

NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION AND SETTLEMENT OF THE PENN WEST PETROLEUM LTD. CANADIAN SECURITIES CLASS ACTIONS

Read this notice carefully as it may affect your rights.

This notice is directed to all persons, excluding certain persons associated with the defendants, who acquired common shares of Penn West Petroleum Ltd. (“Penn West”) on the Toronto Stock Exchange or on alternative trading systems in Canada during either: (1) the period from March 17, 2011 to and including July 29, 2014 (“First Class Period”) and held some or all of those shares at the close of trading on July 29, 2014; and/or (2) the period from July 30, 2014 to and including September 18, 2014 (“Second Class Period”) and held some or all of those shares at the close of trading on September 18, 2014 (collectively, “Class Members”).

Persons and entities who purchased or acquired Penn West common stock, trust units or call options or sold Penn West put options on the New York Stock Exchange or other open market located within the United States during the period from February 18, 2010 to and including July 29, 2014 are directed to the website www.PennWestUSSecuritiesLitigation.com for notice of certification of a proposed class action in the United States and the proposed settlement of the U.S. action.

In 2014, proposed class actions were commenced against Penn West and others in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, *Middlemiss v. Penn West Petroleum Ltd. et al.*, Court File Number CV-15-525189-00CP, the Québec Superior Court, *Benadiva v. Penn West Petroleum Ltd. et al.*, Court File Number 500-06-000713-145 and the Alberta Court of Queen’s Bench, *Allen v. Penn West Petroleum Ltd. et al.*, Court File Number 1401-08454. The plaintiffs in these actions allege that Penn West’s historical financial statements were not prepared in accordance with GAAP and/or International Financial Reporting Standards. A related class action was also commenced in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York for persons and entities who purchased or otherwise acquired Penn West common stock, trust units or call options or sold Penn West

put options on an open market located within the United States, including but not limited to the New York Stock Exchange or another U.S. exchange, from February 18, 2010 through July 29, 2014, inclusive, and who were damaged thereby. (This notice only discusses the settlement of the Canadian actions. For information about the U.S. action, please visit www.PennWestUSSecuritiesLitigation.com.)

The parties to the Canadian actions reached a settlement that was approved by the Ontario, Alberta and Québec courts (collectively the “Courts”). The Ontario Court and the Alberta Court also certified their actions for settlement purposes only and the Québec Court authorized the Québec action as class proceedings for settlement purposes only.

SUMMARY OF THE SETTLEMENT TERMS

The defendants have paid \$53,000,000 (the “Settlement Amount”) in full and final settlement of all claims against them in Canada and the United States, including class counsel fees and administration costs in return for releases and a dismissal of the class actions in both countries. The Settlement Amount has been allocated in equal parts of \$26,500,000 to the settlement of the class actions in Canada and the United States. Class counsel fees and taxes were fixed by the Courts as a first charge on the Settlement Amount payable with respect to the class actions in Canada (the “Canadian Settlement Amount”) at \$9,881,185, plus disbursements. The net settlement monies, after payment of administration expenses and Class Counsel Fees, will be distributed in accordance with the court-approved and supervised Plan of Allocation which can be reviewed at www.PennWestCanadianClassAction.com. Distributions to the Ontario Class Members will be subject to a ten (10) percent deduction for the Class Proceedings Fund. Distributions to the Québec Class Members will be subject to a deduction for the Fonds d’aide aux actions collectifs at the percentage provided for by the applicable regulation for individual recovery of claims as defined by article 599 of the *Québec Code of Civil Procedure*, CQLR c. C-25.01.

The defendants do not admit any wrongdoing or liability on their part. The settlement is a compromise of disputed claims.

Further information on the settlement, including the Settlement Agreement, Plan of Allocation and the court orders, may be found at www.PennWestCanadianClassAction.com.

A CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION MUST BE MADE BY NOVEMBER 14, 2016

Each Class Member must submit a completed Claim Form on or before November 14, 2016 in order to participate in the settlement. The Claim Form can be accessed or downloaded at www.PennWestCanadianClassAction.com or obtained by calling the Administrator at 1.888.244.1486. If you do not submit a completed Claim Form by November 14, 2016, you will not receive any part of the net Canadian Settlement Amount.

The Courts appointed Epiq Systems, Inc. as the Administrator of the settlement to, among other things: (i) receive and process Claim Forms; (ii) decide eligibility for compensation; and (iii) distribute the net Canadian Settlement Amount to eligible Class Members.

The Claim Form should be submitted to the Administrator by using the secure Online Claims System at **www.PennWestCanadianClassAction.com**. You may submit a paper Claim Form only if you do not have internet access. The paper Claim Form may be sent by mail or courier to:

Administrator, Penn West Class Action, Epiq Systems, Inc.

P.O. Box 4087

Portland, OR, USA 97208-4087

or by fax to: 1.844.849.1665

The Courts appointed Gregory D. Wigglesworth of Kirwin Partners LLP as the Referee to resolve any dispute arising from a decision of the Administrator on eligibility or amount of compensation. A review by the Referee may be requested by delivery of a written submission setting out the basis for the dispute including all relevant documents provided that the request is submitted within thirty (30) days of the date of the decision in dispute. Complete information on requesting a review may be found in the Plan of Allocation available at www.PennWestCanadianClassAction.com.

TO OPT-OUT OF THE CLASS ACTION

All Class Members will be bound by the terms of the settlement, unless they opt-out of their class action. The Opt-Out Form is available at www.PennWestCanadianClassAction.com or by calling 1.866.571.5040.

Ontario Class Action: You are a member of the Ontario class action if you acquired Penn West shares on the TSX or on alternative trading markets in Canada during the First Class Period and held some or all of those shares at the close of trading on July 29, 2014, and/or during the Second Class Period and held some or all of those shares at the close of trading on September 18, 2014 and you are: (i) not resident in Québec; and (ii) not a resident of Alberta.

Alberta Class Action: You are a member of the Alberta class action if you acquired Penn West shares on the TSX or on alternative trading markets in Canada during the First Class Period and held some or all of those shares at the close of trading on July 29, 2014, and/or during the Second Class Period and held some or all of those shares at the close of trading on September 18, 2014 and you are a resident of Alberta.

Québec Class Action: You are a member of the Québec class action if you acquired Penn West shares on the TSX or on alternative trading markets in Canada during the First Class Period and held some or all of those

shares at the close of trading on July 29, 2014, and/or during the Second Class Period and held some or all of those shares at the close of trading on September 18, 2014 and you are a resident of Québec.

Members of the Ontario class action and Alberta class action wishing to opt-out of the class action must send a completed Opt-Out Form to:

Gregory D. Wrigglesworth
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423 Pelissier Street
Windsor, ON N9A 4L2
fax: 1.519.790.0017, email: pennwest@kirwinpartners.com
Attention: Penn West Class Action

Members of the Québec class action wishing to opt-out of the class action must send a completed Opt-Out Form to both:

<p>Greffier de la Cour supérieure du Québec Palais de justice de Montréal Dossier no : 500-06-000713-145, 1 rue Notre-Dame Est salle 1.120 Montréal, Québec H2Y 1B6</p>	<p>Gregory D. Wrigglesworth Kirwin Partners LLP 423 Pelissier Street Windsor, ON N9A 4L2 fax: 1.519.790.0017 email: pennwest@kirwinpartners.com Attention: Penn West Class Action</p>
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The Opt-Out Form must be sent by registered mail or certified mail and must be received on or before September 1, 2016 at 5:00 pm eastern time.

U.S. ACTION

You may be a member of the U.S. Settlement Class if you (i) purchased or otherwise acquired Penn West Petroleum Ltd. (“Penn West”) common stock or trust units on an open market located within the United States, including but not limited to the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”) or another U.S. exchange, or (ii) purchased or otherwise acquired Penn West call options, or sold or wrote Penn West put options, on an open

market located within the United States, including but not limited to the NYSE or another U.S. exchange, from February 18, 2010 through July 29, 2014, inclusive and were damaged thereby. For information about the U.S. action, please visit www.PennWestUSSecuritiesLitigation.com.

PERSONAL LEGAL ADVICE

Class Members who seek the advice or guidance of their personal lawyers do so at their own expense.

INTERPRETATION

If there is a conflict between the provisions of this Notice and the terms of the orders approving the Settlement issued by the Courts in Ontario, Alberta and Québec, the orders will prevail.

Questions for class counsel should be directed by telephone or in writing to:

FOR CLASS MEMBERS OF THE ONTARIO AND ALBERTA CLASS ACTIONS

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INQUIRIES

If you need help, or are having difficulty with the claims process, or if you do not have access to the internet, or if you prefer not to register online, you may telephone the

Administrator at 1.888.244.1486

This Notice has been approved by the Courts.

Questions about this Notice should NOT be directed to the Courts.