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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

IN RE NEW CENTURY

Case No. CV 07-00931DDP (FMOx)  
(Lead Case)

**KPMG FINAL JUDGMENT AND  
ORDER OF DISMISSAL WITH PREJUDICE**

1 This matter came before the Court for hearing pursuant to the Order  
2 Preliminarily Approving Settlements and Providing for Notice (“Preliminary  
3 Approval Order” or “Notice Order”), on the application of Lead Plaintiff New  
4 York State Teachers’ Retirement System (“Lead Plaintiff”) and Plaintiffs Carl  
5 Larson and Charles Hooten (collectively “Plaintiffs”) for approval of the  
6 settlement between Plaintiffs and KPMG LLP (“KPMG”) set forth in the  
7 Stipulation Of Settlement Between Plaintiffs and KPMG LLP (the “KPMG  
8 Stipulation” or “KPMG Settlement”). Full and adequate notice having been given  
9 to the Class as required in the Court’s Order, and the Court having considered all  
10 papers filed and proceedings held herein and otherwise being fully informed in the  
11 premises and good cause appearing therefor,

12 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

13 1. This Judgment incorporates by reference the definitions in the KPMG  
14 Stipulation, and all capitalized terms used, but not defined herein, shall have the  
15 same meanings as in the KPMG Stipulation.

16 2. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Consolidated  
17 Action and over all Parties to the Consolidated Action, including all members of  
18 the Class.

19 3. The Court hereby affirms its certification in the Preliminary Approval  
20 Order pursuant to Rules 23(a) and 23(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil  
21 Procedure, of a Class defined as follows:

22 all persons and entities who purchased or otherwise acquired New  
23 Century common stock, New Century Series A Preferred Stock, New  
24 Century Series B Preferred Stock, and/or New Century call options  
25 and/or who sold New Century put options, during the time period  
26 from May 5, 2005, through and including March 13, 2007, either in  
27 the Offerings, pursuant to a registration statement, or in the market,  
28 and who, upon disclosure of certain facts alleged in the Complaint,  
were injured thereby. Excluded from the Class are (a) Defendants; (b)  
members of the immediate families of the Individual Defendants; (c)  
the subsidiaries and affiliates of Defendants; (d) any person or entity  
who was a partner, executive officer, director or controlling person of  
New Century (including any of its subsidiaries or affiliates) or of any  
Defendant; (e) any entity in which any Defendant has a controlling  
interest; and (f) the legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns

1 of any such excluded party. Also excluded from the Class are any  
2 persons who exclude themselves by filing a request for exclusion in  
3 accordance with the requirements set forth in the Notice, as listed on  
4 Exhibit 1 annexed hereto.

4 4. The Court also affirms its findings in the Preliminary Approval Order  
5 that the prerequisites for a class action under Rules 23(a) and (b)(3) of the Federal  
6 Rules of Civil Procedure have been satisfied in that: (a) the number of Class  
7 Members is so numerous that joinder of all members thereof is impracticable; (b)  
8 there are questions of law and fact common to the Class; (c) the claims of New  
9 York State Teachers' Retirement System ("NYSTRS") and Plaintiffs Carl Larson  
10 and Charles Hooten are typical of the claims of the Class they seek to represent; (d)  
11 Plaintiffs have fairly and adequately represented the interests of the Class; (e) the  
12 questions of law and fact common to the members of the Class predominate over  
13 any questions affecting only individual members of the Class; and (f) a class action  
14 is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the  
15 controversy.

16 5. Pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the  
17 Court affirms its certification of Plaintiffs as Class Representatives and Lead  
18 Counsel Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP as Class Counsel.

19 6. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23, this Court hereby  
20 approves the KPMG Settlement set forth in the KPMG Stipulation and finds that  
21 the KPMG Settlement is, in all respects, fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Lead  
22 Plaintiff, the Class and each of the Class Members. The Court further finds that  
23 the KPMG Settlement set forth in the KPMG Stipulation is the result of arm's-  
24 length negotiations between experienced counsel representing the interests of the  
25 Parties. Accordingly, the KPMG Settlement embodied in the KPMG Stipulation  
26 is hereby finally approved in all respects. The Parties are hereby directed to  
27 perform its terms.

28 7. Pursuant to and in compliance with Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of

1 Civil Procedure, the Court hereby finds that due and adequate notice of these  
2 proceedings was directed to all persons and entities who are Class Members,  
3 advising them of the KPMG Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and Lead  
4 Counsel's intent to apply for attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation  
5 Expenses associated with the Consolidated Action, and of their right to object  
6 thereto, and a full and fair opportunity was accorded to all persons and entities  
7 who are Class Members to be heard with respect to the foregoing matters. Thus, it  
8 is hereby determined that all Class Members who did not timely and properly elect  
9 to exclude themselves by written communication postmarked or otherwise  
10 delivered on or before the date set forth in the Notice and the Preliminary  
11 Approval Order, are bound by this Judgment.

12 8. The Consolidated Action and all claims contained therein are  
13 dismissed with prejudice as to KPMG. The parties are to bear their own costs,  
14 except as otherwise provided in the KPMG Stipulation.

15 9. Upon the Effective Date, Plaintiffs and members of the Class shall be  
16 deemed by operation of law to have released, waived, discharged and dismissed  
17 each and every Settled Claim, and shall forever be enjoined from prosecuting any  
18 or all Settled Claims, against any Released Auditor Party.

19 10. Upon the Effective Date, KPMG and each of the other Released  
20 Auditor Parties, on behalf of themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators,  
21 predecessors, successors and assigns, shall be deemed by operation of law to have  
22 released, waived, discharged and dismissed each and every one of the Released  
23 Parties' Claims, and shall forever be enjoined from prosecuting any or all of the  
24 Released Parties' Claims, against Plaintiffs and their employees, agents and  
25 attorneys, and all other Class Members.

26 11. Upon the Effective Date, and conditioned on KPMG and the other  
27 Released Auditor Parties receiving substantively reciprocal releases from the  
28 Settling Individuals, KPMG and the other Released Auditor Parties shall be

1 deemed to have released, waived, discharged and dismissed, and shall forever be  
2 enjoined from prosecuting, all Claims Against Directors And Officers against the  
3 Settling Individuals. In the event that KPMG receives the reciprocal release from  
4 the Settling Individuals contemplated in this paragraph, KPMG shall be required to  
5 promptly offer to other former New Century officers or directors with whom  
6 KPMG has entered into a tolling agreement related to New Century substantially  
7 similar substantively reciprocal releases.

8 12. Upon the Effective Date, and conditioned on KPMG and the other  
9 Released Auditor Parties receiving substantively reciprocal releases from the  
10 Underwriter Defendants and the other Released Underwriter Parties, KPMG and  
11 the other Released Auditor Parties shall be deemed by operation of law to have  
12 released, waived, discharged and dismissed each and every claim, and shall  
13 forever be enjoined from prosecuting any claim, against the Underwriter  
14 Defendants and the other Released Underwriter Parties, arising under federal,  
15 state, common or foreign law, arising out of or based upon the allegations,  
16 transactions, facts, matters or occurrences, representations or omissions involved,  
17 set forth, or referred to in the Consolidated Action.

18 13. Upon the Effective Date, and conditioned on KPMG and the other  
19 Released Auditor Parties receiving reciprocal releases from Kodiak, KPMG and  
20 the Released Auditor Parties shall be deemed by operation of law to have released,  
21 waived, discharged and dismissed, and shall be forever enjoined from prosecuting,  
22 each and every claim and cause of action of every nature and description, whether  
23 known or Unknown Claims, whether arising under federal, state, common or  
24 foreign law, that KPMG (a) asserted in the Kodiak Litigation, or (b) could have  
25 asserted in any forum that arise out of or are based upon the allegations,  
26 transactions, facts, matters or occurrences, representations or omissions involved,  
27 set forth, or referred to in the Kodiak Litigation, or that arise out of or relate in any  
28 way to New Century (including any of its subsidiaries and affiliates), the Debtors

1 or the Debtors' Estates, against Kodiak, provided and conditioned upon KPMG  
2 receiving a substantially reciprocal release from Kodiak.

3 14. Upon the Effective Date, this Final Judgment And Order Of  
4 Dismissal With Prejudice constitutes the final discharge of all obligations to the  
5 Plaintiffs of KPMG arising out of the Consolidated Action. All future claims for  
6 contribution arising out of the Consolidated Action by any person or entity against  
7 KPMG or by KPMG against any other person or entity, other than a person whose  
8 liability has been extinguished by this Settlement, are barred pursuant to 15 U.S.C.  
9 § 78u-4(f)(7)(A).

10 15. The distribution of the Notice of Pendency of Class Action and  
11 Proposed Settlement, Settlement Fairness Hearing and Motion for Attorneys' Fees  
12 and Reimbursement of Expenses ("Notice") and the publication of the Summary  
13 Notice as provided for in the Preliminary Approval Order constituted the best  
14 notice practicable under the circumstances, including individual notice to all  
15 members of the Class who could be identified through reasonable effort. Said  
16 notice provided the best notice practicable under the circumstances of those  
17 proceedings and of the matters set forth therein, including the proposed KPMG  
18 Settlement set forth in the KPMG Stipulation, to all persons entitled to such notice,  
19 and said notice fully satisfied the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure  
20 23, the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, due process, and any  
21 other applicable law.

22 16. The Court hereby finds and concludes that the formula for the  
23 calculation of the claims which is set forth in the Plan of Allocation proposed by  
24 Lead Plaintiff provides a fair and equitable basis upon which to allocate the  
25 proceeds of the Settlements<sup>1</sup> among the Class Members with due consideration  
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27 <sup>1</sup> "Settlements" herein includes the settlements as set forth in the KPMG  
28 Stipulation, the Stipulation of Settlement Between Plaintiffs and the Underwriter

1 having been given to administrative convenience and necessity.

2 17. The Court hereby finds and concludes that the Plan of Allocation  
3 proposed by Lead Plaintiff is, in all respects, fair and equitable to the Class.  
4 Accordingly, the Court hereby approves the Plan of Allocation proposed by Lead  
5 Plaintiff.

6 18. Any order entered regarding any attorneys' fees and for expense  
7 application shall in no way disturb or affect this Final Judgment and Order of  
8 Dismissal With Prejudice and shall be considered separate from this Final  
9 Judgment and Order of Dismissal With Prejudice.

10 19. The KPMG Stipulation and KPMG Settlement set forth therein,  
11 whether or not consummated, and any proceedings taken pursuant to it:

12 a. shall not be offered or received against any of the Released Auditor  
13 Parties as evidence of, or construed as, or deemed to be evidence of any  
14 presumption, concession, or admission by any of the Released Auditor Parties with  
15 respect to the truth of any fact alleged by Plaintiffs or the validity of any claim that  
16 was or could have been asserted against any of the Released Auditor Parties in this  
17 Consolidated Action or in any litigation, or of any liability, negligence, fault, or  
18 other wrongdoing of any kind of any of the Released Auditor Parties;

19 b. shall not be offered or received against any of the Released Auditor  
20 Parties as evidence of a presumption, concession or admission of any fault,  
21 misrepresentation or omission with respect to any statement or written document  
22 approved or made by any of the Released Auditor Parties, or against the Plaintiffs  
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25 Defendants ("Underwriter Settlement" or "Underwriter Stipulation"), and the  
26 Stipulation of Global Settlement with New Century Officers and Directors  
27 ("Global Officer And Director Settlement" or "Global Officer And Director  
28 Stipulation") (collectively "Settlements" or "Stipulations"). The Plan of  
Allocation sets forth a plan for allocating to Class Members the funds allocated to  
the Class from all three of the Settlements.

1 or any Class Members as evidence of any infirmity in the claims of Plaintiffs or the  
2 other Class Members;

3 c. shall not be offered or received against any of the Released Auditor  
4 Parties, or against the Plaintiffs or any other Class Members, as evidence of a  
5 presumption, concession or admission with respect to any liability, negligence,  
6 fault or wrongdoing of any kind, or in any way referred to for any other reason as  
7 against any of the Released Auditor Parties, in any other civil, criminal or  
8 administrative action or proceeding, other than such proceedings as may be  
9 necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Stipulation; provided, however, that if  
10 this Stipulation is approved by the Court, KPMG, any other Released Auditor  
11 Party, or any Class Member may refer to it to effectuate the protection from  
12 liability granted them hereunder;

13 d. shall not be construed against any of the Released Auditor Parties,  
14 Plaintiffs or any other Class Members as an admission, concession, or presumption  
15 that the consideration to be given hereunder represents the amount which could be  
16 or would have been recovered after trial;

17 e. shall not be construed against Plaintiffs or any other Class Members  
18 as an admission, concession, or presumption that any of their claims are without  
19 merit or that damages recoverable under the Complaint would not have exceeded  
20 the KPMG Settlement Amount; and

21 f. shall not be construed as or received in evidence as an admission,  
22 concession or presumption that class certification is appropriate in this  
23 Consolidated Action, except for purposes of this KPMG Settlement.

24 20. The KPMG Stipulation may be filed in an action to enforce or  
25 interpret the terms of the KPMG Stipulation, the KPMG Settlement contained  
26 therein, and any other documents executed in connection with the performance of  
27 the agreements embodied therein. The Released Auditor Parties, and/or any Class  
28 Member, may file the Stipulation and/or this Final Judgment And Order Of



1 Dismissal With Prejudice in any action that may be brought against them in order  
2 to support a defense or counterclaim based on the principles of *res judicata*,  
3 collateral estoppel, full faith and credit, release, good faith settlement, judgment  
4 bar, or reduction or any other theory of claim preclusion or issue preclusion or  
5 similar defense or counterclaim.

6 21. Without affecting the finality of this Final Judgment And Order Of  
7 Dismissal With Prejudice in any way, this Court hereby retains continuing  
8 jurisdiction over: (a) implementation of this KPMG Settlement and any award or  
9 distribution of the settlement fund, including interest earned thereon; (b) the  
10 allowance, disallowance or adjustment of any Class Member's claim on equitable  
11 grounds and any award or distribution of the settlement fund; (c) disposition of the  
12 settlement fund; (d) hearing and determining applications for attorneys' fees and  
13 Litigation Expenses in the Consolidated Action; (e) enforcing and administering  
14 this Judgment; (f) all parties hereto for the purpose of construing, enforcing and  
15 administering the KPMG Stipulation; and (g) other matters related or ancillary to  
16 the foregoing.

17 22. The Court finds that during the course of the Consolidated Action, the  
18 Parties and their respective counsel at all times complied with the requirements of  
19 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11.

20 23. In the event that the KPMG Settlement does not become effective in  
21 accordance with the terms of the KPMG Stipulation or the Effective Date does not  
22 occur, or in the event that the settlement fund, or any portion thereof, is returned to  
23 KPMG, then this Final Judgment And Order Of Dismissal With Prejudice shall be  
24 rendered null and void to the extent provided by and in accordance with the  
25 KPMG Stipulation and shall be vacated and, in such event, all orders entered and  
26 releases delivered in connection herewith shall be null and void to the extent  
27 provided by and in accordance with the KPMG Stipulation.

28 24. Without further Order of the Court, the Parties may agree to

1 reasonable extensions of time to carry out any of the provisions of the KPMG  
2 Stipulation.

3 25. There is no just reason for delay in the entry of this Judgment and  
4 immediate entry by the Clerk of the Court is expressly directed.

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6 IT IS SO ORDERED,

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8 DATED: November 15, 2010

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THE HONORABLE DEAN D. PREGERSON  
13 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE