

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
JACKSONVILLE DIVISION**

In re Rayonier Inc. Securities
Litigation

Case No. 3:14-cv-1395-J-32JBT

FINAL JUDGMENT APPROVING CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

WHEREAS, a consolidated class action is pending in this Court entitled *In re Rayonier Inc. Securities Litigation*, Case No. 3:14-cv-01395 (the “Action”);

WHEREAS, (a) Lead Plaintiffs Pension Trust Fund For Operating Engineers and the Lake Worth Firefighters’ Pension Trust Fund, on behalf of themselves and the Settlement Class (defined below), and (b) Defendants Rayonier Inc., Paul G. Boynton, Hans E. Vanden Noort, and Nancy Lynn Wilson have entered into a Stipulation And Agreement Of Settlement dated April 12, 2017 (the “Stipulation”), that provides for a complete dismissal with prejudice of the claims asserted against Defendants in the Action on the terms and conditions set forth in the Stipulation, subject to the approval of this Court (the “Settlement”);

WHEREAS, unless otherwise defined in this Judgment, the capitalized terms herein shall have the same meaning as they have in the Stipulation;

WHEREAS, by Order dated June 1, 2017 (the “Preliminary Approval Order”), this Court: (a) preliminarily approved the Settlement; (b) certified the Settlement Class solely for purposes of effectuating the Settlement; (c) ordered that notice of the proposed Settlement be provided to potential Settlement Class Members; (d) provided

Settlement Class Members with the opportunity either to exclude themselves from the Settlement Class or to object to the proposed Settlement; and (e) scheduled a hearing regarding final approval of the Settlement;

WHEREAS, due and adequate notice has been given to the Settlement Class;

WHEREAS, the Court conducted a hearing on September 19, 2017 (the “Settlement Hearing”) to consider, among other things, (a) whether the terms and conditions of the Settlement are fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Settlement Class, and should therefore be approved; and (b) whether a judgment should be entered dismissing the Action with prejudice as against the Defendants; and

WHEREAS, the Court having reviewed and considered the Stipulation, all papers filed and proceedings held herein in connection with the Settlement, all oral and written comments received regarding the Settlement, and the record in the Action, and good cause appearing therefor;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

1. **Jurisdiction** – The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Action, and all matters relating to the Settlement, as well as personal jurisdiction over all of the Parties and each of the Settlement Class Members.

2. **Incorporation of Settlement Documents** – This Judgment incorporates and makes a part hereof: (a) the Stipulation; and (b) the Notice and the Summary Notice, both of which were previously filed with the Court.

3. **Class Certification for Settlement Purposes** – The Court hereby affirms its determinations in the Preliminary Approval Order certifying, for the

purposes of the Settlement only, the Action as a class action pursuant to Rules 23(a) and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on behalf of the Settlement Class consisting of all persons and entities who purchased or otherwise acquired Rayonier common stock during the period from October 26, 2010, through November 7, 2014, inclusive, and who were damaged thereby. Excluded from the Settlement Class are (i) Defendants; (ii) members of the Immediate Family of each Individual Defendant; (iii) any person who was an Officer or director of Rayonier during the Settlement Class Period; (iv) any firm or entity in which any Defendant has or had a controlling interest during the Settlement Class Period; (v) any affiliates, parents, or subsidiaries of Rayonier; (vi) all Rayonier plans that are covered by ERISA; and (vii) the legal representatives, agents, affiliates, heirs, beneficiaries, successors-in-interest, or assigns of any excluded person or entity, in their respective capacity as such. Also excluded from the Settlement Class are the persons and entities listed on Exhibit 1 hereto who are excluded from the Settlement Class pursuant to request.

4. **Adequacy of Representation** – Pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and for the purposes of the Settlement only, the Court hereby affirms its determinations in the Preliminary Approval Order certifying Lead Plaintiffs as Class Representatives for the Settlement Class and appointing Lead Counsel as Class Counsel for the Settlement Class. Lead Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel have fairly and adequately represented the Settlement Class both in terms of litigating the Action and for purposes of entering into and implementing the

Settlement, and have satisfied the requirements of Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23(a)(4) and 23(g), respectively.

5. **Notice** – The Court finds that the dissemination of the Notice and the publication of the Summary Notice: (a) were implemented in accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order; (b) constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances; (c) constituted notice that was reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise Settlement Class Members of (i) the pendency of the Action; (ii) the effect of the proposed Settlement (including the Releases to be provided thereunder); (iii) Lead Counsel’s motion for an award of attorneys’ fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses; (iv) their right to object to any aspect of the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation or Lead Counsel’s motion for attorneys’ fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses; (v) their right to exclude themselves from the Settlement Class; and (vi) their right to appear at the Settlement Hearing; (d) constituted due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons and entities entitled to receive notice of the proposed Settlement; and (e) satisfied the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the United States Constitution (including the Due Process Clause), the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4, as amended, and all other applicable law and rules.

6. **Final Settlement Approval and Dismissal of Claims** – Pursuant to, and in accordance with, Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, this Court hereby fully and finally approves the Settlement set forth in the Stipulation in all respects (including, without limitation: the amount of the Settlement; the Releases

provided for therein; and the dismissal with prejudice of the claims asserted against Defendants in the Action), and finds that the Settlement is, in all respects, fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Settlement Class. The Parties are directed to implement, perform, and consummate the Settlement in accordance with the terms and provisions contained in the Stipulation.

7. The Action and all of the claims asserted against Defendants in the Action by Lead Plaintiffs and the other Settlement Class Members are hereby dismissed with prejudice. The Parties and the D&O Insurers shall bear their own costs and expenses, except as otherwise expressly provided for in the Stipulation.

8. **Binding Effect** – The terms of the Stipulation and of this Judgment shall be forever binding on Defendants, Lead Plaintiffs, and all other Settlement Class Members (regardless of whether or not any individual Settlement Class Member submits a Claim Form or seeks or obtains a distribution from the Net Settlement Fund), as well as their respective successors and assigns. The persons and entities listed on Exhibit 1 hereto are excluded from the Settlement Class pursuant to request and are not bound by the terms of the Stipulation or this Judgment.

9. **Releases** – The Releases set forth in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Stipulation, together with the definitions contained in paragraph 1 of the Stipulation relating thereto, are expressly incorporated herein in all respects. The Releases are effective as of the Effective Date. Accordingly, this Court orders that:

(a) Without further action by anyone, and subject to paragraph 11 below, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Lead Plaintiffs and each of the other

Settlement Class Members, on behalf of themselves, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns, in their capacities as such, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Stipulation, of law, and of this Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived, and discharged each and every Released Plaintiffs' Claim against the Defendants and the other Defendant Releasees, and shall forever be barred and enjoined from prosecuting any or all of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims against any of the Defendant Releasees. This Release shall not apply to any of the Excluded Claims (as that term is defined in paragraph 1(r) of the Stipulation).

(b) Without further action by anyone, and subject to paragraph 11 below, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Defendants, on behalf of themselves, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns, in their capacities as such, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Stipulation, of law, and of the Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived, and discharged each and every Released Defendants' Claim against the Lead Plaintiffs and the other Plaintiff Releasees, and shall forever be barred and enjoined from prosecuting any or all of the Released Defendants' Claims against any of the Plaintiff Releasees. This Release shall not apply to any person or entity listed on Exhibit 1 hereto.

10. Upon the Effective Date, to the extent allowed by law, the Stipulation shall operate conclusively as an estoppel and full defense in the event, and to the extent, of any claim, demand, action, or proceeding brought by a Settlement Class

Member against any of the Defendant Releasees with respect to any Released Plaintiffs' Claims, or brought by a Defendant against any of the Plaintiff Releasees with respect to any Released Defendants' Claim.

11. Notwithstanding paragraphs 9 through 10 above, nothing in this Judgment shall bar any action by any of the Parties to enforce or effectuate the terms of the Stipulation or this Judgment.

12. **Rule 11 Findings** – The Court finds and concludes that the Parties and their respective counsel have complied in all respects with the requirements of Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure in connection with the institution, prosecution, defense, and settlement of the Action.

13. **No Admissions** – Neither this Judgment, the Term Sheet, the Stipulation (whether or not consummated), including the exhibits thereto and the Plan of Allocation contained therein (or any other plan of allocation that may be approved by the Court), the Supplemental Agreement, the negotiations leading to the execution of the Term Sheet and the Stipulation, nor any proceedings taken pursuant to or in connection with the Term Sheet, the Stipulation, or approval of the Settlement (including any arguments proffered in connection therewith):

(a) shall be (i) offered against any of the Defendant Releasees as evidence of, or construed as, or deemed to be evidence of any presumption, concession, or admission by any of the Defendant Releasees with respect to, (aa) the truth of any fact alleged by Lead Plaintiffs; (bb) the validity of any claim that was or could have been asserted in this Action or in any other litigation; (cc) the deficiency of any defense that has been

or could have been asserted in this Action or in any other litigation; or (dd) any liability, negligence, fault, or other wrongdoing of any kind of any of the Defendant Releasees; or (ii) in any way referred to for any other reason as against any of the Defendant Releasees, in any civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceeding (including any arbitration), other than such proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of the Stipulation;

(b) shall be (i) offered against any of the Plaintiff Releasees, as evidence of, or construed as, or deemed to be evidence of any presumption, concession, or admission by any of the Plaintiff Releasees (aa) that any of their claims are without merit, that any of the Defendant Releasees had meritorious defenses, or that damages recoverable under the Complaint would not have exceeded the Settlement Amount; or (bb) with respect to any liability, negligence, fault, or wrongdoing of any kind; or (ii) in any way referred to for any other reason as against any of the Plaintiff Releasees, in any civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceeding (including any arbitration), other than such proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of the Stipulation; or

(c) shall be construed against any of the Releasees as an admission, concession, or presumption that the consideration to be given under the Settlement represents the amount which could be or would have been recovered after trial; provided, however, that the Parties and the Releasees and their respective counsel may refer to this Judgment and the Stipulation to effectuate the protections from

liability granted hereunder and thereunder or otherwise to enforce the terms of the Settlement.

14. **Retention of Jurisdiction** – Without affecting the finality of this Judgment in any way, this Court retains continuing and exclusive jurisdiction over: (a) the Parties for purposes of the administration, interpretation, implementation, and enforcement of the Settlement; (b) the disposition of the Settlement Fund; (c) any motion for an award of attorneys’ fees or Litigation Expenses by Lead Counsel in the Action that will be paid from the Settlement Fund; (d) any motion to approve the Plan of Allocation; (e) any motion to approve the Class Distribution Order; and (f) the Settlement Class Members for all matters relating to the Action.

15. Separate orders shall be entered regarding approval of a plan of allocation and the motion of Lead Counsel for an award of attorneys’ fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses. Such orders shall in no way affect or delay the finality of this Judgment and shall not affect or delay the Effective Date of the Settlement.

16. **Reasonable Extensions of Time** – Without further order of the Court, Lead Plaintiffs and Defendants may agree to reasonable extensions of time to carry out any provisions of the Settlement.

17. **Termination of Settlement** – If the Settlement is terminated as provided in the Stipulation or the Effective Date of the Settlement otherwise fails to occur, this Judgment shall be vacated, rendered null and void, and be of no further force and effect, except as otherwise provided by the Stipulation, and this Judgment

shall be without prejudice to the rights of Lead Plaintiffs, the other Settlement Class Members, and Defendants, and the Parties shall revert to their respective positions in the Action as of March 13, 2017, as provided in the Stipulation.

18. **Entry of Final Judgment** – The Court hereby enters this final judgment dismissing the Action against all Defendants *with prejudice*, without costs to any Party or the D&O Insurers, except for the payments expressly provided for in the Stipulation.

DONE AND ORDERED in Jacksonville, Florida the 5th day of October, 2017.


TIMOTHY J. CORRIGAN
United States District Judge

sj

Copies:

Attachment – Exhibit 1

Counsel of record

Exhibit 1

1. Katherine J. Alexander
2. Mary B. Alexander
3. Estate of Russell C. Beauchamp
4. Russel Bezanson
5. Mary Frances Brennan TTEE and Joseph J. Brennan Trust Under Will
6. Amy Cohen
7. Richard B. Issacson
8. Charity L. Jackson
9. Levi Jackson and Charity L. Jackson
10. Matthew A. Kalman M.D.
11. Andrew M. Kenyon
12. Ruben Antonio Loy Ayala and Carolina De Loy
13. Marion T. Mikita
14. Marilyn S. Moll
15. Smithsonian Institution
16. Melba Sport
17. Carmen del Busto Suarez
18. Walter W. Weaver