOTHING.

If you are a member of the Settlement Class and you do not submit a Claim Form by January 2, 2020, you will not be eligible to receive any payment from the Settlement Fund. You will, however, remain a member of the Settlement Class, which means that you give up your right to sue about the claims that are resolved by the Settlement and you will be bound by any judgments or orders entered by the Court in the Action.

These rights and options – and the deadlines to exercise them – are further explained in this Notice. Please Note: The date and time of the Settlement Fairness Hearing – currently scheduled for December 16, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. – is subject to change without further notice to the Settlement Class. If you plan to attend the hearing, you should check the website <a href="www.BabcockWilcoxSecuritiesLitigation.com">www.BabcockWilcoxSecuritiesLitigation.com</a> or contact Lead Counsel as set forth above to confirm that no change to the date and/or time of the hearing has been made.

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## WHY DID I GET THIS NOTICE?

- 8. This Notice was sent to you pursuant to an Order of the Court because B&W common stock may have been purchased during the Class Period (*i.e.*, June 17, 2015 through August 9, 2017, inclusive) by you, someone in your family, or an investment account for which you serve as custodian. The Court has directed us to send you this Notice because, as a potential Settlement Class Member, you have a right to know about your options before the Court rules on the proposed Settlement of this Action. Additionally, you have the right to understand how a class action lawsuit may generally affect your legal rights. If the Court approves the Settlement, JND Legal Administration, the Claims Administrator retained by Lead Counsel and approved by the Court, will distribute payments pursuant to the Plan of Allocation after any objections and appeals are resolved.
- 9. In a class action lawsuit, under federal law, the Court appoints one or more investors to oversee litigation brought on behalf of all investors with similar claims, commonly known as the class or the class members. In this Action, the Court appointed Arkansas Teacher Retirement System to serve as "Lead Plaintiff" and appointed the law firm of Kaplan Fox & Kilsheimer LLP as Lead Counsel. Pursuant to the Court's Order issued on August 12, 2019, Lead Plaintiff was preliminarily certified as "Class Representative" and Lead Counsel was preliminarily appointed as "Class Counsel" for settlement purposes. The Settlement, if approved by the Court, will resolve all issues on behalf of the Settlement Class Members, except for any Persons who timely submit a request for exclusion in accordance with this Notice.
- 10. The Court in charge of this case is the United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina, and the case is known as *Ollila v. Babcock & Wilcox Enterprises, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 3:17-CV-00109-MOC-DCK (W.D.N.C.). The Judge presiding over this case is the Honorable Max O. Cogburn, United States District Judge. The people who are suing are called plaintiffs and those who are being sued are called defendants. In this case, the Lead Plaintiff is suing Defendants on behalf of itself and the Settlement Class. If the Settlement is approved, it will resolve all claims which are, or could have been, included in the Action, and will bring the Action to an end.

- 11. This Notice explains the lawsuit, the Settlement, your legal rights, the benefits that are available, who is eligible for them, and how to get them. The purpose of this Notice is to inform you that a Settlement has been reached in the Action and how you might be affected. It also is being sent to inform you of the terms of the proposed Settlement, and of a hearing to be held by the Court to consider the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, and the motion by Lead Counsel for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses (the "Settlement Fairness Hearing").
- 12. The Settlement Fairness Hearing will be held on December 16, 2019 at 9:30 a.m., before the Honorable Max O. Cogburn, at the United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina, 401 West Trade Street, Charlotte, NC 28202, to determine:
  - a) whether the Settlement Class should be certified for purposes of settlement only;
  - b) whether the proposed Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate and should be approved by the Court;
  - c) whether the Action should be dismissed with prejudice against the Defendants as set forth in the Stipulation;
  - d) whether the proposed Plan of Allocation is fair and reasonable and should be approved by the Court;
  - e) whether Lead Counsel's request for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses should be approved by the Court; and
  - f) any other relief the Court deems necessary to effectuate the terms of the Settlement.
- 13. This Notice does not express any opinion by the Court concerning the merits of any claim in the Action, and the Court still has to decide whether to approve the Settlement. If the Court approves the Settlement, payments to Authorized Claimants will be made after any appeals are resolved, and after the completion of all claims processing. The claims process could take substantial time to complete fully and fairly; we appreciate your patience.

#### WHAT IS THIS CASE ABOUT?

#### A. Summary of Procedural History and Background on Lead Plaintiff's Claims

- 14. This case involves allegations that Defendants violated §§ 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), and Rule 10b-5(b) promulgated thereunder.
- 15. On March 3, 2017, the initial complaint was filed in the Action. In accordance with the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4, as amended ("PSLRA"), notice to the public was issued stating the deadline by which putative class members could move the Court for appointment as lead plaintiff.
- 16. By Order dated May 24, 2017, the Court appointed Arkansas Teacher Retirement System as Lead Plaintiff, Kaplan Fox & Kilsheimer LLP as Lead Counsel, and Blue LLP as Liaison Counsel.
- 17. On July 10, 2017, Lead Plaintiff filed the Consolidated Amended Complaint for Violations of Federal Securities Laws, asserting claims under §§ 10(b) and 20(a) of the Exchange Act, and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder, against Defendants. It alleged that between June 17, 2015 and August 9, 2017, inclusive, Defendants misrepresented or failed to disclose that: (i) B&W lacked sufficient professional resources to perform on time and within budget most of the Renewable contracts in its backlog; (ii) there were significant, undisclosed, and ongoing design problems at several Renewable projects as early as the start of the Class Period; and (iii) efforts to remediate the problems with one project exacerbated the problems with

certain other projects. It further alleged that Defendants' allegedly false and misleading statements caused B&W's common stock to trade at artificially inflated prices during the relevant period, and that as the truth about the alleged misstatements was revealed, B&W's stock price dropped significantly.

- 18. On August 9, 2017, B&W revealed further information related to Lead Plaintiff's claims and the extent of the troubled status of B&W's Renewable projects. Specifically, B&W announced disappointing second quarter 2017 earnings due to an additional \$115 million in charges on six total Renewable projects, all of which were operating at a loss. B&W also announced that it would cease bidding on major Renewable projects. Finally, B&W disclosed that it had discovered a material weakness in internal controls over financial reporting related to Renewables which resulted in an understatement of its consolidated net loss in the first quarter of 2017.
- 19. On August 29, 2017, pursuant to Lead Plaintiff's request, the Court granted Lead Plaintiff permission to file a second amended consolidated class action complaint in the Action.
- 20. On September 28, 2017, Lead Plaintiff, along with additional named plaintiffs St. Paul Electrical Construction Pension Plan, St. Paul Electrical Construction Works Supplemental Pension Plan, and St. Paul Electrical Workers Retirement Medical Funding Plan, filed the operative complaint in the Action—the Second Amended Consolidated Complaint for Violations of Federal Securities Laws ("Complaint"). As with the previous complaint, the Complaint asserted claims under §§ 10(b) and 20(a) of the Exchange Act, and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder, against Defendants. The Complaint additionally alleged that Defendants misrepresented or failed to disclose that: (i) B&W would have to cease bidding on major Renewable projects due to B&W's inability to perform on such contracts, and (ii) there was an undisclosed material weakness in internal controls over financial reporting related to Renewables which resulted in an understatement of its consolidated net loss in the first quarter of 2017. The alleged materially false and misleading statements caused B&W's common stock to trade at artificially inflated prices during the Class Period, and as the truth about the alleged misstatements was revealed, B&W's stock price dropped significantly.
- 21. Defendants moved to dismiss the Complaint on November 13, 2017. Lead Plaintiff opposed on December 28, 2017, and Defendants replied on January 29, 2018.
  - 22. On February 8, 2018, Judge Cogburn issued an Order denying in full Defendants' motion to dismiss.
  - 23. On March 26, 2018, Defendants filed their Answer to the Complaint.
- 24. On April 17, 2018, the Court entered a Pretrial Order and Case Management Plan, and the Parties vigorously pursued fact discovery thereafter.

# B. The Parties' Settlement Negotiations

- 25. On December 14, 2018 and April 16, 2019, the Parties conducted in-person mediations in New York City before the Honorable Layn Phillips (Ret.) of Phillips ADR Enterprises. On April 16, 2019, counsel for the Parties executed a term sheet providing for the Settlement and release of all claims asserted against the Defendants for \$19,500,000.00, subject to certain terms and conditions and the execution of a customary "long form" stipulation of Settlement and related papers.
- 26. Based upon their investigation, prosecution, and mediation of the case, Plaintiff's Counsel have concluded that the terms and conditions of the Stipulation are fair, reasonable, and adequate to Lead Plaintiff and the other members of the Settlement Class, and in their best interests. Based on Lead Plaintiff's oversight of the prosecution of this matter and with the advice of Plaintiffs' Counsel, Lead Plaintiff has agreed to settle the claims raised in the Action pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Stipulation, after considering (a) the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> On October 30, 2018, St. Paul Electrical Construction Pension Plan, St. Paul Electrical Construction Workers Supplemental Pension Plan, and St. Paul Electrical Workers Retirement Medical Funding Plan filed a notice of withdrawal as "additional named plaintiffs" in the Action.

very substantial financial benefit that Lead Plaintiff and the other members of the Settlement Class will receive under the proposed Settlement, (b) the significant risks of continued litigation and trial, and (c) the desirability of permitting the Settlement to be consummated as provided by the terms of the Stipulation. The fact that Lead Plaintiff has agreed to settle the Action shall in no event be construed or deemed to be evidence of or an admission or concession on the part of Lead Plaintiff of any infirmity in any of the claims asserted in the Action, or an admission or concession that any of Defendants' affirmative defenses to liability have any merit.

- 27. Defendants are entering into the Stipulation solely to eliminate the uncertainty, burden, and expense of further protracted litigation. Each of the Defendants denies any wrongdoing and the Stipulation shall in no event be construed or deemed to be an admission or concession on the part of any of the Defendants, or any of the other Defendant Releasees (defined in paragraph 59, below), with respect to any claim or allegation of any fault or liability or wrongdoing or damage whatsoever, or any infirmity in the defenses that Defendants have or could have asserted. Defendants expressly deny that Lead Plaintiff has asserted any valid claims as to any of them and expressly deny all allegations of fault, liability, wrongdoing, or damages whatsoever.
- 28. On August 12, 2019, the Court preliminarily approved the Settlement, authorized this Notice to be disseminated to potential Settlement Class Members, and scheduled the Settlement Fairness Hearing to consider whether to grant final approval of the Settlement.

#### HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM AFFECTED BY THE SETTLEMENT?

29. If you are a member of the Settlement Class, you are subject to the Settlement unless you are excluded from the Settlement Class as set forth below. The Settlement Class consists of: all persons and entities who purchased B&W publicly-traded common stock on the NYSE, on other U.S. exchanges or in a U.S. transaction, or who purchased B&W stock on the NYSE on a "when issued" basis during the period from June 17, 2015 through August 9, 2017, inclusive. Excluded from the Settlement Class by definition are: (i) Defendants; (ii) members of the Immediate Family of any Defendant who is an individual; (iii) any person who was an officer or director of B&W during the Class Period; (iv) any firm, trust, corporation, or other entity in which any Defendant has or had a controlling interest; (v) B&W's employee retirement and benefit plan(s) and their participants or beneficiaries, to the extent they made purchases through such plan(s); and (vi) the legal representatives, affiliates, heirs, successors-in-interest, or assigns of any such excluded person. Also excluded from the Settlement Class are any persons or entities who submit a request for exclusion from the Settlement Class in connection with this Notice.

PLEASE NOTE: RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE DOES NOT MEAN THAT YOU ARE A SETTLEMENT CLASS MEMBER OR THAT YOU WILL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE PROCEEDS FROM THE SETTLEMENT. IF YOU WISH TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS FROM THE SETTLEMENT, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THE CLAIM FORM THAT IS BEING DISTRIBUTED WITH THIS NOTICE AND THE REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION POSTMARKED (IF MAILED), OR ONLINE, NO LATER THAN JANUARY 2, 2020.

# WHAT ARE LEAD PLAINTIFF'S REASONS FOR THE SETTLEMENT?

- 30. The principal reason for Lead Plaintiff's consent to the Settlement is that it provides an immediate and substantial benefit to the Settlement Class, in the form of a substantial monetary recovery. The benefit of the present Settlement must be compared to the risk that no recovery might be achieved after a contested trial and likely appeals, possibly many months, or even years, into the future.
- 31. But for the Settlement, this Action would have proceeded through further fact discovery, expert discovery, a motion for class certification, summary judgment motions and, depending on the outcome, trial. The claims advanced by the Settlement Class in the Action involve numerous complex legal and factual

issues. If the Action were to proceed to trial, Lead Plaintiff would have to overcome significant defenses asserted by Defendants. Among other things, the Parties disagree about (i) whether Lead Plaintiff or the Settlement Class have suffered any damages, (ii) whether the price of B&W common stock was artificially inflated by reason of the alleged misrepresentations and omissions, and (iii) whether Defendants made any material misrepresentations or omissions. Even after an extensive investigation and substantial discovery, questions remain regarding Defendants' liability or the extent thereof, and whether a jury would find them liable. This Settlement enables the Settlement Class to recover without incurring any additional risk or costs.

32. Defendants have expressly denied and continue to deny all assertions of wrongdoing or liability against them arising out of any of the conduct, statements, acts, or omissions alleged, or that could have been alleged, in the Action. Defendants also continue to believe that the claims asserted against them in the Action are without merit. Defendants have agreed to enter into the Settlement, as embodied in the Stipulation, solely to avoid the uncertainty, burden, and expense of further protracted litigation.

#### WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IF THERE WERE NO SETTLEMENT?

33. If there were no Settlement and Lead Plaintiff failed to establish any essential legal or factual element of its claims, neither Lead Plaintiff nor the other members of the Settlement Class would recover anything from Defendants. Also, if Defendants were successful in proving any of their defenses at summary judgment, trial, or on appeal, the Settlement Class likely would recover substantially less than the amount provided in the Settlement, or nothing at all.

#### **HOW MUCH WILL MY PAYMENT BE?**

- 34. At this time, it is not possible to make any determination as to how much any individual Settlement Class Member may receive from the Settlement.
- 35. Pursuant to the Settlement, Defendants have agreed to pay \$19,500,000.00 in cash. The Settlement Amount will be deposited into an interest-bearing Escrow Account. The Settlement Amount plus all interest earned thereon while in escrow is referred to as the "Settlement Fund." If the Settlement is approved by the Court and the Effective Date occurs, the "Net Settlement Fund" (that is, the Settlement Fund less (i) any Taxes and Tax Expenses; (ii) any Notice and Administration Costs; (iii) any Litigation Expenses awarded by the Court; and (iv) any attorneys' fees awarded by the Court) will be distributed to Settlement Class Members who submit valid Claim Forms, in accordance with the proposed Plan of Allocation (as set forth below) or such other plan of allocation as the Court may approve.
- 36. The Net Settlement Fund will not be distributed until the Court has approved a plan of allocation and the Settlement, and the time for any petition for rehearing, appeal, or review, whether by certiorari or otherwise, has expired.
- 37. Neither Defendants nor any other person or entity that paid any portion of the Settlement Amount on their behalf are entitled to get back any portion of the Settlement Fund once the Court's order or Judgment approving the Settlement becomes Final. Defendants shall not have any liability, obligation, or responsibility for the administration of the Settlement, the disbursement of the Net Settlement Fund, or the Plan of Allocation.
- 38. Approval of the Settlement is independent from approval of a plan of allocation. Any determination with respect to a plan of allocation will not affect the Settlement, if approved.
- 39. Only Settlement Class Members, *i.e.*, persons and entities who purchased B&W publicly-traded common stock on the NYSE, on other U.S. exchanges or in a U.S. transaction, or who purchased B&W stock on the NYSE on a "when issued" basis during the period from June 17, 2015 through August

- 9, 2017, inclusive, and were damaged as a result of such purchases and who or which are not excluded from the Settlement Class, will be eligible to share in the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund.
- 40. Each Settlement Class Member wishing to participate in the distribution must timely submit a valid Claim Form establishing membership in the Settlement Class, including all required documentation, **postmarked (or online at** www.BabcockWilcoxSecuritiesLitigation.com) **no later than January 2, 2020** using the instructions set forth in the Claim Form that accompanies this Notice.
- 41. Unless the Court otherwise orders, any Settlement Class Member who fails to submit a Claim Form **postmarked** (**or online**) **no later than January 2, 2020** shall be fully and forever barred from receiving payments pursuant to the Settlement, but will in all other respects remain a Settlement Class Member and be subject to the provisions of the Stipulation, including the terms of any Judgment entered and the releases given. This means that each Settlement Class Member releases the Released Plaintiff's Claims against the Defendant Releasees and will be barred and enjoined from prosecuting any or all of the Released Plaintiff's Claims against any of the Defendant Releasees, whether or not such Settlement Class Member submits a Claim Form.
- 42. The Court has reserved jurisdiction to allow, disallow, or adjust on equitable grounds, the Claim of any Settlement Class Member. Each Claimant shall be deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to his, her, or its Claim Form.

# PROPOSED PLAN OF ALLOCATION

- 43. The Plan of Allocation set forth below is the plan that is being proposed to the Court for approval by Lead Plaintiff after consultation with its damages expert. The Court may approve the Plan of Allocation with or without modification, or approve another plan of allocation, without further notice to the Settlement Class. Any Orders regarding a modification of the Plan of Allocation will be posted on the website for the Settlement, <a href="https://www.BabcockWilcoxSecuritiesLitigation.com">www.BabcockWilcoxSecuritiesLitigation.com</a>. Defendants have had, and will have, no involvement or responsibility for the terms or application of the Plan of Allocation.
- 44. The objective of the proposed Plan of Allocation is to equitably distribute the Net Settlement Fund among those Settlement Class Members who suffered economic losses as a result of the alleged violations of the federal securities laws set forth in the Complaint, as opposed to economic losses caused by market or industry factors or company-specific factors unrelated thereto. To that end, Lead Plaintiff's damages expert calculated the estimated amount of alleged artificial inflation in the per share price of B&W common stock over the course of the Class Period that was allegedly proximately caused by Defendants' alleged materially false and misleading misrepresentations and omissions. In calculating the estimated artificial inflation allegedly caused by those misrepresentations and omissions, Lead Plaintiff's damages expert considered price changes in B&W common stock in reaction to public disclosures that allegedly corrected the respective alleged misrepresentations and omissions. The calculations made pursuant to the Plan of Allocation, however, do not represent a formal damages analysis that has been adjudicated in the Action and are not intended to measure the amounts that Settlement Class Members would recover after a trial. Nor are these calculations intended to be estimates of the amounts that will be paid to Authorized Claimants pursuant to the Settlement. The computations under the Plan of Allocation are only a method to weigh the claims of Authorized Claimants against one another for the purposes of making *pro rata* allocations of the Net Settlement Fund.
- 45. For losses to be compensable damages under the federal securities laws, the disclosure of the allegedly misrepresented information must be the cause of the decline in the price of the security. Accordingly, to have a "Recognized Loss Amount" pursuant to the Plan of Allocation, B&W common stock must have been purchased during the Class Period (*i.e.*, from June 17, 2015 through August 9, 2017, inclusive) and *held through* at least one of the alleged corrective disclosures that removed alleged artificial inflation related to that information. To that end, Lead Plaintiff's damages expert has identified June 28, 2016 (prior to the opening of trading), November 2, 2016 (after the close of trading), February 28, 2017 (after the close of trading) as

dates where alleged corrective information was released to the market and removed artificial inflation from the price of B&W common stock on June 28, 2016, November 3, 2016, March 1, 2017, and August 10, 2017.

# **CALCULATION OF RECOGNIZED LOSS AMOUNTS**

- 46. For purposes of determining whether a Claimant has a "Recognized Claim," purchases and sales of B&W common stock will first be matched on a First In, First Out ("FIFO") basis, as set forth in paragraph 51, below.
- 47. A "Recognized Loss Amount" will be calculated as set forth below for each share of B&W common stock purchased on the NYSE, on other U.S. exchanges or in a U.S. transaction, or purchased on the NYSE on a "when issued" basis during the period from June 17, 2015 through August 9, 2017, inclusive, that is listed in the Claim Form and for which adequate documentation is provided. To the extent that the calculation of a Claimant's Recognized Loss Amount results in a negative number, that number shall be set to zero. The sum of a Claimant's Recognized Loss Amounts will be the Claimant's "Recognized Claim."
- 48. For each share of B&W common stock purchased from June 17, 2015 through August 9, 2017, inclusive, and sold on or before November 7, 2017,<sup>3</sup> an "Out of Pocket Loss" will be calculated. Out of Pocket Loss is defined as the per-share purchase price (excluding all fees, taxes, and commissions) *minus* the per-share sale price (excluding all fees, taxes, and commissions). To the extent that the calculation of an Out of Pocket Loss results in a negative number, that number shall be set to zero.
- 49. A Claimant's Recognized Loss Amount per share of B&W common stock purchased on the NYSE, on other U.S. exchanges or in a U.S. transaction, or purchased on the NYSE on a "when issued" basis during the Class Period will be calculated as follows:
  - A. For each share of B&W common stock purchased during the Class Period and subsequently sold prior to the opening of trading on June 28, 2016, the Recognized Loss Amount is \$0.
  - B. For each share of B&W common stock purchased during the Class Period and subsequently sold after the opening of trading on June 28, 2016 and prior to the close of trading on August 9, 2017, the Recognized Loss Amount shall be *the lesser of*:
    - (i) the dollar amount of alleged artificial inflation applicable to each such share on the date of purchase as set forth in **Table 1**, below, *minus* the dollar amount of alleged artificial inflation applicable to each such share on the date of sale as set forth in **Table 1**, below; or
    - (ii) the Out of Pocket Loss.
  - C. For each share of B&W common stock purchased during the Class Period and subsequently sold after the close of trading on August 9, 2017 and prior to the close of trading on November 7, 2017 (*i.e.*, the last day of the 90-day look-back period), the Recognized Loss Amount shall be *the least of*:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> November 7, 2017 represents the last day of the 90-day period subsequent to the end of the Class Period, *i.e.*, August 9, 2017 (the "90-day look-back period," August 10, 2017 through November 7, 2017). The PSLRA imposes a statutory limitation on recoverable damages using the 90-day look-back period. This limitation is incorporated into the calculation of a Settlement Class Member's Recognized Loss Amount. Specifically, a Settlement Class Member's Recognized Loss Amount cannot exceed the difference between the purchase price paid for the B&W common stock and the average price of B&W common stock during the 90-day look-back period if the share was held through November 7, 2017, the end of this period. Losses on B&W common stock purchased during the period from June 17, 2015 through August 9, 2017, inclusive, and sold during the 90-day look-back period cannot exceed the difference between the purchase price paid for the B&W common stock and the average price of B&W common stock during the portion of the 90-day look-back period elapsed as of the date of sale (the "90-day look-back value"), as set forth in **Table 2**, below.

- (i) the dollar amount of alleged artificial inflation applicable to each such share on the date of purchase as set forth in **Table 1**, below; or
- (ii) the purchase price of each such share (excluding all fees, taxes, and commissions) *minus* the 90-day look-back value as set forth in **Table 2**, below; or
- (iii) the Out of Pocket Loss.
- D. For each share of B&W common stock purchased during the Class Period and still held as of the close of trading on November 7, 2017 (*i.e.*, the last day of the 90-day look-back period), the Recognized Loss Amount shall be *the lesser of*:
  - (i) the dollar amount of alleged artificial inflation applicable to each such share on the date of purchase, as set forth in **Table 1**, below; or
  - (ii) the purchase price of each such share (excluding all fees, taxes, and commissions) *minus* \$3.31 (the average closing price of B&W common stock during the 90-day look-back period (*i.e.*, August 10, 2017 through November 7, 2017), as shown on the last line in **Table 2,** below).

## **ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS**

- 50. The Net Settlement Fund will be allocated among all Authorized Claimants whose Distribution Amount (defined in paragraph 55, below) is \$10.00 or greater.
- 51. If a Settlement Class Member has more than one purchase or sale of B&W common stock during the Class Period, all purchases and sales shall be matched on a FIFO basis. Class Period sales will be matched first against any holdings at the beginning of the Class Period, and then against purchases in chronological order, beginning with the earliest purchase made during the Class Period.
- 52. Purchases and sales of B&W common stock shall be deemed to have occurred on the "contract" or "trade" date as opposed to the "settlement" or "payment" date. The receipt or grant by gift, inheritance, or operation of law of B&W common stock during the Class Period, shall not be deemed a purchase or sale of these shares of B&W common stock for the calculation of an Authorized Claimant's Recognized Claim, nor shall the receipt or grant be deemed an assignment of any claim relating to the purchase of such shares of B&W common stock unless (i) the donor or decedent purchased such shares of B&W common stock during the Class Period; (ii) no Claim Form was submitted by or on behalf of the donor, on behalf of the decedent, or by anyone else with respect to such shares of B&W common stock; and (iii) it is specifically so provided in the instrument of gift or assignment.
- 53. The date of covering a "short sale" is deemed to be the date of purchase of the B&W common stock. The date of a "short sale" is deemed to be the date of sale of the B&W common stock. In accordance with the Plan of Allocation, however, the Recognized Loss Amount on "short sales" is zero. In the event that a Claimant has an opening short position in B&W common stock, the earliest purchases during the Class Period shall be matched against such opening short position and not be entitled to a recovery until that short position is fully covered.
- 54. B&W common stock purchased on the NYSE, on other U.S. exchanges or in a U.S. transaction, or purchased on the NYSE on a "when issued" basis is the only security eligible for recovery under the Plan of Allocation. Option contracts to purchase or sell B&W common stock are not securities eligible to participate in the Settlement. With respect to B&W common stock purchased or sold through the exercise of an option, the purchase/sale date of the B&W common stock is the exercise date of the option and the purchase/sale price is the exercise price of the option. Any Recognized Loss Amount arising from purchases of B&W common stock

acquired during the Class Period through the exercise of an option on B&W common stock<sup>4</sup> shall be computed as provided for other purchases of B&W common stock in the Plan of Allocation.

- 55. The Net Settlement Fund will be distributed to Authorized Claimants on a *pro rata* basis based on the relative size of their Recognized Claims. Specifically, a "Distribution Amount" will be calculated for each Authorized Claimant, which will be the Authorized Claimant's Recognized Claim divided by the total Recognized Claims of all Authorized Claimants, multiplied by the total amount in the Net Settlement Fund. If any Authorized Claimant's Distribution Amount calculates to less than \$10.00, it will not be included in the calculation and no distribution will be made to that Authorized Claimant.
- 56. After the initial distribution of the Net Settlement Fund, the Claims Administrator will make reasonable and diligent efforts to have Authorized Claimants cash their distribution checks. To the extent any monies remain in the Net Settlement Fund by reason of uncashed checks, or otherwise, nine (9) months after the initial distribution, if Lead Counsel, in consultation with the Claims Administrator, determines that it is cost-effective to do so, the Claims Administrator will conduct a re-distribution of the funds remaining after payment of any unpaid fees and expenses incurred in administering the Settlement, including for such re-distribution, to Authorized Claimants who have cashed their initial distributions and who would receive at least \$10.00 from such re-distribution. Additional re-distributions may occur thereafter if Lead Counsel, in consultation with the Claims Administrator, determines that additional re-distributions, after deduction of any additional fees and expenses incurred in administering the Settlement, including for such re-distributions, would be cost-effective. At such time as it is determined that the re-distribution of funds remaining in the Net Settlement Fund is not cost-effective, the remaining balance shall be contributed to non-sectarian, not-for-profit organization(s), to be recommended by Plaintiff's Counsel and approved by the Court.
- 57. Payment pursuant to the Plan of Allocation, or such other plan of allocation as may be approved by the Court, shall be conclusive against all Authorized Claimants. No person shall have any claim against Lead Plaintiff, Plaintiff's Counsel, Liaison Counsel, Lead Plaintiff's damages expert, Defendants, Defendants' Counsel, any of the other Plaintiff Releasees or Defendant Releasees, or the Claims Administrator or other agent designated by Lead Counsel arising from distributions made substantially in accordance with the Stipulation, the Plan of Allocation approved by the Court, or further orders of the Court. Lead Plaintiff, Defendants and their respective counsel, and all other Defendant Releasees, shall have no responsibility or liability whatsoever for the investment or distribution of the Settlement Fund or the Net Settlement Fund; the Plan of Allocation; the determination, administration, calculation, or payment of any Claim Form or nonperformance of the Claims Administrator; the payment or withholding of Taxes or Tax Expenses; or any losses incurred in connection therewith.

TABLE 1 Estimated Alleged Artificial Inflation in B&W common stock				
From	То	Estimated Alleged Artificial Inflation Per Share		
6/17/2015	6/27/2016	\$12.62		
6/28/2016	11/2/2016	\$9.19		
11/3/2016	2/28/2017	\$9.00		
3/1/2017	8/9/2017	\$2.36		

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> This includes (1) purchases of B&W common stock as the result of the exercise of a call option, and (2) purchases of B&W common stock by the seller of a put option as a result of the buyer of such put option exercising that put option.

TABLE 2

B&W common stock 90-day look-back value by Sale/Disposition Date

Sale Date	90-day look-back value	Sale Date	90-day look-back value
8/10/2017	\$2.70	9/26/2017	\$2.73
8/11/2017	\$2.81	9/27/2017	\$2.74
8/14/2017	\$2.84	9/28/2017	\$2.76
8/15/2017	\$2.80	9/29/2017	\$2.77
8/16/2017	\$2.73	10/2/2017	\$2.79
8/17/2017	\$2.64	10/3/2017	\$2.82
8/18/2017	\$2.54	10/4/2017	\$2.84
8/21/2017	\$2.48	10/5/2017	\$2.86
8/22/2017	\$2.41	10/6/2017	\$2.89
8/23/2017	\$2.33	10/9/2017	\$2.91
8/24/2017	\$2.29	10/10/2017	\$2.93
8/25/2017	\$2.29	10/11/2017	\$2.95
8/28/2017	\$2.27	10/12/2017	\$2.98
8/29/2017	\$2.26	10/13/2017	\$3.00
8/30/2017	\$2.26	10/16/2017	\$3.02
8/31/2017	\$2.26	10/17/2017	\$3.05
9/1/2017	\$2.29	10/18/2017	\$3.07
9/5/2017	\$2.31	10/19/2017	\$3.09
9/6/2017	\$2.34	10/20/2017	\$3.12
9/7/2017	\$2.36	10/23/2017	\$3.14
9/8/2017	\$2.38	10/24/2017	\$3.16
9/11/2017	\$2.39	10/25/2017	\$3.17
9/12/2017	\$2.41	10/26/2017	\$3.19
9/13/2017	\$2.44	10/27/2017	\$3.21
9/14/2017	\$2.47	10/30/2017	\$3.22
9/15/2017	\$2.51	10/31/2017	\$3.24
9/18/2017	\$2.55	11/1/2017	\$3.26
9/19/2017	\$2.59	11/2/2017	\$3.27
9/20/2017	\$2.62	11/3/2017	\$3.28
9/21/2017	\$2.65	11/6/2017	\$3.30
9/22/2017	\$2.67	11/7/2017	\$3.31
9/25/2017	\$2.70		

# HOW ARE SETTLEMENT CLASS MEMBERS AFFECTED BY THE ACTION AND THE SETTLEMENT?

58. If you are a Settlement Class Member, you will be bound by any orders issued by the Court. If the Settlement is approved, the Court will enter a judgment (the "Judgment"), which will dismiss with prejudice the claims against Defendants. The Judgment will also provide that, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Lead Plaintiff and all other Settlement Class Members, on behalf of themselves, and their respective heirs, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns in their capacities as such, will fully, finally, and forever release all Released Plaintiff's Claims against all Defendants Releasees, to the fullest extent that the law permits.

- 59. "Defendant Releasees" means (i) Defendants and their attorneys; (ii) the Defendants' respective Immediate Family members, heirs, trusts, trustees, executors, estates, administrators, beneficiaries, agents, affiliates, insurers and reinsurers, predecessors, predecessors-in-interest, successors, successors-in-interest, assigns, advisors and associates of each of the foregoing; and (iii) all current and former officers, directors, and employees of B&W, in their capacities as such.
- "Released Claims" means all Released Defendants' Claims and all Released Plaintiff's Claims. "Released Defendants' Claims" means all claims and causes of action of every nature and description, whether known claims or Unknown Claims, whether arising under federal, state, local, common, statutory, administrative, or foreign law, or any other law, rule, or regulation, at law or in equity, whether class or individual in nature, whether accrued or unaccrued, whether liquidated or unliquidated, whether matured or unmatured, that arise out of or relate in any way to the institution, prosecution, or settlement of the claims against Defendants. "Released Defendants' Claims" do not include any claims relating to the enforcement of the Settlement. "Released Plaintiff's Claims" means all claims and causes of action of every nature and description, whether known claims or Unknown Claims, whether arising under federal, state, local, common, statutory, administrative, or foreign law, or any other law, rule, or regulation, at law or in equity, whether class or individual in nature, whether accrued or unaccrued, whether liquidated or unliquidated, whether matured or unmatured, that Lead Plaintiff or any other member of the Settlement Class: (i) asserted in the Action or (ii) could have asserted in any court or forum that arise out of or are based upon the allegations, transactions, facts, matters, or occurrences, representations, or omissions set forth in the Action and that relate to the purchase of B&W publicly-traded common stock on the NYSE or other U.S. exchanges or in a U.S. transaction, or the purchase of B&W stock on the NYSE on a "when issued" basis during the Class Period. "Released Plaintiff's Claims" do not include (i) any claims relating to the enforcement of the Settlement; (ii) any of the claims asserted in the following actions: In re Babcock & Wilcox Enterprises, Inc. Shareholder Derivative Litigation, No. 3:18-cv-00347-MOC-DCK (W.D.N.C.); Marks ex rel. Babcock & Wilcox, Enterprises, Inc. v. Ferland, et al., No. 18cvs21193 (N.C. Super. Ct., Mecklenburg Cty.); or (iii) any claims of any person or entity who or which submits a request for exclusion from the Settlement Class that is accepted by the Court.
- 61. "Unknown Claims" means any Released Plaintiff's Claims which Lead Plaintiff or any other Settlement Class Member does not know or suspect to exist in his, her, or its favor at the time of the release of such claims, and any Released Defendants' Claims which any Defendant does not know or suspect to exist in his, her, or its favor at the time of the release of such claims, which, if known by him, her, or it, might have affected his, her, or its decision(s) with respect to this Settlement, including, but not limited to, whether or not to object to the Settlement or to the release of the Released Claims. With respect to any and all Released Claims, the Parties stipulate and agree that, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Lead Plaintiff and Defendants shall expressly waive, and each of the Settlement Class Members shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment or the Alternative Judgment, if applicable, shall have, expressly waived, the provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States, or principle of common law or foreign law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to California Civil Code §1542, which provides:

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

The Parties acknowledge that they may hereafter discover facts in addition to or different from those which he, she, or it, or their counsel now knows or believes to be true with respect to the subject matter of the Released Claims, but, upon the Effective Date, Lead Plaintiff and Defendants shall expressly settle and release, and each of the other Settlement Class Members shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment or the Alternative Judgment, if applicable, shall have, settled and released, any and all Released Claims without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of such different or additional facts. Lead Plaintiff and Defendants

acknowledge, and each of the other Settlement Class Members shall be deemed by operation of the Judgment or the Alternative Judgment, if applicable, to have acknowledged, that the foregoing waiver was separately bargained for and is a key element of the Settlement of which this release is a part.

# WHAT PAYMENT ARE THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE SETTLEMENT CLASS SEEKING? HOW WILL THE LAWYERS BE PAID?

62. Plaintiffs' Counsel and Liaison Counsel have not received any payment for their services in pursuing claims against the Defendants on behalf of the Settlement Class, nor have Plaintiffs' Counsel or Liaison Counsel been reimbursed for their out-of-pocket expenses. Before final approval of the Settlement, Lead Counsel, on behalf of Plaintiffs' Counsel and Liaison Counsel, will apply to the Court for an award of attorneys' fees from the Settlement Fund in an amount not to exceed 25% of the Settlement Fund. At the same time, Lead Counsel also intends to apply for the reimbursement of Litigation Expenses incurred by Plaintiffs' Counsel and Liaison Counsel in an amount not to exceed \$400,000, which may include an application for reimbursement of the reasonable costs and expenses incurred by Lead Plaintiff directly related to its representation of the Settlement Class. The Court will determine the amount of any award of attorneys' fees or reimbursement of Litigation Expenses. Such sums as may be approved by the Court will be paid from the Settlement Fund. Settlement Class Members are not personally liable for any such fees or expenses.

# WHAT IF I DO NOT WANT TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SETTLEMENT CLASS? HOW DO I EXCLUDE MYSELF?

- 63. Each Settlement Class Member will be bound by all determinations and judgments in this lawsuit, whether favorable or unfavorable, unless such person or entity mails or delivers a written request for exclusion addressed to: *Babcock & Wilcox Ent., Inc. Securities Litigation*, c/o JND Legal Administration, P.O. Box 91095, Seattle, WA 98111-9195. The request for exclusion must be *received* no later than **November 25, 2019**. You will not be able to exclude yourself from the Settlement Class after that date.
- 64. Each request for exclusion must: (i) state the name, address, and telephone number of the person or entity requesting exclusion, and in the case of entities, the name and telephone number of the appropriate contact person; (ii) state that such person or entity "requests exclusion from the Settlement Class in *Ollila v. Babcock & Wilcox Enterprises, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 3:17-CV-00109-MOC-DCK (W.D.N.C.)"; (iii) state the number of shares of B&W common stock that the person or entity requesting exclusion purchased and/or sold during the Class Period, as well as the dates, number of shares, and prices of each such purchase and/or sale; and (iv) be signed by the person or entity requesting exclusion or an authorized representative.
- 65. A request for exclusion shall not be valid and effective unless it provides all the information called for in paragraph 64, above, and is received within the time stated above, or is otherwise accepted by the Court.
- 66. If you do not want to be part of the Settlement Class, you must follow these instructions for exclusion even if you have pending, or later file, another lawsuit, arbitration, or other proceeding relating to any Released Plaintiff's Claim against any of the Defendants' Releasees. Excluding yourself from the Settlement Class is the only option that may allow you to be part of any other current or future lawsuit against Defendants or any of the other Defendants' Releasees concerning the Released Plaintiff's Claims. Please note, however, if you decide to exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, you may be time-barred from asserting the claims covered by the Action by a statute of repose. In addition, Defendants and the other Defendants' Releasees will have the right to assert any and all defenses they may have to any claims that you may seek to assert.
- 67. If you ask to be excluded from the Settlement Class, you will not be eligible to receive any payment out of the Net Settlement Fund.

68. Defendants have the right to terminate the Settlement if valid requests for exclusion are received from persons and entities entitled to be members of the Settlement Class in an amount that exceeds an amount agreed to by Lead Plaintiff and Defendants.

#### HOW DO I PARTICIPATE IN THE SETTLEMENT? WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

- 69. To be eligible for a payment from the proceeds of the Settlement, you must be a member of the Settlement Class and you must timely complete and return the Claim Form with adequate supporting documentation postmarked (if mailed), submitted online www.BabcockWilcoxSecuritiesLitigation.com, no later than January 2, 2020. A Claim Form is included with this Notice, or you may obtain one from the website for the Settlement, www.BabcockWilcoxSecuritiesLitigation.com, or you may request that a Claim Form be mailed to you by calling the Claims Administrator, JND Legal Administration, at 1-833-759-2979. Please retain all records of your ownership of and transactions in B&W common stock, as they may be needed to document your Claim. If you are excluded from the Settlement Class by definition or you submit a request for exclusion in connection with this Notice, or if you do not submit a timely and valid Claim Form, you will not be eligible to share in the Net Settlement Fund.
- 70. As a Settlement Class Member, you are represented by Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel, unless you enter an appearance through counsel of your own choice at your own expense. You are not required to retain your own counsel, but if you choose to do so, such counsel must file a notice of appearance on your behalf and must serve copies of his or her notice of appearance on the attorneys listed in the section entitled, "When and Where Will the Court Decide Whether to Approve the Settlement?," below.
- 71. If you are a Settlement Class Member and you wish to object to the Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, and/or the application for attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, you may present your objections by following the instructions in the section entitled, "When and Where Will the Court Decide Whether to Approve the Settlement?" below.

# WHEN AND WHERE WILL THE COURT DECIDE WHETHER TO APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT? DO I HAVE TO COME TO THE HEARING? MAY I SPEAK AT THE HEARING IF I DON'T LIKE THE SETTLEMENT?

- 72. Settlement Class Members do not need to attend the Settlement Fairness Hearing. The Court will consider any submission made in accordance with the provisions below even if a Settlement Class Member does not attend the hearing. You can participate in the Settlement without attending the Settlement Fairness Hearing.
- 73. The Settlement Fairness Hearing will be held on **December 16, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.** before the Honorable Max O. Cogburn, at the United States District Court Western District of North Carolina, 401 West Trade Street, Charlotte, NC 28202. The Court reserves the right to approve the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, Lead Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, and/or any other matter related to the Settlement at or after the Settlement Fairness Hearing without further notice to the members of the Settlement Class.
- Any Settlement Class Member who is not requesting exclusion from the Settlement Class may object to the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, and/or the motion for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses. Objections must be in writing. You must file any written objection, together with copies of all other papers and briefs supporting the objection, with the Clerk's Office of the Court at the address set forth below **on or before November 25, 2019**. You must also serve the papers on Lead Counsel for the Settlement Class and Defendants' Counsel at the addresses set forth below so that the papers are *received* **on or before November 25, 2019**.

CLERK'S OFFICE	LEAD COUNSEL	DEFENDANTS' COUNSEL
Clerk's Office	Frederic S. Fox	John Latham
United States District Court	KAPLAN FOX &	ALSTON & BIRD LLP
Western District of	KILSHEIMER LLP	One Atlantic Center
North Carolina	850 Third Avenue	1201 West Peachtree Street
401 West Trade Street	14 <sup>th</sup> Floor	Suite 4900
Charlotte, NC 28202	New York, NY 10022	Atlanta, GA 30309-3424

- 75. Any objection to the Settlement must include: (1) the name, address, and telephone number of the person objecting, signed by the objector; (2) a statement of such person's objections to any matters before the Court concerning the Settlement and whether the objection applies only to the objector, to a specific subset of the Settlement Class, or to the entire Settlement Class; (3) the grounds therefore or the reasons that such person desires to appear and be heard, as well as all documents or writings such person desires the Court to consider; (4) whether that person intends to present any witnesses and/or experts, the identity of any such witnesses and/or experts, and the nature of the testimony; and (5) proof of the person's membership in the Settlement Class, which proof shall include the person's purchases of B&W common stock during the Class Period and any sales thereof, including the dates, the number of shares, and price(s) paid and received for each such purchase or sale.
- 76. You may file a written objection without having to appear at the Settlement Fairness Hearing. You may not, however, appear at the Settlement Fairness Hearing to present your objection unless you first filed and served a written objection in accordance with the procedures described above, unless the Court orders otherwise.
- 77. If you wish to be heard orally at the Settlement Fairness Hearing in opposition to the approval of the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or the motion for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, and if you file and serve a timely written objection as described above, you must also file a notice of appearance with the Clerk's Office and serve it on Lead Counsel and Defendants' Counsel at the addresses set forth above so that it is *received* on or before November 25, 2019. Persons who intend to object and desire to present evidence at the Settlement Fairness Hearing must include in their written objection or notice of appearance the identity of any witnesses they may call to testify, the nature of the testimony, and any exhibits they intend to introduce into evidence at the Settlement Fairness Hearing. Such persons may be heard orally at the discretion of the Court.
- 78. You are not required to hire an attorney to represent you in making written objections or in appearing at the Settlement Fairness Hearing. If you decide to hire an attorney, however, it will be at your own expense and that attorney must file a notice of appearance with the Court and serve it on Lead Counsel and Defendants' Counsel at the addresses set forth above so that the notice is *received* on or before November 25, 2019.
- 79. The Settlement Fairness Hearing may be adjourned by the Court without further written notice to the Settlement Class. If you intend to attend the Settlement Fairness Hearing, you should confirm the date and time with Lead Counsel.
- 80. Unless the Court orders otherwise, any Settlement 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 Lead Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses. Settlement Class Members do not need to appear at the hearing or take any other action to indicate their approval.

#### WHAT IF I BOUGHT B&W STOCK ON SOMEONE ELSE'S BEHALF?

- 81. If, for the beneficial interest of any person or entity other than yourself, you purchased B&W publicly-traded common stock on the NYSE, on other U.S. exchanges or in a U.S. transaction, or on the NYSE on a "when issued" basis during the period from June 17, 2015 through August 9, 2017, inclusive, you must either: (i) send the Notice and Claim Form to all such beneficial owners, postmarked within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of the Notice; or (ii) send a list of the names and addresses of such beneficial owners to the Claims Administrator within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of the Notice, in which event the Claims Administrator shall mail the Notice and Claim Form to such beneficial owners within ten (10) calendar days after receipt thereof.
- 82. If you choose the first option, *i.e.*, you elect to mail the Notice directly to beneficial owners, you must retain the mailing records for use in connection with any further notices that may be provided in the Action. If you elect that option, the Claims Administrator will forward the Notice and Claim Form (together, the "Notice Packet") to you to send to the beneficial owners. You must mail the Notice Packets to the beneficial owners within ten (10) calendar days of your receipt of the packets. Upon mailing of the Notice Packets, you may seek reimbursement of your reasonable expenses actually incurred, by providing the Claims Administrator with proper documentation supporting the expenses for which reimbursement is sought.
- 83. If you choose the second option, you must, within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of this Notice, provide a list of the names and addresses of all such beneficial owners to *Babcock & Wilcox Ent., Inc. Securities Litigation*, c/o JND Legal Administration, P.O. Box 91095, Seattle, WA 98111-9195 or email BABSecurities@JNDLA.com. The Claims Administrator will send a copy of the Notice Packet to the beneficial owners whose names and addresses you supply. Upon full compliance with these directions, you may seek reimbursement of your reasonable expenses actually incurred by providing the Claims Administrator with proper documentation supporting the expenses for which reimbursement is sought. Copies of the Notice Packet may also be obtained from the website for this Action, <a href="www.BabcockWilcoxSecuritiesLitigation.com">www.BabcockWilcoxSecuritiesLitigation.com</a>, or by calling the Claims Administrator toll-free at 1-833-759-2979.

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

84. 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 Clerk, United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina. Additionally, copies of the Stipulation and any related orders entered by the Court will be posted on the website for the Settlement, <a href="https://www.BabcockWilcoxSecuritiesLitigation.com">www.BabcockWilcoxSecuritiesLitigation.com</a>. All inquiries concerning this Notice or the Claim Form should be directed to the Claims Administrator or Lead Counsel.

# DO NOT CALL OR WRITE THE COURT OR THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT, DEFENDANTS OR THEIR COUNSEL REGARDING THIS NOTICE.

Dated: September 3, 2019

By Order of the
United States District Court
Western District of North Carolina