

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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FRANK MICHOLLE, Individually and on	:	Civil Action No. 1:17-cv-00210-VSB-GWG
Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,	:	(Consolidated)
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Plaintiff,	:	<u>CLASS ACTION</u>
	:	
vs.	:	
	:	
OPHTHOTECH CORPORATION, DAVID R.	:	
GUYER and SAMIR PATEL,	:	
	:	
Defendants.	:	
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FINAL JUDGMENT AND ORDER OF DISMISSAL WITH PREJUDICE

This matter came before the Court pursuant to the Order Granting Preliminary Approval Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e)(1) and Permitting Notice to the Class (“Notice Order”) dated March 17, 2022, on the application of the parties for approval of the Settlement set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement dated September 8, 2021 (the “Stipulation”). Due and adequate notice having been given to the Class as required in said Notice Order, and the Court having considered all papers filed and proceedings had herein and otherwise being fully informed in the premises and good cause appearing therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that:

1. This Judgment incorporates by reference the definitions in the Stipulation, and all capitalized terms used herein shall have the same meanings as set forth in the Stipulation, unless otherwise set forth herein.

2. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Litigation and over all parties to the Litigation, including all Members of the Class.

3. Pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court hereby affirms its determination in the Notice Order and finally certifies, solely for purposes of effectuating the Settlement, a Class defined as: all Persons who purchased or acquired Ophthotech common stock during the period between March 2, 2015 through December 12, 2016, inclusive (the “Class Period”). Excluded from the Class are: (i) Defendants; (ii) members of the immediate family of each Defendant; (iii) any Person who was an officer or director of Ophthotech during the Class Period; (iv) any entity in which any Defendant has or had a controlling interest; (v) any corporate parent and/or affiliate of Ophthotech; and (vi) the legal representatives, heirs, successors-in-interest, or assigns of any such excluded Person.

4. Excluded from the Class is any Person who would otherwise be a Member of the Class but who validly and timely requested exclusion in accordance with the requirements set by the Court, as identified in Exhibit D to the Declaration of Ross D. Murray Regarding Notice Dissemination, Publication, and Requests for Exclusion Received to Date (ECF 146).

5. Solely for purposes of the Settlement of this Action, the Court finds that: (a) the Members of the Class are so numerous that joinder of all Class Members in the Class is impracticable; (b) there are questions of law and fact common to the Class which predominate over any individual question; (c) the claims of Lead Plaintiff are typical of the claims of the Class; (d) Lead Plaintiff and its counsel have fairly and adequately represented and protected the Members of the Class; and (e) a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy, considering (i) the interests of the Members of the Class individually controlling the prosecution with separate actions; (ii) the extent and nature of any litigation concerning the controversy already commenced by Members of the Class; (iii) the desirability or undesirability of concentrating the litigation of these claims in this particular forum; and (iv) the difficulties likely to be encountered in the management of the class action.

6. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23, the 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 Litigation) and finds that:

- (a) said Stipulation and the Settlement contained therein, are, in all respects, fair, reasonable, and adequate and in the best interest of the Class;
- (b) Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel have adequately represented the Class;
- (c) there was no collusion in connection with the Stipulation;

(d) the Settlement was the product of informed, arm's-length negotiations among competent, able counsel;

(e) the relief provided for the Class is adequate, having taken into account (i) the costs, risks, and delay of trial and appeal; (ii) the effectiveness of any proposed method of distributing relief to the Class, including the method of processing Class Members' Claims; (iii) the terms of any proposed award of attorneys' fees, including the timing of payment; and (iv) any agreement required to be identified under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e)(2);

(f) the proposed Plan of Allocation treats Class Members equitably relative to each other; and

(g) the record is sufficiently developed and complete to have enabled Lead Plaintiff and Defendants to have adequately evaluated and considered their positions.

7. Accordingly, the Court authorizes and directs implementation and performance of all the terms and provisions of the Stipulation, as well as the terms and provisions hereof. Except as to any individual claim of those Persons who have validly and timely requested exclusion from the Class, the Court hereby dismisses the Litigation and all claims asserted therein with prejudice. The Settling Parties are to bear their own costs, except as and to the extent provided in the Stipulation and herein.

8. Without further action by anyone, upon the Effective Date, and as provided in the Stipulation, Lead Plaintiff shall, and each of the Class Members, on behalf of themselves, their successors and assigns, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of this Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever waived, released, relinquished, discharged, and dismissed with prejudice all Released Claims (including Unknown Claims) against the Released Defendant Parties, whether or not such Class Member executes and delivers the Proof of Claim and Release form or shares in

the Net Settlement Fund. Claims to enforce the terms of the Stipulation or any order of the Court in the Litigation are not released. Nothing contained herein shall release or bar any Releasing Plaintiff Party or Released Defendant Parties from bringing any action or claim to enforce the terms of the Stipulation or this Final Judgment.

9. Upon the Effective Date, and as provided in the Stipulation, all Class Members and anyone claiming through or on behalf of any of them, will be forever barred and enjoined from asserting, commencing, instituting, prosecuting, continuing to prosecute or maintaining any action or other proceeding in any court of law or equity, arbitration tribunal, or administrative forum, asserting any of the Released Claims against any of the Released Defendant Parties.

10. Without further action by anyone, upon the Effective Date, and as provided in the Stipulation, each of the Released Defendant Parties shall be deemed to have, and by operation of this Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished, and discharged all Released Defendants' Claims (including Unknown Claims) against the Lead Plaintiff, each and all of the Class Members, and Lead Counsel. Claims to enforce the terms of the Stipulation or any order of the Court in the Litigation are not released.

11. Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §78u-4(1)(7)(A), the Settling Parties shall request that the Court enter a contribution Bar Order in the Judgment as follows: Upon the Effective Date, to the fullest extent permitted by law, all Persons shall be permanently enjoined, barred, and restrained from asserting, commencing, instituting, prosecuting, continuing to prosecute, or maintaining any claims, actions or causes of action for contribution, indemnity or otherwise against any of the Released Defendant Parties seeking as damages or otherwise the recovery of all or any part of any liability, judgment or settlement which they pay, are obligated to pay, agree to pay, or that are paid on their behalf to the Class or any Class Member arising from both: (a) the allegations,

transactions, facts, matters or occurrences, errors, representations, misrepresentations, actions, failures to act, or omissions that were alleged, set forth, or referred to in the Litigation, and (b) the purchase or acquisition of Ophthotech common stock by any Class Member during the Class Period. The foregoing text (beginning with the colon) shall be referred to as the “Bar Order.” For avoidance of doubt, nothing in the Bar Order shall bar or otherwise affect any claim for insurance coverage, indemnity, or advancement by any Released Defendant Party, or any action by any of the Parties to enforce or effectuate the terms of the Stipulation or this Judgment.

12. The Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Class Action given to the Class was the best notice practicable under the circumstances, including the individual notice to all Members of the Class who could be identified through reasonable effort. Said notice provided the best notice practicable under the circumstances of those proceedings and of the matters set forth therein, including the proposed Settlement set forth in the Stipulation, to all Persons entitled to such notice, and said notice fully satisfied the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 and the requirements of due process. No Class Member is relieved from the terms of the Settlement, including the releases provided for therein, based upon the contention or proof that such Class Member failed to receive actual or adequate notice. A full opportunity has been offered to the Class Members to object to the proposed Settlement and to participate in the hearing thereon. The Court further finds that the notice provisions of the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. §1715, were fully discharged and that the statutory waiting period has elapsed. Thus, the Court hereby determines that all Members of the Class are bound by this Judgment.

13. Any Plan of Allocation submitted by Lead Counsel or any order entered regarding any attorneys’ fee and expense application shall in no way disturb or affect this Judgment and shall be considered separate from this Judgment. Separate orders shall be entered regarding approval

of the Plan of Allocation and Lead Counsel's application for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses.

14. Neither this Judgment, the Stipulation nor the Settlement contained therein, nor any act performed or document executed pursuant to or in furtherance of the Stipulation or the Settlement: (a) is, or may be deemed to be, or may be used as an admission of, or evidence of, the validity of any Released Claim, or of any wrongdoing or liability of the Released Defendant Parties or their respective Related Parties, or (b) is, or may be deemed to be, or may be used as an admission of, or evidence of, any fault or omission of any of the Released Defendant Parties or their respective Related Parties in any civil, criminal, or administrative proceeding in any court, administrative agency, or other tribunal. The Released Defendant Parties and/or their respective Related Parties may file the Stipulation and/or this Judgment from this Litigation in any other action that may be brought against them in order to support a defense or counterclaim based on principles of *res judicata*, collateral estoppel, release, good faith settlement, judgment bar or reduction, or any theory of claim preclusion or issue preclusion or similar defense or counterclaim.

15. The Court finds that Defendants have satisfied their financial obligations under the Stipulation by paying or causing to be paid \$29,000,000.00 to the Settlement Fund, in accordance with ¶2.2 of the Stipulation.

16. Without affecting the finality of this Judgment in any way, this Court hereby retains continuing jurisdiction over: (a) implementation of this Settlement and any award or distribution of the Settlement Fund, including interest earned thereon; (b) disposition of the Settlement Fund; (c) hearing and determining applications for attorneys' fees, expenses, and interest in the Litigation; and (d) all parties herein for the purpose of construing, enforcing, and administering the Stipulation.

17. The Court finds and concludes that during the course of the Litigation, the Settling Parties and their respective counsel at all times complied with the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11 in connection with the institution, prosecution, defense, and settlement of the Litigation.

18. The terms of the Stipulation and of this Judgment shall be forever binding on Defendants, Lead Plaintiff, and all other Class Members (regardless of whether or not any individual Class Member submits a Proof of Claim and Release form or seeks or obtains a distribution from the Net Settlement Fund), as well as their respective successors and assigns.

19. In the event that the Settlement does not become effective in accordance with the terms of the Stipulation, or the Effective Date does not occur, or in the event that the Settlement Fund, or any portion thereof, is returned to the Defendants or their insurers, then this Judgment shall be rendered null and void to the extent provided by and in accordance with the Stipulation and shall be vacated and, in such event, all orders entered and releases delivered in connection herewith shall be null and void to the extent provided by and in accordance with the Stipulation, and the Settling Parties shall revert to their respective positions in the Litigation as of July 1, 2021, as provided in the Stipulation.

20. Without further order of the Court, the Settling Parties may agree to reasonable extensions of time to carry out any of the provisions of the Stipulation. The Settling Parties are hereby authorized to agree to and adopt such amendments or modifications of the Stipulation or any exhibits attached thereto to effectuate the Settlement that: (a) are not materially inconsistent with this Judgment; and (b) do not materially limit the rights of Class Members in connection with the Settlement.

21. This Litigation and all Released Claims are dismissed with prejudice. The parties are to bear their own costs, except as otherwise agreed to in writing by the Settling Parties or as otherwise provided in the Stipulation or Judgment.

22. The Court respectfully directs entry of this Judgment by the Clerk of the Court.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 16, 2022
New York, New York

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vernon S. Broderick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'V'.

Vernon S. Broderick
United States District Judge