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For the Northern District of California

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

IN RE HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY
SHAREHOLDER DERIVATIVE
LITIGATION

No. 3:12-cv-06003-CRB

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR
PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF
THIRD AMENDED SETTLEMENT,
SETTING SCHEDULING, AND
ADDRESSING MISCELLANEOUS
RELIEF**

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:
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Lead Plaintiff Stanley Morrical, derivatively on behalf of Hewlett-Packard Company (“HP”), moves for preliminary approval of the parties’ Third Amended and Restated Stipulation of Settlement (“Third Amended Settlement”) (dkt. 277). This Court denied preliminary approval of the parties’ Second Amended and Restated Stipulation of Settlement (“Second Amended Settlement”) on December 19, 2014. See Order re Second Amended Settlement (dkt. 265). There, the Court determined that while it was fair and reasonable to release “all Autonomy-Related claims,” the Second Amended Settlement faltered by also releasing “all Known Claims arising from the allegations in the Complaints,” which potentially barred a much broader universe of claims unrelated to the Autonomy acquisition. In lacking a tether to the core of this litigation, the scope of the releases in this latter clause extended beyond what was fundamentally fair, adequate, and reasonable.

Subsequently, the parties filed the Third Amended Settlement now at issue, which

1 revised its predecessor in two significant ways: by limiting the scope of the releases to
2 Autonomy-related claims, and by extending a set of corporate governance reforms to cover
3 both HP entities that will result from a planned division that was announced in October 2014.
4 After directing all interested parties to file views (dkt. 278) and considering all filings and
5 evidence, the Court determines that the Third Amended Settlement is within the range of
6 possible approval because it appears to be a fundamentally fair, adequate, and reasonable
7 resolution of shareholder claims. Accordingly, the Court GRANTS the motion for
8 preliminary approval of the Third Amended Settlement.

9 **I. BACKGROUND**

10 **A. The Autonomy Acquisition**

11 This litigation stems from HP’s failed acquisition of Autonomy, which resulted in a
12 write-down of 85% of the \$11.7 billion purchase price. Consol. Shareholder Compl. (dkt.
13 75) ¶ 2. HP is a publicly-traded technology company incorporated in Delaware and
14 headquartered in Palo Alto, California. Id. ¶ 32. Autonomy was a publicly-traded software
15 company based in the United Kingdom and founded by individual defendant Michael R.
16 Lynch in 1996. Id. ¶¶ 2, 75.

17 In September 2010, HP announced that it had hired Leo Apotheker as the new CEO.
18 Id. ¶ 76. Four months after taking over as CEO, Apotheker announced that he intended to
19 quickly “transform” HP from a hardware producer into a software and services provider. Id.
20 ¶ 77. In April 2011, Apotheker and Lynch met to discuss a possible acquisition of
21 Autonomy. Id. ¶ 90. The following month, HP’s Board approved Apotheker’s proposal to
22 look into the acquisition and hired Barclays Bank PLC and Perella Weinberg Partners to
23 evaluate the possible deal. Id. ¶ 92. According to the Complaint, Apotheker aggressively
24 pushed the acquisition over CFO and Executive Vice President Catherine A. Lesjak’s
25 objections. Id. ¶ 117. In July 2011, Apotheker and Lynch agreed to a deal-in-principal for
26 HP’s acquisition of Autonomy, and due diligence on the deal occurred between July 28 and
27 August 18, 2011. On August 18, 2011, HP and Autonomy released a joint press release
28 announcing the planned acquisition. Id. ¶ 11–12.

1 The next day, HP’s stock price dropped by approximately 20%. This was the first day
2 of the class period. In the months that followed, whistleblower allegations emerged that
3 suggested HP had overpaid for Autonomy. Id. ¶¶ 235–237. Apotheker responded at an
4 investor conference to the market’s negative reaction by making assurances that HP had been
5 “extremely tight and very professional” in evaluating the Autonomy deal. Id. ¶ 13.

6 On September 22, 2011, a week before the Autonomy deal closed, Margaret Whitman
7 replaced Apotheker as CEO. Id. ¶ 201. Plaintiff alleges that Whitman and other HP
8 executives sought to withdraw the offer to purchase Autonomy, but were told that the United
9 Kingdom’s takeover rules made this impossible. The Autonomy acquisition closed in
10 October 2011.

11 After the transaction closed, HP began studying Autonomy’s software revenue
12 recognition practices to optimize for United States Generally Accepted Accounting Practices.
13 Id. ¶ 253. HP discovered that Autonomy’s earnings and growth numbers were not what they
14 had seemed, and that integrating Autonomy into HP did not result in the anticipated revenue
15 or growth. Id. In an earnings conference call with investors in August 2012, Lesjak and
16 Whitman attributed weak revenue numbers to prevailing business trends and touted HP’s
17 ability to leverage Autonomy as an integrated system. Id. ¶¶ 267–68.

18 In May 2012, a whistleblower, identified as a senior member of HP’s Autonomy unit,
19 came forward to raise concerns with HP’s General Counsel about Autonomy’s accounting
20 improprieties. Id. ¶ 235. Whitman learned of the allegations and immediately authorized
21 hiring PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (“PwC”) to conduct an investigation. Id. ¶ 253. While
22 the investigation was still ongoing, HP reported that its software segment results were
23 worsening and that it might record a goodwill impairment. Id. ¶¶ 262–68.

24 On November 20, 2012, HP announced the results of the PwC investigation. Id.
25 ¶ 289. HP conceded that hundreds of million of dollars of Autonomy’s pre-acquisition
26 revenue had been improperly recorded, that key Autonomy documents were missing, and that
27 HP had substantially overpaid for Autonomy. Id. ¶ 290. HP concluded that it had been the
28 victim of a fraud in the Autonomy deal and wrote down 85% of the purchase price, a loss of

1 approximately \$8.8 billion. Id. HP’s stock dropped another 12% on this news. Id. ¶ 294.
2 This was the final day of the class period.

3 **B. Procedural Background**

4 Litigation ensued, with numerous plaintiffs filing related shareholder derivative
5 actions in 2012. On February 21 and March 4, 2013, this Court consolidated three categories
6 of cases: “derivative shareholder suits, nonderivative securities class actions, and ERISA
7 suits” which all “share[d] common facts.” Order Consolidating Cases and Appointing Lead
8 Plaintiffs and Counsel (dkt. 65). All then-pending actions were “Demand Futile” suits in that
9 the plaintiffs had not made a demand on the Board of Directors. See Stip. (dkt. 61).

10 In response to the litigation, HP formed a Demand Review Committee (“DRC”) in
11 December 2012 to investigate the derivative claims. See Mot. to Sever (dkt. 143) at 2, 4
12 (citing Compl., Ex. 1.; Opp’n to Mot. to Sever (dkt. 147) at 3). While the DRC evaluated the
13 claims, the Court stayed the case pursuant to stipulations. See Orders Staying Case (dkt. 87,
14 123). In January 2014, HP reported to the Court that the DRC had presented its findings and
15 recommendations to the Board of Directors and, on the basis of those recommendations, the
16 Board of Directors made certain unspecified decisions. See Status Report (dkt. 129) at 2.

17 HP and the Demand Futile Plaintiffs reached a proposed settlement agreement in front
18 of Retired Chief Judge Vaughn R. Walker. See generally Mot. for Prelim. Approval (dkt.
19 149-2); Walker Decl. (dkt. 149-1). HP concurrently filed an Administrative Motion to File
20 Under Seal certain corporate governance reforms it would enact as part of the settlement
21 (dkt. 150). Various parties moved to intervene to challenge the proposed settlement. See
22 Mot. to Intervene (dkt. 160, 172, 212).

23 At a hearing on August 25, 2014, the Court expressed concern over the breadth and
24 vagueness of the proposed settlement’s release clauses as well as the ambiguous severability
25 of the attorney retention clauses from the rest of the agreement. See Hearing Trans. (dkt.
26 199). On September 3, the parties submitted a First Amended Settlement (dkt. 201). After a
27 hearing on September 26, 2014, but before the Court ruled on the Motion for Preliminary
28 Approval of the First Amended Settlement, the parties filed the Second Amended Settlement.

1 In an Order on December 19, 2014, the Court denied preliminary approval of the Second
2 Amended Settlement on the grounds that it released too broad a list of potential claims. See
3 Order re Second Amended Settlement at 1–2. Specifically, the Court determined that while it
4 was fair and reasonable to release Autonomy-related claims, the second clause of the release
5 extended too broadly by barring “all Known Claims arising from the allegations in the
6 Complaints, that Settling Plaintiffs or any other Securities Holder asserted or could have
7 asserted derivatively on behalf of the Company.” Id. Because it was impossible for the
8 Court or parties to determine the scope and merits of the claims released by this second
9 clause, and because it encompassed a universe of claims that strayed far beyond the
10 Autonomy acquisition at the heart of the litigation, the Court could not say it was a fair and
11 reasonable resolution of this action. Id. at 2.

12 On January 22, 2015, the parties filed the instant motion for preliminary approval of
13 the Third Amended Settlement. See Motion re Third Amended Settlement. This Court
14 directed all interested parties to serve and file any views they wished to raise as to the Third
15 Amended Settlement, and allowed all interested parties to respond to those views. See Order
16 re Views (dkt. 278). Those filings are now before the Court. See generally Docket.

17 **II. LEGAL STANDARD**

18 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 governs a district court’s analysis of the fairness of
19 a settlement of a shareholder derivative action. Under Rule 23, a derivative action “may be
20 settled, voluntarily dismissed, or compromised only with the court’s approval.” Fed. R. Civ.
21 P. 23(e). The Court must determine whether the settlement is “fundamentally fair, adequate
22 and reasonable.” In re Rambus Inc. Derivative Litig., No. c-06-3515-JF, 2009 WL 166689,
23 at *2 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 20, 2009) (citing Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e); Mego Financial Corp. Sec.
24 Litig., 213 F.3d 454, 459 (9th Cir. 2000); Officers for Justice v. Civil Service Comm’n, 688
25 F.2d 615, 625 (9th Cir. 1982)). “The preliminary determination establishes an initial
26 presumption of fairness.” In re Tableware Antitrust Litig., 484 F. Supp. 2d 1078, 1079–80
27 (N.D. Cal. 2007) (citation omitted). The district court must balance a number of factors,
28 including “the strength of the plaintiffs’ case; the risk, expense, complexity, and likely

1 duration of further litigation; . . . the amount offered in settlement; the extent of discovery
2 completed and the stage of the proceedings; [and] the experience and views of counsel”
3 Mego, 213 F.3d at 458 (citing Hanlon v. Chrysler Corp., 150 F.3d 1011, 1026 (9th Cir.
4 1998)).¹ “The relative degree of importance to be attached to any particular factor will
5 depend on the unique circumstances of each case.” Officers for Justice, 688 F.2d at 625. To
6 determine whether a proposed settlement is ““within the range of possible approval,”” the
7 Court also ensures it is ““not the product of fraud or overreaching by, or collusion between,
8 the negotiating parties.”” In re NVIDIA Corp. Derivative Litig., No. C-06-06110-SBA, 2008
9 WL 5382544, at *2 (N.D. Cal. Dec. 22, 2008) (quoting Officers for Justice, 688 F.2d at 625);
10 see also Mego, 213 F.3d at 458.

11 **III. DISCUSSION**

12 And here we are again, with the Third Amended Settlement as the latest installment in
13 a series of proposals to resolve derivative shareholder claims arising from the Autonomy
14 acquisition. But unlike the prior versions, the Third Amended Settlement explicitly limits the
15 scope of the released claims to those related to the Autonomy acquisition. Specifically, the
16 Third Amended Settlement releases only “all Autonomy-Related Claims, that Settling
17 Plaintiffs or any other Securities Holder asserted or could have asserted derivatively on
18 behalf of the Company, or that the Company could have asserted directly in its own right,
19 against any of the Releasees,” except for certain preserved and pending claims that survive.
20 See Third Amended Settlement ¶ 61. Moreover, on October 6, 2014, HP announced plans to
21 separate into two new publicly traded Fortune 50 companies: one comprising HP’s
22 technology infrastructure, software, and services business, which will do business as
23 Hewlett-Packard Enterprise, and one comprising HP’s personal systems and printing
24 businesses, which will do business as HP Inc. The Third Amended Settlement also adds that
25 the governance reforms achieved as part of the settlement will be implemented at both

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27 ¹ These cases and factors address the approval of settlements in the class action context, but courts apply them
28 also when reviewing proposed settlements in shareholder derivative suits. See, e.g., Rambus, 2009 WL 166689; see also 7C
Charles Alan Wright, Arthur R. Miller & Mary Kay Kane, Federal Practice and Procedure: Civil 3D § 1839 at 195 (2014)
 (“[C]ases involving dismissal or compromise under Rule 23(e) of nonderivative class actions . . . are relevant by analogy”
 to derivative suits.).

1 Hewlett-Packard Enterprise and HP Inc. All other provisions are substantially the same as
2 they appeared in the Second Amended Settlement. See Third Amended Settlement Redline
3 (dkt. 277-2).

4 The Court’s core inquiry is to determine whether the proposed settlement is
5 “fundamentally fair, reasonable, and adequate,” Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e), such that it merits an
6 “initial presumption of fairness,” In re Tableware Antitrust Litig., 484 F. Supp. 2d at
7 1079–80. This Court assesses a proposed settlement of a shareholder derivative suit at the
8 preliminary approval stage by balancing a number of relevant factors, including “the strength
9 of the plaintiffs’ case; the risk, expense, complexity, and likely duration of further litigation;”
10 “the amount offered in settlement;” and “the experience and views of counsel.” See Rambus,
11 2009 WL 166689, at *2; Mego, 213 F.3d at 458. The district court also must satisfy itself that
12 the settlement is not the product of collusion among the negotiating parties. Mego, 213 F.3d
13 at 458; Officers for Justice, 688 F.2d at 625.

14 The Court is persuaded that the Third Amended Settlement meets all these criteria at
15 the preliminary approval stage. Having reviewed the motion for preliminary approval and
16 the objecting and supporting views filed by interested parties, the Court finds no obvious
17 deficiencies in the settlement agreement that would undermine an initial presumption of
18 fairness. The scope of the releases that has long troubled this Court appears to have been
19 significantly and substantively narrowed. The history of the settlement process is illustrative
20 here. The description of released claims as it appeared in the First Amended Settlement was
21 broad and detailed, and extended much more broadly than liability related to the Autonomy
22 acquisition to include a lengthy list of apparently unrelated examples: “alleged violations of
23 federal or state securities laws,” “the Company’s hiring and compensation of its officers and
24 directors,” “the Company’s share repurchase program,” “the Company’s historical strategy
25 for and implementation of acquisitions,” “allegedly false or misleading proxy statements
26 filed by the Company in 2013,” “the Company’s foreign loan program,” and “the adequacy
27 of and compliance with the Company’s internal controls,” among others. See First Amended
28 Settlement at 14–15.

1 After this Court expressed concerns about the extent to which these released claims
2 appeared to go far beyond those related to the Autonomy acquisition, but before the Court
3 ruled on preliminary approval, the parties amended again, and filed a Second Amended
4 Settlement. The most salient change appeared in the provisions related to the released
5 claims, which had been changed into a brief and ostensibly straightforward two-part clause:
6 first, “all Autonomy-Related Claims,” and second, “all Known Claims arising from the
7 allegations in the Complaints, that Settling Plaintiffs or any other Securities Holder asserted
8 or could have asserted derivatively on behalf of the Company, or that the Company could
9 have asserted directly in its own right, against any of the Releasees.” See Second Amended
10 Settlement ¶ 62. But because expansive allegations and descriptions in the various
11 complaints arguably put in issue a range of HP practices as broad as the long list of examples
12 in the First Amended Settlement, it appeared to the Court that the scope of released claims
13 had not actually narrowed at all.

14 Not so in the Third Amended Settlement. Although the scope of the release in this
15 proposal is broad, it appears at the preliminary approval stage to be acceptable because the
16 released claims are limited to those based upon the core of this litigation: the Autonomy
17 acquisition. This comports with the approach taken by the Ninth Circuit with respect to
18 preliminary approval of settlement agreements in the class action context. There, the court
19 has explained that “[a] settlement agreement may preclude a party from bringing a related
20 claim in the future ‘even though the claim was not presented and might not have been
21 presentable in the class action,’ but only where the released claim is ‘based on the identical
22 factual predicate as that underlying the claims in the settled class action.’” See Hesse v.
23 Sprint Corp., 598 F.3d 581, 590 (9th Cir. 2010) (quoting Williams v. Boeing Co., 517 F.3d
24 1120, 1133 (9th Cir. 2008), and Class Plaintiffs v. City of Seattle, 955 F.2d 1268, 1287 (9th
25 Cir. 1992)); see also Cancilla v. Ecolab Inc., No. 12-cv-03001-CRB, 2014 WL 2943237, at
26 *7 (N.D. Cal. June 30, 2014). Thus, a court may approve releases that bar claims “ar[ising]
27 from the same common nucleus of operative fact” alleged in the settled action. See Class
28 Plaintiffs, 955 F.2d at 1288.

1 By tethering the released claims to those relating to Autonomy, the Third Amended
2 Settlement allows this Court to weigh the release of Autonomy liability against the corporate
3 governance reforms designed to address some of the circumstances that allowed the failed
4 acquisition to occur. The shareholders do not appear to be relinquishing any claims that lack
5 a factual overlap with the substance of this litigation. Although the strength of the plaintiffs'
6 case is murky at best at this stage in the litigation, "[t]he very essence of a settlement is
7 compromise," and the Court must look to whether the amount offered in settlement appears
8 fairly and reasonably commensurate. See Officers for Justice, 688 F.2d at 624; Mego, 213
9 F.3d at 458 (citing Hanlon, 150 F.3d at 1026). "[D]erivative lawsuits are rarely successful,"
10 and various preliminary factors including limitations in HP's corporate charter and
11 difficulties of proof give little reason to hope that the claims here would have prevailed
12 against the odds. See In re Pacific Enters. Sec. Litig., 47 F.3d 373, 377-78 (9th Cir. 1995).
13 The revisions to HP's mergers and acquisitions policies through the corporate governance
14 reforms inure to the benefit of both HP entities, and at this early stage of the litigation, the
15 trade-off of Autonomy-related claims for corporate governance reforms appears fair,
16 reasonable, and adequate.

17 Moreover, the Third Amended Settlement appears to be the result of good-faith and
18 arms'-length bargaining, with no evidence of fraud or collusion to taint the negotiations. The
19 mediation process was overseen by Retired Chief Judge Vaughn R. Walker, and the long
20 road to a proposed settlement involved extensive negotiations conducted on behalf of all
21 parties by experienced and informed counsel.

22 In light of the "strong judicial policy that favors settlements" and this Court's
23 satisfaction that the Third Amended Settlement appears to represent a fair, reasonable, and
24 adequate resolution of shareholder claims, preliminary approval is appropriate. See id.
25 (quoting Class Plaintiffs, 955 F.2d at 1276). But the Court remains open to all objections and
26 evidence that the notice and discovery periods may unearth, with an eye towards determining
27 whether this imprimatur of fairness holds true at the final approval stage.

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1 **IV. CONCLUSION AND DISPOSITIONS**

2 **A. Pending Motions**

3 For the reasons stated above, the Court finds that the Third Amended Settlement is
4 within the range of possible approval and, accordingly, the Court GRANTS the motion for
5 preliminary approval of the Third Amended Settlement. All discovery motions in connection
6 with final approval shall be heard by Magistrate Judge Elizabeth Laporte. Proposed
7 Intervenor A.J. Copeland’s motion for a preliminary injunction and discovery in further
8 support thereof (dkt. 276) is DENIED without prejudice for lack of standing and for lack of
9 any legal grounds to support it. Copeland’s renewed motion to intervene (dkt. 269), which
10 was expressly predicated on and justified by motions that have been denied, is DENIED
11 without prejudice. HP’s unopposed administrative motion to seal the corporate governance
12 revisions (dkt. 150) achieved as part of the Third Amended Settlement is GRANTED
13 because the Court finds compelling reasons to prevent public disclosure due to the detriment
14 that HP would suffer in the mergers and acquisitions process if competitors had access to this
15 sensitive corporate playbook, and because under these circumstances the public interest in
16 disclosure is appropriately balanced in the mechanism for shareholder access described in
17 subpart F, *infra*. See Kamakana v. City and Cnty. of Honolulu, 447 F.3d 1172, 1178–79 (9th
18 Cir. 2006). All other pending motions shall be referred to Magistrate Judge Laporte for her
19 determination as to whether they must be resolved prior to the hearing on final approval. All
20 hearings on pending motions are VACATED as appropriate for resolution without oral
21 argument pursuant to Civil Local Rule 7–1(b), subject to being rescheduled as necessary
22 upon review by Magistrate Judge Laporte. Lead Plaintiff’s *ex parte* application to continue
23 hearings to the same date (dkt. 286) accordingly is DENIED AS MOOT.

24 **B. Notice and Scheduling**

25 The Court approves, as to form and content, the Notice of Proposed Settlement that
26 appears at Exhibit B to the Third Amended Settlement, and finds that the notice procedures
27 outlined in subsection III.B.–C. of the Third Amended Settlement, meet the requirements of
28 due process and of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23.1, are the best procedures practicable

1 under the circumstances, and provide due and sufficient notice to all interested persons of all
2 matters relating to the Settlement. HP will pay or cause to be paid all costs associated with
3 providing the notice described in this Order. The Court adopts the notice schedule suggested
4 by Lead Plaintiff, such that:

5 a. the Settling Parties shall cause notice of the terms of the proposed Settlement
6 and the final approval order, substantially in the form filed with the Court as Exhibit B
7 to the Third Amended Settlement, to be published in The Wall Street Journal, The
8 New York Times, The San Francisco Chronicle, and Investor's Business Daily, no
9 later than 10 business days after the date of this Order;

10 b. HP shall cause notice to be filed with the United States Securities and
11 Exchange Commission as an attachment to a Form 8-K and shall cause the notice and
12 the Third Amended Settlement to be published through a link located on the Investor
13 Relations page of its website, no later than 10 business days after the date of this
14 Order;

15 c. the motion for final approval of the Settlement should be filed 35
16 calendar days before the final approval hearing;

17 d. the last day for HP shareholders to comment on the Settlement is 20 calendar
18 days before the final approval hearing;

19 e. the last day for settling parties to file with the Court (and serve on each other)
20 any papers they wish to submit in support of the proposed settlement is 15 calendar
21 days before the final approval hearing;

22 f. the last day for settling parties to file with the Court (and serve on each other)
23 any papers they wish to submit in opposition to any comments or submissions is 7
24 calendar days before the final approval hearing; and

25 g. HP, at or before the final approval hearing, shall cause proof of notice to be
26 filed as set out in this Order.

27 **C. Objections**

28 Securities holders who wish to object to the fairness, reasonableness, or adequacy of

1 the Third Amended Settlement or to any term(s) of the Third Amended Settlement must both
2 serve on counsel and file with the Court a statement of objection, which must be received by
3 no later than twenty days before the final approval hearing. The securities holder may object
4 on his, her, or its own, or through counsel hired at his, her or its own expense. The securities
5 holder's statement of objection should set out the specific reasons, if any, for each objection,
6 including any legal support the securities holder wishes to bring to the Court's attention and
7 any evidence the securities holder wishes to introduce in support of such objections. The
8 statement of objection must also include the following information about the securities holder
9 or (if represented by counsel) about the attorney: (i) name, (ii) address, (iii) telephone
10 number, (iv) e-mail address, if available, and (v) evidence that the individual or entity on
11 whose behalf the objection has been made is and has been a securities holder of HP stock at
12 all relevant times.

13 **D. Final Approval Hearing**

14 The final approval hearing shall be set for July 24, 2015, at 10:00 a.m., subject to any
15 rescheduling by the Court as noted on the docket, before Judge Charles R. Breyer, in
16 Courtroom 6, 17th Floor, U.S. District Court, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco,
17 California. The Court reserves the right to continue the final approval hearing without
18 further written notice to securities holders or anyone else other than the settling parties. At
19 the final approval hearing, the Court will, among other things:

- 20 a. determine finally whether the proposed Settlement, the terms and conditions of
21 which are set out in the Third Amended Settlement, is fair, reasonable, adequate, and
22 in the best interests of HP and its shareholders and should be approved by the Court;
- 23 b. determine finally whether the form and method of notice to securities holders
24 that will be implemented pursuant to the Third Amended Settlement and this Order (i)
25 satisfied the requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the United States
26 Constitution (including the Due Process Clause), the Rules of this Court, and any
27 other applicable law, (ii) sufficiently informed all relevant persons and entities about
28 the Third Amended Settlement, the final approval hearing, and their ability to object

1 to the Settlement, and (iii) were reasonable and constituted due, adequate, and
2 sufficient notice to all persons entitled to notice;

3 c. determine finally whether the Federal Plaintiff fairly and adequately
4 represented the shareholders' and HP's interests;

5 d. determine whether the proposed Order Approving Settlement and the proposed
6 Final Judgment (forms of which are attached in their entirety as Exhibits C and D to
7 the Third Amended Settlement) should be entered in this Federal action;

8 e. determine whether the claims asserted against the settling Individual
9 Defendants and the settling Professional Advisor Defendants in the Federal action
10 should be dismissed with prejudice pursuant to the terms of the Third Amended
11 Settlement and whether the claims against Releasees should be fully and finally
12 released;

13 f. determine whether the Court should enter a permanent injunction, as set out in
14 the proposed Order Approving Settlement at paragraph 12 or as modified by the
15 Court;

16 g. determine whether the proposed Complete Bar Order, as set out in the proposed
17 Order Approving Settlement at paragraph 13, should be entered; and

18 h. determine any other matters relating to the approval and implementation of the
19 Third Amended Settlement.

20 The Court may approve the Third Amended Settlement (with or without any
21 modifications executed by the settling parties) and enter an Approval Order at or after the
22 final approval hearing or any adjournment of the final approval hearing and dismiss the
23 claims asserted against the settling Defendants named in the Complaint on the merits and
24 with prejudice with or without further notice to any persons or entities other than the settling
25 parties.

26 **E. Preliminary Injunction**

27 Pending final determination by the Court whether the Third Amended Settlement
28 should be approved, this Court preliminarily bars and enjoins all securities holders, any of

1 their respective representatives, trustees, successors, heirs, agents, and assigns, and anyone
2 else purporting to act on behalf of or derivatively for HP, from filing, commencing,
3 prosecuting, intervening in, participating in, or receiving any benefits or other relief from any
4 other lawsuit, arbitration, or administrative, regulatory or other proceeding (as well as filing a
5 complaint in intervention in such proceedings in which the person or entity filing such
6 complaint in intervention purports to be acting on behalf of or derivatively for any of the
7 above) or order in any jurisdiction or forum based on or relating to any Autonomy-related
8 claim that may be brought in a derivative capacity, save and except for in the United States
9 District Court for the Northern District of California; provided however, that nothing in the
10 preliminary injunction granted by the Court shall bar (i) HP or Autonomy (but not a
11 securities holder acting on behalf of HP) from asserting Non-Released Preserved Claims in
12 any pending or future judicial, administrative, regulatory, arbitration, or other proceeding, or
13 (ii) any appropriate shareholder or HP from asserting any Non-Released Pending Claims, in
14 any pending judicial proceeding, or (iii) any securities holder from asserting claims that are
15 solely direct claims (including claims made in the Securities Class Action and/or the ERISA
16 Class Action), and not claims made on behalf of HP, in any pending or future judicial,
17 administrative, regulatory, arbitration, or other proceeding; provided further, that no part of
18 this preliminary injunction shall bar HP or any defendant from seeking to stay or dismiss any
19 other proceedings.

20 Notwithstanding the preliminary injunction set out in the preceding paragraph, certain
21 rights are reserved:

22 a. Neither HP nor Autonomy shall be barred or enjoined from asserting any
23 Non-Released Preserved Claims, and neither the Releasees nor HP shall be barred or
24 enjoined from asserting any defense, against any non-Releasee (including but not
25 limited to Autonomy, Legacy Autonomy Officials, Autonomy Pre-Acquisition
26 Advisors, or Autonomy Business Partners) in any pending or future judicial,
27 administrative, regulatory, arbitration, or other proceeding;

28 b. Neither HP nor any appropriate shareholder shall be barred or enjoined from

1 asserting any Non-Released Pending Claims in any pending judicial proceeding;

2 c. No securities holder shall be barred or enjoined from asserting claims that are
3 solely direct claims (including claims made in the Securities Class Action and/or the
4 ERISA Class Action) and not claims made on behalf of HP, in any pending or future
5 judicial, administrative, regulatory, arbitration, or other proceeding; and

6 d. The following Claims shall not be barred or enjoined:

7 (1) by any of the settling parties, settling Plaintiffs' counsel, or Defendants'
8 settlement counsel to enforce the terms of the Third Amended Settlement, the
9 Approval Order, or the Judgment;

10 (2) by HP to seek reimbursement for advanced attorneys' fees or expenses
11 from any Releasee who has been determined, or may be determined, to be
12 unindemnifiable with respect to any Released securities holder/HP claims;

13 (3) by Defendants or Defendants' settlement counsel seeking
14 reimbursement for fees and expenses incurred in representing any of HP,
15 settling Individual Defendants, settling Professional Advisors or any other
16 Releasee;

17 (4) belonging to HP or any insured Releasee against any of HP's insurers
18 arising out of or relating to any potentially applicable insurance contracts or
19 other agreements; provided that any such claim must be asserted directly by HP
20 or the insured Releasee in its, his, or her own right; and

21 (5) by any Releasee who is or was employed or associated with HP, with
22 respect to the rights of any such individual or entity under (i) pension plans,
23 401(k) plans, separation agreements, employment agreements, stock options,
24 salary benefits or any other benefit plan, including health plans, in which such
25 Releasee participates as a result of his or her current or former employment or
26 association with HP, or (ii) indemnification, advancement or insurance
27 coverage with respect to any claim made as to a Releasee that arises by reason
28 of the fact that he or she is or was a director, officer, or employee of HP, or

1 under a written agreement between the Releasee and HP or its affiliates
2 providing for indemnification, advancement, or insurance coverage.

3 **F. Process to Review the Governance Revisions**

4 Securities holders who wish to review the governance revisions for the purpose of
5 evaluating and potentially objecting to the fairness, reasonableness, or adequacy of the Third
6 Amended Settlement or to any to any term(s) of the Third Amended Settlement must submit
7 a request to counsel for HP no later than twenty calendar days before the final approval
8 hearing. A request to review the governance revisions must include the following
9 information about the securities holder or (if represented by counsel) about the attorney: (i)
10 name, (ii) address, (iii) telephone number, (iv) e-mail address, if available, and (v) evidence
11 that the individual or entity on whose behalf the request is being made is a securities holder
12 of HP. Further, the requesting securities holder must agree to be bound by the
13 Confidentiality Agreement attached as Appendix A to this Order, restricting the disclosure of
14 the information and restricting the use of the information to evaluate whether to lodge an
15 objection to the fairness, reasonableness, or adequacy of the Third Amended Settlement.
16 Provided that the securities holder satisfies these conditions and agrees to abide by the
17 Confidentiality Agreement, HP shall provide such securities holder with a copy of the
18 governance revisions within five business days. Any breach of the Confidentiality
19 Agreement shall be deemed a breach of a court order.

20 **G. Filing and Service of Submissions**

21 Any securities holder wishing to make a submission pursuant to this Order must serve
22 such submission on counsel and file it with the Court as follows:

- 23 a. the submission must be filed with the Clerk of Court for the United States
24 District Court for the Northern District of California, Phillip Burton Federal Building
25 and United States Courthouse, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California
26 94102; and
27 b. the submission must be served by facsimile, e-mail, and/or next-day (excluding
28 Saturday or Sunday) express delivery service upon each of the following counsel:

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Counsel for the settling parties are directed to inform each other promptly of any submission served on them or that otherwise comes into their possession pursuant to this Order. Counsel for HP shall forward any submission served on them pursuant to this Order to counsel for settling Individual Defendants and settling Professional Adviser Defendants.

H. Termination of Agreement

This Order shall become null and void, and shall be without prejudice to the rights of the parties in this Federal action or any other action (including the State actions), all of whom shall be restored to their respective positions existing immediately before this Court entered this Order, if the Third Amended Settlement is not finally approved by the Court or does not become final, or if the Third Amended Settlement is terminated or does not become effective

1 for any reason. In such event, (i) all provisions of the Third Amended Settlement other than
2 its termination provisions shall become null and void and be of no further force or effect, (ii)
3 neither the Third Amended Settlement (other than its termination provisions) nor any Court
4 order regarding the Third Amended Settlement, including this Order, shall be used or
5 referred to for any purpose whatsoever and (iii) none of the Third Amended Settlement, this
6 Order, the negotiation of the settlements, or the statements or court proceedings relating to
7 the settlements shall in any way be construed as, offered as, received as, used as, or deemed
8 to be evidence of any kind in this Federal action, the State actions, or any other judicial,
9 administrative, regulatory, or other proceeding or action, except in a proceeding to enforce
10 this provision of this Order. Without limiting the foregoing, neither the Third Amended
11 Settlement nor any related negotiations, statements, or court proceedings shall be construed
12 as, offered as, received as, used as, or deemed to be evidence or an admission or concession
13 of any liability or wrongdoing whatsoever on the part of any person or entity including, but
14 not limited to, the Releasees, as a waiver by the Releasees of any applicable defense, or as a
15 waiver by the Federal Plaintiff, the State Plaintiffs, or the Releasees of any claims, causes of
16 action, or remedies, including claims as to non-Releasees.

17 **I. Retention of Jurisdiction**

18 Subject to the dispute-resolution provisions found at Subsection III.D. of the Third
19 Amended Settlement, and to the referrals of the aforementioned matters to Magistrate Judge
20 Laporte, this Court retains exclusive jurisdiction over the Federal action to consider all
21 further matters arising out of or connected with the Third Amended Settlement, including a
22 determination whether the proposed Settlement should be approved as fair, reasonable, and
23 adequate and in the best interest of HP and its shareholders, and to enter an Order so finding.

24 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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26 Dated: March 13, 2015

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28 CHARLES R. BREYER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

This Confidentiality Agreement (the “Confidentiality Agreement”) is entered between nominal defendant Hewlett-Packard Company (“HP”) and _____ (“Shareholder”), in connection with the action entitled *In re Hewlett-Packard Company Shareholder Derivative Litigation*, Master File No. 12 CV 6003 CRB (N.D. Cal.) (the “Action”).

1. **Scope.** This Confidentiality Agreement shall govern the corporate governance enhancements that are being made under the Third Amended and Restated Stipulation of Settlement in the Action (and defined therein as the “Governance Revisions”) and all information derived therefrom (collectively, the “Confidential Information”). This Confidentiality Agreement shall not apply to (a) information that is lawfully in the public domain; and (b) information known to Shareholder from a source who obtained the information lawfully and under no obligation of confidentiality to HP.

2. **Permissible Uses.** Shareholder may use Confidential Information solely (1) to evaluate whether to make an objection to the fairness, reasonableness, or adequacy of the Third Amended and Restated Stipulation of Settlement, or (2) to make an objection to the fairness, reasonableness, or adequacy of the Third Amended and Restated Stipulation of Settlement (the “Permissible Uses”).

3. **Permissible Disclosure.** Shareholder may disclose Confidential Information solely to the officers, directors, employees, attorneys, or experts of Shareholder to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for one of the Permissible Uses. Before sharing Confidential Information under paragraph 3, Shareholder shall obtain the written agreement of such persons to be bound by this Confidentiality Agreement.

4. **Objections; Court Filings.** To the extent Shareholder wishes to rely on Confidential Information in a court filing, including a statement of objections to the Third Amended and Restated Stipulation of Settlement, material reflecting Confidential Information shall be filed under seal.

5. **Compelled Disclosure.** If Shareholder is served with a request, subpoena or court order that compels disclosure of any Confidential Information, Shareholder must promptly notify HP in writing, and in any event within two (2) business days, and provide with a copy of the subpoena or court order. Shareholder shall cooperate with HP with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued to prevent disclosure of Confidential Information.

6. **Unauthorized Disclosure.** If Shareholder learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it or any of its officers, directors, employees or representatives has violated this Confidentiality Agreement, Shareholder must immediately (a) notify HP of the breach, (b) use its best efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of Confidential Information, (c) inform the person to whom unauthorized disclosure was made of the terms of this Confidentiality Agreement and (d) request such person to agree to be bound by this Confidentiality Agreement.

7. **Disposal.** Within 60 days after the Settlement is Final or terminated, Shareholder must return or destroy all Confidential Information, and certify to HP that Shareholder has done so.

8. **Representations.** Shareholder represents that it is a shareholder of HP and that it seeks to review the Governance Revisions only for one or more of the Permissible Uses.

9. **Remedies.** Shareholder agrees that money damages would not be an adequate remedy for breach of this Confidentiality Agreement, that HP may obtain specific performance of this Confidentiality Agreement and that any violation of this Confidentiality Agreement shall entitle HP to injunctive or other equitable relief as a remedy without proof of actual damages and without limiting any other remedies that HP might have. Shareholder waives any requirement for the securing or posting of any bond in connection with any such remedy.

10. **Notice.** Any notice required to be made to HP under this Confidentiality Agreement shall be made to counsel for HP identified in the Preliminary Approval Order.

11. **Entire Agreement; Choice of Law; Jurisdiction.** This Confidentiality Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. It shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California. In agreeing to be subject to the

terms of this Confidentiality Agreement, Shareholder agrees to submit to the jurisdiction of the Court in which this Action is pending for all matters concerning the enforcement of the terms of this Confidentiality Agreement. Breach of this agreement shall be a breach of a court order.

Dated: _____, 2015
