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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN JOSE DIVISION

In re COHERENT, INC. SHAREHOLDER)
DERIVATIVE LITIGATION)
_____)
This Document Relates To:)
ALL ACTIONS.)
_____)

Lead Case No. C-07-0955-JF
~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER PRELIMINARILY
APPROVING DERIVATIVE SETTLEMENT
AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE

1 WHEREAS, the Settling Parties have made application, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil
2 Procedure 23.1, for an order (i) preliminarily approving the proposed settlement (the “Settlement”)
3 of the above-captioned consolidated shareholder derivative action (the “Action”), in accordance with
4 a Stipulation of Settlement, dated August 12, 2009 and the exhibits thereto (the “Stipulation”), and
5 (ii) approving for distribution, the Notice of Settlement;

6 WHEREAS, the Stipulation sets forth the terms and conditions for the Settlement, including
7 but not limited to: (i) a proposed Settlement and dismissal of the Action with prejudice as to the
8 Released Persons; and (ii) an award of attorneys’ fees and costs to Plaintiffs’ Counsel in the Action,
9 upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Stipulation;

10 WHEREAS, the Settlement appears to be the product of serious, informed, non-collusive
11 negotiations and falls within the range of possible approval;

12 WHEREAS, all capitalized terms contained herein shall have the same meanings as set forth
13 in the Stipulation (in addition to those capitalized terms defined herein); and

14 WHEREAS, this Court, having considered the Stipulation and the Exhibits annexed thereto
15 and having heard the arguments of the Settling Parties at the preliminary approval hearing:

16 NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

17 1. This Court does hereby preliminarily approve, subject to further consideration at the
18 Settlement Hearing described below, the Stipulation and the Settlement set forth therein, including
19 the terms and conditions for: (a) a proposed Settlement and dismissal of the Action with prejudice as
20 to the Released Persons; and (b) an award of attorneys’ fees and costs to Plaintiffs’ Counsel in the
21 Action, upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Stipulation.

22 2. A hearing (the “Settlement Hearing”) shall be held before this Court on
23 November 9, 2009, at 9:00 a.m., in Courtroom 3 of the United States District Court for the
24 Northern District of California San Jose Division, 280 South First Street, San Jose, California 95113,
25 to determine whether:

26 (a) the terms and conditions of the Settlement provided for in the Stipulation are
27 fair, reasonable, adequate and in the best interests of Coherent and current Coherent stockholders;

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1 (b) an order and judgment as provided for in ¶1.8 of the Stipulation should be
2 entered; and

3 (c) to award attorneys' fees and expenses to Plaintiffs' Counsel.

4 3. The Court approves, as to form and content, the notice annexed as Exhibit A-1 hereto,
5 and finds that the distribution and publication of the Notice of Settlement and the Stipulation
6 substantially in the manner and form set forth in paragraph 3.1 of the Stipulation, meets the
7 requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23.1 and due process, is the best notice practicable
8 under the circumstances, and shall constitute due and sufficient notice to all Persons entitled thereto
9 of all matters relating to the Settlement.

10 4. Not later than ten (10) days following entry of this Order, Coherent shall cause the
11 Notice of Settlement substantially in the form annexed as Exhibit A-1 hereto and the Stipulation to
12 be published on its website, such that visitors to the website home page will readily find a hyperlink
13 to the Notice of Settlement and the Stipulation.

14 5. Not later than ten (10) days following entry of this Order, Coherent shall cause a copy
15 of the Notice of Settlement to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission via a Form 8-
16 K.

17 6. Not later than ten (10) days following entry of this Order, Coherent shall cause a copy
18 of the Notice of Settlement substantially in the form annexed as Exhibit A-1 hereto to be published
19 once in *Investor's Business Daily*.

20 7. All costs incurred in the filing and publication of the Notice of Settlement shall be
21 paid by Coherent and Coherent shall undertake all administrative responsibility for filing and
22 publication of the Notice of Settlement.

23 8. At least fourteen (14) days prior to the Settlement Hearing, Coherent's counsel shall
24 serve on Lead Counsel and file with the Court proof, by affidavit or declaration, of such filing and
25 publication of the Notice of Settlement.

26 9. All current Coherent stockholders shall be bound by all orders, determinations and
27 judgments in the Action concerning the Settlement, whether favorable or unfavorable to current
28 Coherent shareholders.

1 10. Pending final determination of whether the Settlement should be approved, no current
2 Coherent shareholder shall commence or prosecute against any of the Released Persons any action or
3 proceeding in any court or tribunal asserting any of the Released Claims.

4 11. All papers in support of the Settlement and the award of attorneys' fees and expenses
5 shall be filed with the Court and served at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the Settlement
6 Hearing.

7 12. Any current record holders and beneficial owners of the common stock of Coherent
8 as of August 12, 2009 may appear and show cause, if he, she or it has any reason why the terms of
9 the Settlement should not be approved as fair, reasonable and adequate, or why a judgment should
10 not be entered thereon, provided, however, unless otherwise ordered by the Court, no current
11 Coherent stockholder shall be heard or entitled to contest the approval of all or any of the terms and
12 conditions of the Settlement, or, if approved, the Judgment to be entered thereon approving the same,
13 unless that Person has, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the Settlement Hearing, filed with the
14 Clerk of the Court at the address below and served on the following counsel (delivered by hand or
15 sent by first class mail) appropriate proof of stock ownership, along with written objections,
16 including the basis therefore, and copies of any papers and briefs in support thereof:

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19 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
20 SAN JOSE DIVISION
21 280 South First Street
22 San Jose, CA 95113

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5 Any current Coherent stockholder who does not make his, her or its objection in the manner
6 provided herein shall be deemed to have waived such objection and shall forever be foreclosed from
7 making any objection to the fairness, reasonableness or adequacy of the Settlement as incorporated
8 in the Stipulation and to the award of attorneys' fees and expenses to Plaintiffs' Counsel, unless
9 otherwise ordered by the Court, but shall otherwise be bound by the Judgment to be entered and the
10 releases to be given.


11 13. Neither the Stipulation nor the Settlement, nor any act performed or document
12 executed pursuant to or in furtherance of the Stipulation or the Settlement: (a) is or may be deemed
13 to be or may be offered, attempted to be offered or used in any way by the Settling Parties as a
14 presumption, a concession or an admission of, or evidence of, any fault, wrongdoing or liability of
15 the Settling Parties or of the validity of any Released Claim; or (b) is intended by the Settling Parties
16 to be offered or received as evidence or used by any other Person in any other actions or
17 proceedings, whether civil, criminal or administrative. The Released Persons may file the
18 Stipulation and/or the Judgment in any action that may be brought against them in order to support a
19 defense or counterclaim based on principles of *res judicata*, collateral estoppel, full faith and credit,
20 release, standing, good faith settlement, judgment bar or reduction, or any other theory of claim
21 preclusion or issue preclusion or similar defense or counterclaim; and any of the Settling Parties may
22 file the Stipulation and documents executed pursuant and in furtherance thereto in any action to
23 enforce the Settlement.

24 14. The Court reserves the right to adjourn the date of the Settlement Hearing or modify
25 any other dates set forth herein without further notice to the current Coherent stockholders, and
26 retains jurisdiction to consider all further applications arising out of or connected with the
27 Settlement. The Court may approve the Settlement, with such modifications as may be agreed to by
28 the Settling Parties, if appropriate, without further notice to the current Coherent stockholders.

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: 9/14/2009


THE HONORABLE JEFFREY FOGEL
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN JOSE DIVISION

In re COHERENT, INC. SHAREHOLDER DERIVATIVE LITIGATION)	Lead Case No. C-07-0955-JF
_____)	NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT
This Document Relates To:)	EXHIBIT A-1
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1 **TO: ALL CURRENT RECORD HOLDERS AND BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF**
2 **THE COMMON STOCK OF COHERENT, INC. ("COHERENT" OR THE**
3 **"COMPANY") AS OF AUGUST 12, 2009**

4 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-captioned consolidated shareholder derivative
5 litigation (the "Action"), is being settled on the terms set forth in a Stipulation of Settlement, dated
6 August 12, 2009 (the "Stipulation").¹ The terms of the settlement set forth in the Stipulation (the
7 "Settlement") include: (1) a financial benefit to Coherent of over \$6 million; (2) the adoption and/or
8 implementation of a variety of corporate governance reforms, including measures that relate to and
9 address many of the underlying issues in the Action, including director independence, director stock
10 ownership, board membership and board election procedures, and stock option granting procedures;
11 and (3) Coherent's payment of Plaintiffs' Counsel's attorneys' fees and expenses in the amount of \$3
12 million.

13 IF YOU ARE A CURRENT OWNER OF COHERENT COMMON STOCK, YOUR
14 RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED BY PROCEEDINGS IN THE LITIGATION. PLEASE NOTE
15 THAT BECAUSE THIS IS A DERIVATIVE ACTION AND NOT A CLASS ACTION, NO
16 INDIVIDUAL STOCKHOLDER HAS A RIGHT TO BE COMPENSATED AS A RESULT OF
17 THE SETTLEMENT.

18 On _____, 2009, at _____.m., a hearing (the "Settlement Hearing") will be
19 held before the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, San Jose
20 Division, 280 South First Street, San Jose, California 95113, to determine whether: (1) the terms of
21 the Settlement should be approved as fair, reasonable and adequate to Coherent and Coherent's
22 shareholders; (2) the Action should be dismissed on the merits and with prejudice; and (3) to
23 approve the negotiated amount of attorneys' fees to Plaintiffs' Counsel.

24 Any shareholder of Coherent that objects to the Settlement of the Action shall have a right to
25 appear and to be heard at the Settlement Hearing, provided that he or she was a shareholder of record

26 ¹ This Notice should be read in conjunction with, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to,
27 the text of the Stipulation, which has been filed with the Court and is available on Coherent's
28 website at www.coherent.com. All capitalized terms herein have the same meanings as set forth in
the Stipulation unless otherwise indicated.

1 or beneficial owner as of August 12, 2009. Any shareholder of Coherent who satisfies this
2 requirement may enter an appearance through counsel of such shareholder's own choosing and at
3 such member's own expense or may appear on their own. However, no shareholder of Coherent
4 shall be heard at the Settlement Hearing unless no later than 14 days prior to the date of the
5 Settlement Hearing, such shareholder has filed with the Court and delivered to Lead Counsel and
6 Defendants' counsel, a written notice of objection, their ground for opposing the Settlement, and
7 proof of both their status as a shareholder and the dates of stock ownership of Coherent. Only
8 shareholders who have filed and delivered valid and timely written notices of objection will be
9 entitled to be heard at the Settlement Hearing unless the Court orders otherwise.

10 If you wish to object to the Settlement, you must file a written objection setting forth the
11 grounds for such an objection with the Court on or before _____, 2009, with service on the
12 following parties:

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4 DATED _____, 2009

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on September 8, 2009, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the e-mail addresses denoted on the attached Electronic Mail Notice List, and I hereby certify that I have mailed the foregoing document or paper via the United States Postal Service to the non-CM/ECF participants indicated on the attached Manual Notice List.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on September 8, 2009.

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