# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA ALEXANDRIA DIVISION

IN RE WILLIS TOWERS WATSON PLC PROXY LITIGATION

Master File No. 1:17-cv-1338-AJT-JFA

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## IN THE COURT OF CHANCERY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

In re TOWERS WATSON & CO. STOCKHOLDER LITIGATION

Consolidated C.A. No. 2018-0132-KSJM

# NOTICE OF (I) PENDENCY OF CLASS ACTIONS AND PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS; (II) SETTLEMENT FAIRNESS HEARINGS; AND (III) MOTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES AND LITIGATION EXPENSES

- TO: (a) All persons and entities that were shareholders of Towers Watson & Co. ("Towers"), including shareholders of record and beneficial owners, as of both October 1, 2015 and January 4, 2016, and who were allegedly damaged thereby (the "Federal Class"); and
  - (b) All persons and entities that were Towers shareholders, including shareholders of record and beneficial owners, at any time during the period from June 29, 2015 through and including January 4, 2016, together with their successors and assigns (the "Delaware Class").

A Federal Court and a State Court authorized this Notice.
This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

# SUMMARY OF THE NOTICE

This Notice concerns the proposed settlement of two separate class actions: the Federal Action and Delaware Action, described below (together, the "Actions"). Both of the Actions relate to the merger transaction (the "Merger") by which Towers and Willis Group Holdings plc ("Willis") merged to become Willis Towers Watson plc ("WTW"). The Merger closed on January 4, 2016.

The parties to the Actions have reached proposed Settlements¹ for the two Actions which total **\$90 million** in cash: \$75 million for the settlement of the Federal Action and \$15 million for the settlement of the Delaware Action. The proposed Settlements will be considered independently by the respective Courts but will not become effective unless and until both Settlements have been approved and become final. If you held shares of Towers common stock on October 1, 2015, the record date for Towers shareholders to be eligible to vote on the Merger, and continued to hold those shares as of the close of trading on January 4, 2016, the date the Merger closed, you may be eligible for a payment from the Federal Settlement. If you held shares of Towers common stock as of the close of trading on January 4, 2016 (regardless of when you purchased them), you may be eligible for a payment from the Delaware Settlement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms not defined in this Notice have the meaning ascribed in the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement for the Federal Settlement and/or the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement for the Delaware Settlement (together, the "Stipulations"), which are available as set forth in ¶ 36 and ¶ 88 herein.

### **DETAILS OF THE ACTIONS:**

• The Federal Action. An action entitled *In re Willis Towers Watson plc Proxy Litigation*, Master File No. 1:17-cv-1338-AJT-JFA (the "Federal Action"), is pending in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (the "Federal Court").

In the Federal Action, Federal Lead Plaintiff, the Regents of the University of California, has asserted federal securities claims under Sections 14(a) and/or 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") against the Federal Defendants.<sup>2</sup> Federal Lead Plaintiff alleges that Federal Defendants made material misrepresentations and omissions in proxy solicitations distributed to Towers stockholders concerning the Merger because (i) they failed to disclose an alleged conflict of interest possessed by Haley, who was then Towers' Chairman and CEO and led the Merger negotiations on behalf of Towers, and who was also the proposed CEO of the merged company; (ii) falsely described the Merger negotiations as arm's-length negotiations; and (iii) failed to disclose the role played by Ubben and ValueAct in the Merger negotiations. The Federal Action has been certified as a class action on behalf of the Federal Class (defined in ¶ 39 below), pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and an Order of the Federal Court.

• The Delaware Action. An action entitled *In re Towers Watson & Co. Stockholder Litigation*, Consolidated C.A. No. 2018-0132-KSJM (the "Delaware Action"), is pending in the Delaware Court of Chancery (the "Delaware Court").

In the Delaware Action, Delaware Lead Plaintiffs, City of Fort Myers General Employees' Pension Fund and Alaska Laborers-Employers Retirement Trust, have asserted Delaware state-law claims for breach of fiduciary duty and aiding and abetting breach of fiduciary duty against the Delaware Defendants.<sup>3</sup> Delaware Lead Plaintiffs allege that (i) Haley breached his fiduciary duties by not disclosing to Towers' board of directors or stockholders an alleged conflict of interest he had with respect to the Merger, and by not negotiating the Merger at arm's-length; and (ii) Ubben and ValueAct aided and abetted those alleged breaches of duty. The Delaware Action has been conditionally certified as a class action, for the purposes of settlement only, on behalf of the Delaware Class (defined in ¶ 41 below), pursuant to Rule 23 of the Rules of the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware and an Order of the Delaware Court.

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY. This Notice explains important rights you may have, including the possible receipt of payment from the Settlements. If you are a member of one or more of the Classes, your legal rights will be affected whether or not you act.

If you have any questions about this Notice, the proposed Settlements, or your eligibility to participate in the Settlements, please DO NOT contact the Courts, Defendants, or Defendants' counsel. All questions should be directed to the Claims Administrator or Federal Class Counsel or Delaware Class Counsel (collectively, "Class Counsel") (see ¶ 88 below).

- 1. <u>Statement of the Classes' Recovery</u>: The Parties to the Actions have reached proposed Settlements for the benefit of the Federal Class and the Delaware Class (together, the "Classes") totaling \$90,000,000 in cash. Specifically:
- Federal Lead Plaintiff, on behalf of itself and the Federal Class, has reached a proposed settlement of the Federal Action for \$75,000,000 in cash, subject to the approval of the Federal Court (the "Federal Settlement"); and
- Delaware Lead Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and the Delaware Class, have reached a proposed settlement of the Delaware Action for \$15,000,000 in cash, subject to the approval of the Delaware Court (the "Delaware Settlement" and, together with the Federal Settlement, the "Settlements").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "Federal Defendants" means (i) WTW; (ii) Towers (n/k/a WTW Delaware Holdings LLC); (iii) Willis (n/k/a Willis Towers Watson plc); (iv) John J. Haley ("Haley"), the former Chairman and CEO of Towers and the post-Merger CEO of WTW; (v) Dominic Casserley ("Casserley"), the CEO of Willis prior to the Merger; (vi) ValueAct Capital Management, L.P. ("ValueAct"), an investment company that managed investment funds that held approximately 10% of Willis' outstanding shares prior to the Merger; and (vii) Jeffrey Ubben ("Ubben"), ValueAct's CEO at the time of the Merger and a member of Willis' board of directors before the Merger and WTW's board of directors after the Merger.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> "Delaware Defendants" means Haley, ValueAct, and Ubben. "Defendants" means the Federal Defendants and the Delaware Defendants. "Parties" means Defendants, Federal Lead Plaintiff, and Delaware Lead Plaintiffs.

Approval of the proposed Settlements will be considered independently by the respective Courts, but the Settlements will not become effective unless and until both Settlements have been approved and become final. If the Settlements are approved and become final, the Net Settlement Fund for each of the Settlements will be distributed in accordance with a plan of allocation to be approved by the applicable Court. The proposed plans of allocation for the Federal Net Settlement Fund and Delaware Net Settlement Fund (the "Plans of Allocation") are set forth in Appendix A at the end of this Notice.

- 2. Estimate of Average Amount of Recovery Per Share: Based on (i) Federal Lead Plaintiff's damages expert's estimate of the number of shares of Towers common stock affected by the allegations in the Federal Action, and (ii) the number of shares of Towers common stock outstanding on January 4, 2016, the estimated average recovery (before the deduction of any Court-approved fees, expenses, and costs as described herein) for persons and entities that are members of *both* the Federal Class and Delaware Class (that is, persons and entities who held Towers shares on October 1, 2015 and continued to hold those shares on January 4, 2016), the estimated average recovery is \$1.52 per share. Class Members should note, however, that the foregoing average recovery is only an estimate. Class Members may recover more or less than this estimated amount depending on, among other factors, the number of shares that are excluded from the applicable Class, as described in ¶ 39 and ¶ 41 herein; and the total number of eligible shares contained in the valid Claim Forms submitted. Distributions to members of the Classes who submit valid Claim Forms will be made based on the Plans of Allocation set forth herein (*see* Appendix A at the end of the Notice) or such other plans of allocation as may be ordered by the Courts.
- 3. <u>Average Amount of Damages Per Share</u>: The Parties do not agree on the average amount of damages, if any, per share of Towers common stock that would be recoverable if Federal Lead Plaintiff and Delaware Lead Plaintiffs (collectively, "Plaintiffs" or "Lead Plaintiffs") were to prevail in their respective Actions. Among other things, Defendants vigorously deny the assertion that they violated the federal securities laws or committed any breaches of fiduciary duty or aiding and abetting thereof, or that any damages were suffered by any members of the Classes as a result of their alleged conduct.
- 4. Attorneys' Fees and Expenses Sought: Class Counsel, which have been prosecuting the respective Actions on a wholly contingent basis, have not received any payment of attorneys' fees for their representation of the respective Classes and have advanced the funds to pay expenses necessarily incurred to prosecute the Actions. Before final approval of the Settlements, Class Counsel will apply separately to the Courts for awards of attorneys' fees in amounts not to exceed 25% of the respective Settlement Funds. In addition, as discussed in more detail in ¶ 62 below, Federal Class Counsel will apply for payment of litigation expenses in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000, and Delaware Class Counsel will apply for payment of litigation expenses in an amount not to exceed \$250,000. Class Members are not personally liable for any such fees or expenses. If the Courts approve Class Counsel's fee and expense applications, the estimated average cost for such fees and litigation expenses for persons and entities that are members of **both** the Federal and Delaware Classes, is \$0.42 per eligible share.
- 5. <u>Identification of Attorneys' Representatives</u>: Federal Lead Plaintiff and the Federal Class are represented by Salvatore J. Graziano of Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP, 1251 Avenue of the Americas, 44<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10020, 1-800-380-8496, settlements@blbglaw.com. Delaware Lead Plaintiffs and the Delaware Class are represented by Stacey A. Greenspan of Kessler Topaz Meltzer & Check, LLP, 280 King of Prussia Road, Radnor, PA 19087, 1-610-667-7706, info@ktmc.com, and Christine M. Mackintosh of Grant & Eisenhofer P.A, 123 Justison Street, Wilmington, DE 19801, 1-302-622-7000, cmackintosh@gelaw.com.
- 6. Reasons for the Settlements: Lead Plaintiffs' principal reason for entering into the Settlements is the substantial and certain recovery for the Classes without the risk or the delays inherent in further litigation. Moreover, the substantial recovery provided under the Settlements must be considered against the significant risk that a smaller recovery—or indeed no recovery at all—might be achieved after contested motions, trial of the Actions, and the likely appeals that would follow trial in either of the Actions. This process could be expected to last several years. Defendants, who deny all allegations of wrongdoing, are entering into the Settlements solely to eliminate the uncertainty, burden, and expense of further protracted litigation.

### YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THE SETTLEMENTS:

# SUBMIT A CLAIM FORM POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MAY 25, 2021.

This is the only way to be eligible to receive a payment from the proceeds of the Federal Settlement or the Delaware Settlement.

If you are a member of the Federal Class and you do not request exclusion, you will be bound by the Federal Settlement, if approved, and you will give up any Federal Released Plaintiffs' Claims that you have against the Federal Defendants and the other Federal Defendants' Releasees (as defined and discussed in ¶ 52 & nn.4-5 below). Similarly, if you are a member of the Delaware Class, you will be bound by the Delaware Settlement, if approved, and you will give up any Delaware Released Plaintiffs' Claims that you have against the Delaware Defendants and the other Delaware Defendants' Releasees (as defined and discussed in ¶ 53 & nn.6-7 below). Accordingly, it is in your interest to submit a Claim Form.

EXCLUDE YOURSELF FROM THE FEDERAL CLASS BY SUBMITTING A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR EXCLUSION SO THAT IT IS *RECEIVED* NO LATER THAN APRIL 15, 2021.

If you request to be excluded from the Federal Class, you will not be eligible to receive any payment from the Federal Settlement Fund. Requesting exclusion is the only option that allows you ever to be part of any other lawsuit against the Federal Defendants or any of the other Federal Defendants' Releasees concerning the Federal Released Plaintiffs' Claims. See ¶¶ 63-67 below for more detail on how to request exclusion from the Federal Class.

Note: The Delaware Class is conditionally certified as a non-optout class. You do not have the opportunity to exclude yourself from the Delaware Class.

OBJECT TO THE FEDERAL SETTLEMENT BY SUBMITTING A WRITTEN OBJECTION SO THAT IT IS *RECEIVED* NO LATER THAN APRIL 15, 2021.

OBJECT TO THE DELAWARE SETTLEMENT BY SUBMITTING A WRITTEN OBJECTION SO THAT IT IS *RECEIVED* NO LATER THAN MAY 11, 2021.

If you do not like one or more of the proposed Settlements, the proposed Plans of Allocation, or Class Counsel's requests for attorneys' fees and litigation expenses and you are a member of the Class affected by that (or those) Settlement(s), you may write to the applicable Court(s) and explain why you do not like the Settlement(s), Plan(s) of Allocation, or request(s) for fees and litigation expenses.  $See \P 74-84$  below for more detail on how to file an objection.

You cannot object to the Federal Settlement, the Plan of Allocation of the Federal Net Settlement Fund (the "Federal Plan of Allocation"), or the motion for attorneys' fees and litigation expenses in the Federal Action unless you are a member of the Federal Class and do not exclude yourself. Similarly, you cannot object to the Delaware Settlement, the Plan of Allocation of the Delaware Net Settlement Fund (the "Delaware Plan of Allocation"), or the motion for attorneys' fees and litigation expenses in the Delaware Action unless you are a member of the Delaware Class.

PARTICIPATE IN A HEARING CONCERNING THE FEDERAL SETTLEMENT ON MAY 21, 2021 AT 1:00 P.M. EASTERN TIME, AND/OR A HEARING CONCERNING THE DELAWARE SETTLEMENT ON MAY 25, 2021 AT 1:30 P.M. EASTERN TIME, BY FILING A TIMELY NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPEAR.

Filing a written objection and notice of intention to appear by April 15, 2021 (with respect to the Federal Settlement) or May 11, 2021 (with respect to the Delaware Settlement) allows you to speak in the applicable Court, at the discretion of that Court, about the fairness of the proposed Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or Class Counsel's requests for attorneys' fees and litigation expenses that is before that Court. In the discretion of each Court, the final settlement hearing may be conducted by videoconference or telephone ( $see \ 969 \ below$ ).

# DO NOTHING. If you are a member of one or both of the Classes and do not submit a valid Claim Form, you will not be eligible to share in the distribution of the net proceeds of the Settlement(s) obtained on behalf of the Class(es) in which you are a member. You will, however, remain a member of the Class(es) that applies (apply) to you, which means that you give up your right to sue about the claims that are resolved by the applicable Settlement(s), and you will be bound by any judgments or orders entered by the Court with respect to that (those) Settlement(s).

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# WHY DID I GET THIS NOTICE?

- 7. The Courts overseeing the Actions that will be resolved by the proposed Settlements directed that this Notice be mailed to you because you or someone in your family or an investment account for which you serve as a custodian may have held Towers common stock on October 1, 2015 and/or January 4, 2016. The Courts have directed us to send you this Notice because, as a potential member of one or both of the Classes, you have a right to know about your options before the Courts rule on the proposed Settlements. Additionally, you have the right to understand how these class action lawsuits may generally affect your legal rights. If the Courts approve the Settlements, the Claims Administrator approved by the Court will make payments pursuant to the Settlements after any objections and appeals are resolved.
- 8. The purpose of this Notice is to inform you (i) of the existence of the Actions; (ii) that the Federal Action has been certified as a class action and the Delaware Action has been conditionally certified as a class action for settlement purposes; (iii) how you might be affected by the Actions; (iv) how to exclude yourself from the Federal Class, if you wish to do so; (v) of the terms of the proposed Settlements of the two Actions; and (vi) of the hearings to be held by the Courts to consider the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the respective Settlements, the proposed Plans of Allocation, and the motions by Class Counsel for an award of attorneys' fees and payment of litigation expenses in each Action. *See* ¶¶ 70-71 below for details about the Settlement Hearings, including the date and location of the hearings.
- 9. The issuance of this Notice is not an expression of any opinion by the Courts concerning the merits of any claim in the Actions, and the Courts still have to decide whether to approve the Settlements. If the Courts approve the Settlements and a plan of allocation for each Settlement, then payments to Authorized Claimants will be made after any

appeals are resolved and after the completion of all claims processing. Please be patient, as this process can take some time to complete.

# WHAT IS THIS LITIGATION ABOUT?

10. Prior to the Merger, Towers was a global professional services firm focused on helping organizations improve performance through risk management, human resources, and actuarial and investment consulting, which traded on the NASDAQ under the ticker TW. Willis was a global risk advisor, insurance brokerage, and reinsurance brokerage company headquartered in London and incorporated under the laws of Ireland. Towers and Willis announced their proposed Merger to form WTW on June 30, 2015. The Merger was approved following a vote on December 11, 2015 of Towers stockholders as of October 1, 2015, the record date to be eligible to vote on the Merger. The Merger closed on January 4, 2016. Prior to the closing, holders of Towers common stock received a \$10 special dividend for every share of Towers stock held on December 29, 2015. At the Merger's closing, holders of Towers common stock as of the close of trading on January 4, 2016 received 2.649 shares of Willis stock for every share of Towers stock held.

# The Federal Action

- 11. On November 21, 2017, a putative class action was brought against the Federal Defendants in the Federal Court alleging violations of the securities laws in connection with the proxy solicitations for the Merger. By Order dated February 20, 2018, the Federal Court appointed The Regents of the University of California as Lead Plaintiff for the Federal Action and approved Federal Lead Plaintiff's selection of Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP as Federal Class Counsel and Susan R. Podolsky as Liaison Counsel for the Federal Action.
- 12. On March 9, 2018, Federal Lead Plaintiff filed an Amended Complaint (the "Federal Complaint") in the Federal Action alleging claims against WTW, Towers, Willis, Haley, and Casserley (the "TW/Willis Defendants") under Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act and Rule 14a-9 promulgated thereunder, and "control person" claims against Ubben and ValueAct (the "Ubben/ValueAct Defendants"), Haley, and Casserley under Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act. Federal Lead Plaintiff alleges that the proxy materials jointly issued by Towers and Willis in 2015 in order to obtain stockholder approval for the Merger were misleading because they failed to disclose an alleged conflict of interest possessed by Haley, who was then Towers' Chairman and CEO and led the Merger negotiations on behalf of Towers, and who was also the proposed CEO of the merged company. Federal Lead Plaintiff alleges that this undisclosed conflict of interest on the part of Haley rendered certain statements in the proxy materials false and misleading. Federal Lead Plaintiff also alleges that the proxy materials falsely described the Merger negotiations as arm's-length negotiations between Haley and Willis CEO Casserley and failed to disclose the role allegedly played by Ubben and ValueAct in negotiating the Merger and soliciting votes in favor of the Merger. Federal Lead Plaintiff alleges that Towers shareholders were damaged by the alleged material misrepresentations and omissions in the proxy materials.
- 13. On April 13, 2018, the TW/Willis Defendants and the Ubben/ValueAct Defendants separately filed motions to dismiss the Federal Complaint. The motions were fully briefed, and the Federal Court held oral argument on the motions on May 18, 2018.
- 14. On July 11, 2018, the Federal Court issued a Memorandum Opinion and Order granting the Federal Defendants' motions to dismiss the Federal Complaint. On July 30, 2018, Federal Lead Plaintiff filed a notice of appeal of the dismissal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (the "Fourth Circuit"). On August 30, 2019, following briefing and oral argument, the Fourth Circuit reversed the dismissal of the Federal Action and remanded the Federal Action to the Federal Court.
- 15. On November 8, 2019, the TW/Willis Defendants and the Ubben/ValueAct Defendants separately filed renewed motions to dismiss the Federal Complaint. The renewed motions were fully briefed, and the Federal Court held oral argument on the renewed motions on December 20, 2019. On January 31, 2020, the Federal Court issued a Memorandum Opinion and Order denying Defendants' renewed motions to dismiss the Federal Complaint.
- 16. On February 4, 2020, the TW/Willis Defendants moved to certify the Federal Court's order denying the Federal Defendants' renewed motions to dismiss for appeal and for a continued stay of the proceedings. The Federal Court denied the motion to stay discovery by order dated February 6, 2020, and, on February 25, 2020, the Federal Court issued an order denying the motion to certify. The Federal Action proceeded to discovery.
- 17. On February 14, 2020, the TW/Willis Defendants and the Ubben/ValueAct Defendants separately filed their Answers to the Federal Complaint.

- 18. Between February and August 2020, the parties in the Federal Action (together with certain third parties) produced more than one (1) million pages of documents in response to document requests and subpoenas, took eighteen (18) depositions, including six (6) expert depositions, and responded to scores of interrogatories and requests for admission. In the course of litigation, the parties in the Federal Action retained experts on corporate governance, executive compensation, and damages, among other areas.
- 19. On June 12, 2020, Federal Lead Plaintiff filed its motion for class certification of the Federal Action. The class certification motion was fully briefed, and, on July 29, 2020, the Federal Court held oral argument on the motion.
- 20. On August 24, 2020, Federal Lead Plaintiff and the Federal Defendants filed their pre-trial submissions, which included deposition transcript designations, witness lists, and exhibit lists, and the Federal Court thereafter set a trial date of March 15, 2021.
- 21. On September 4, 2020, the Federal Court certified a class for the Federal Action, consisting of all persons and entities that were Towers shareholders of record as of both October 1, 2015, the record date for Towers shareholders to be eligible to vote on the Merger, and January 4, 2016, the date the Merger closed, and who were allegedly damaged thereby. The Federal Court appointed Federal Lead Plaintiff as class representative for the Federal Class, and Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP as Federal Class Counsel. On November 4, 2020, following oral argument and briefing by the parties, the Federal Court modified the definition of the certified Federal Class to include both record and beneficial holders of Towers common stock.
- 22. On October 16, 2020, the TW/Willis Defendants and the Ubben/ValueAct Defendants separately filed motions for summary judgment in the Federal Action and motions to exclude Federal Lead Plaintiff's proposed experts, while Federal Lead Plaintiff filed a motion to exclude certain of Defendants' experts.

# The Delaware Action

- 23. On February 27, 2018 and March 8, 2018, Delaware Lead Plaintiffs, City of Fort Myers General Employees' Pension Fund and Alaska Laborers-Employers Retirement Trust, respectively, brought putative class actions in the Delaware Court against (i) Haley and Towers' board of directors (the "TW Defendants") for breaches of fiduciary duty in connection with the Merger and (ii) Willis and ValueAct for aiding and abetting thereof. These actions were subsequently consolidated.
- 24. On June 5, 2018, the Court granted Delaware Lead Plaintiffs' petition to be appointed Lead Plaintiffs in the Delaware Action and for their counsel, Kessler Topaz Meltzer & Check, LLP and Grant & Eisenhofer P.A., to be appointed Lead Counsel for the Delaware Action.
- 25. On October 31, 2018, Delaware Lead Plaintiffs filed an Amended Complaint (the "Delaware Complaint") alleging claims against (i) the TW Defendants for breaches of fiduciary duty in connection with the Merger and (ii) against Ubben, who Delaware Lead Plaintiffs added as a defendant, and ValueAct for aiding and abetting thereof. Delaware Lead Plaintiffs alleged, among other things, that Haley breached his fiduciary duties by not disclosing to Towers' board or stockholders an alleged conflict of interest he had with respect to the Merger, and by not negotiating the Merger at arm's-length. Delaware Lead Plaintiffs further alleged that the Ubben/ValueAct Defendants induced Haley's breaches of fiduciary duty, and allegedly exploited his conflicts of interest during the Merger negotiations.
- 26. On January 11, 2019, the TW Defendants and the Ubben/ValueAct Defendants separately filed briefs in support of their motions to dismiss the Delaware Complaint. On July 25, 2019, after full briefing and oral argument, the Delaware Court issued a Memorandum Opinion granting the motions to dismiss the Delaware Complaint.
- 27. On August 22, 2019, Delaware Lead Plaintiffs filed a notice of appeal of the Delaware Court's dismissal of Delaware Lead Plaintiffs' claims against Haley and the Ubben/ValueAct Defendants to the Delaware Supreme Court.
- 28. On May 21, 2020, the Parties to the Federal Action and the Delaware Action participated in a mediation before the Honorable Layn Phillips. The mediation did not result in a resolution of the Action. In connection with the mediation, the Delaware Defendants produced significant discovery to Delaware Lead Plaintiffs so that Delaware Lead Plaintiffs could effectively discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the litigation with the mediator. In addition, Delaware Lead Plaintiffs engaged an expert to advise them in connection with the mediation.
- 29. On June 30, 2020, following full briefing on the appeal, the Delaware Supreme Court reversed the Delaware Court's dismissal of Delaware Lead Plaintiffs' claims against Haley, and directed the Delaware Court to consider Delaware Lead Plaintiffs' aiding and abetting claims against the Ubben/ValueAct Defendants on remand.

- 30. On July 27, 2020, Delaware Lead Plaintiffs filed their motion for class certification of the Delaware Action and opening brief in support thereof.
- 31. On August 19, 2020, the Ubben/ValueAct Defendants filed a renewed motion to dismiss Lead Plaintiffs' aiding and abetting claims. On September 3, 2020, Delaware Lead Plaintiffs filed a motion to strike certain portions of the Ubben/ValueAct Defendants' opening brief in support of their renewed motion to dismiss. At the time the Delaware Settlement was reached, both of these motions were fully briefed and oral argument before the Delaware Court was scheduled for December 1, 2020.
  - 32. On September 14, 2020, Haley filed his Answer to the Delaware Complaint.
- 33. Prior to reaching an agreement in principle to settle, the parties in the Delaware Action had completed substantial discovery. Between August 12 and September 25, 2020, Haley produced over 706,000 pages of documents to the Delaware Lead Plaintiffs, including documents produced and transcripts of depositions taken in the Federal Action and an appraisal action captioned *In re Appraisal of Towers Watson & Co. (n/k/a/WTW Delaware Holdings LLC)*, Consol. C.A. No. 12064-CB (Del. Ch.). On August 21, 2020, Haley served Delaware Lead Plaintiffs with twenty-three interrogatories and sixty-three requests for the production of documents. In September 2020, Delaware Lead Plaintiffs served Haley with their responses and objections to his interrogatories and requests for production, which collectively totaled over 150 pages, and, in October 2020, produced documents responsive to his requests that totaled over 1,000 pages. Delaware Lead Plaintiffs also served a subpoena on a non-party, Driehaus Capital Management LLC, which subsequently produced over 172,000 pages of documents to Delaware Lead Plaintiffs. In October 2020, Delaware Lead Plaintiffs also served a request for production of documents on the Ubben/ValueAct Defendants.

# The Settlement of the Actions

- 34. As noted above, the Parties participated in a mediation before the Honorable Layn Phillips on May 21, 2020. The mediation did not result in a resolution of the Actions.
- 35. Following the unsuccessful mediation, the Parties continued to engage with each other to reach a resolution. Starting in October 2020, the Parties engaged in several weeks of back and forth settlement negotiations. On November 19, 2020, the Parties reached an agreement in principle to settle the Actions for a total of \$90 million, with the Federal Action to be settled for \$75 million, and the Delaware Action to be settled for \$15 million. The settlement of the Federal Action is conditioned on final approval of the settlement of the Delaware Action and vice versa.
- 36. On January 15, 2021, Federal Lead Plaintiff and the Federal Defendants entered into the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement for the Federal Action (the "Federal Stipulation"), which sets forth the terms and conditions of the Federal Settlement, and Delaware Lead Plaintiffs and the Delaware Defendants entered into the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement for the Delaware Action (the "Delaware Stipulation"), which sets forth the terms and conditions of the Delaware Settlement. The Stipulations are available at <a href="https://www.WillisTowersWatsonShareholderLitigation.com">www.WillisTowersWatsonShareholderLitigation.com</a>.
- 37. On January 21, 2021, the Federal Court entered an Order preliminarily approving the Federal Settlement, and, on January 25, 2021, the Delaware Court entered an Order preliminarily approving the Delaware Settlement. These Orders authorized this Notice to be disseminated to potential members of the Classes and scheduled the Settlement Hearings to consider whether to grant final approval of the respective Settlements.

# HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM AFFECTED BY THE SETTLEMENTS? WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE CLASSES?

- 38. If you are a member of the Federal Class, you are subject to the terms of the Federal Settlement, unless you timely request to be excluded, as explained in ¶ 64 of this Notice.
  - 39. The **Federal Class** consists of:

all persons and entities that were Towers shareholders, including shareholders of record and beneficial owners, as of both October 1, 2015, the record date for Towers shareholders to be eligible to vote on the Merger of Towers and Willis, and January 4, 2016, the date the Merger transaction between Towers and Willis closed, and who were allegedly damaged thereby.

# Excluded from the Federal Class are:

the Federal Defendants; the members of the Immediate Family of any Individual Defendant in the Federal Action; any person who was an Officer or director of WTW, Willis, Towers, or ValueAct as of October 1, 2015; any firm,

trust, corporation, or other entity in which any Federal Defendant has or had a controlling interest; any employee retirement and benefit plans of WTW, Willis, Towers, or ValueAct; the Federal Defendants' directors' and officers' liability insurance carriers and any affiliates or subsidiaries of those carriers; any Towers shareholder that completed the exercise of his, her, or its right to appraisal of his, her or its shares under Delaware law, including through a settlement of any litigation initiated by any former Towers shareholder to pursue appraisal rights related to the Merger; and the legal representatives, agents, affiliates, heirs, successors-in-interest, or assigns of any of the foregoing excluded parties. Also excluded from the Federal Class are any persons or entities who or which exclude themselves by submitting a request for exclusion in accordance with the requirements set forth in this Notice. *See* "What If I Do Not Want To Be A Member Of One Of The Classes? How Do I Exclude Myself?" on page 15 below.

To be a Federal Class Member, you do not need to have held all the Towers shares that you owned on October 1, 2015 until January 4, 2016. You need only have continued to own at least some of that Towers common stock that you held on October 1, 2015 as of January 4, 2016. You are excluded from the Federal Class if you sold all of your Towers shares before January 4, 2016. Any of your shares which were sold between October 1, 2015 and January 4, 2016 will not be eligible for recovery in the Settlements. If you held more Towers shares on January 4, 2016 than you held on October 1, 2015, then only the shares you held on October 1, 2015 are eligible for recovery in the Federal Settlement.

40. If you are a member of the Delaware Class, you are subject to the terms of the Delaware Settlement. The Delaware Class has been conditionally certified as a non-opt-out class. You do not have the opportunity to exclude yourself from the Delaware Class.

### 41. The **Delaware Class** consists of:

all former record and beneficial owners of the common stock of Towers at any time during the period from June 29, 2015 through and including January 4, 2016, together with their successors and assigns.

# Excluded from the Delaware Class are:

the Delaware Defendants and any person(s), firm, trust, corporation or other entity related to or affiliated with them and their successors in interest. Also excluded from the Delaware Class is any Towers stockholder that completed the exercise of his, her, or its right to appraisal of his, her, or its Towers shares under Delaware law, including through a settlement of any litigation initiated to pursue appraisal rights related to the Merger by any Towers stockholder.

To be a member of the Delaware Class and be eligible to recover in the Delaware Settlement, you only need to have held Towers shares on January 4, 2016.

PLEASE NOTE: Receipt of this Notice does not necessarily mean that you are a member of one of the Classes or that you will be entitled to a payment from the Settlements.

If you are a member of one or more of the Classes and you wish to be eligible to receive a payment from the Settlements, you are required to submit the Claim Form that is being distributed with this Notice and the required supporting documentation as set forth therein postmarked no later than May 25, 2021.

# WHAT ARE PLAINTIFFS' REASONS FOR THE SETTLEMENTS?

- 42. Lead Plaintiffs and Class Counsel believe that the claims asserted against Defendants in the Actions have merit. They recognize, however, the expense and length of continued proceedings necessary to pursue their claims against Defendants in the Actions through summary judgment, trial, and appeals, as well as the very substantial risks they would face in establishing liability and damages.
- 43. Lead Plaintiffs in both Actions would have faced substantial risks in establishing Haley's alleged conflict of interest in connection with the Merger, which was the basis for both Federal Lead Plaintiff's proxy violation claims and Delaware Lead Plaintiffs' fiduciary duty claims. For example, Plaintiffs in both Actions alleged that Haley had a conflict of interest with respect to the Merger as a result of a September 10, 2015 meeting at which Ubben allegedly presented Haley with a written compensation proposal that Plaintiffs contend showed Haley could potentially make up to five times more at WTW. Defendants would contend, among other things, that Defendants did not need to disclose the alleged September 10, 2015 compensation-related discussion in Towers' proxy solicitation materials, because Haley and Ubben never reached an agreement on Haley's compensation during the meeting and because Ubben did not have the authority to negotiate on behalf of the future board of WTW. In addition, Defendants would argue, among other things, that Haley's

ultimate compensation at WTW differed from the compensation that Haley and Ubben allegedly discussed, and that Haley was not, in fact, conflicted, but sought to maximize the consideration paid to Towers shareholders as part of the Merger renegotiations. Furthermore, the Ubben/ValueAct Defendants would have argued that they did not control any of the TW/Willis Defendants.

- 44. In addition, Federal Lead Plaintiff would have faced additional substantial risks in showing that the September 10, 2015 meeting between Haley and Ubben was a material fact, the omission of which rendered the proxy statements misleading. Federal Defendants would argue, among other things, that Towers shareholders would not have viewed the September 10, 2015 meeting as important in deciding how to vote on the Merger by asserting that the proposal shown to Haley during the meeting aligned his interests with the interests of shareholders, highlighting that WTW's stock price did not move when Haley's WTW compensation plan was publicly announced, and arguing that Haley's WTW compensation plan was ultimately approved by WTW's shareholders. The Ubben/ValueAct Defendants also would have argued that they lacked the scienter necessary to be a culpable participant in any alleged securities violation. Federal Lead Plaintiff would also have faced hurdles in establishing "loss causation"—proving that alleged misstatements in the proxy statements were the cause of investors' alleged losses—and in proving damages in the Federal Action. Federal Defendants would argue, among other things, that the Merger announcement on June 30, 2015 signaled to the market that Towers stock was previously overvalued, and thus investors were not damaged by Federal Defendants' actions. Further, Federal Defendants would argue, among other things, that Federal Lead Plaintiff's damages theory relied on a series of assumptions that Lead Plaintiff would not be able to prove at trial.
- Delaware Lead Plaintiffs would have also faced additional substantial risks in showing that Haley breached his fiduciary duties by not (i) disclosing to Towers' board of directors the compensation proposal he allegedly discussed with Ubben on September 10, 2015; or (ii) negotiating the Merger at arm's-length. Delaware Defendants would argue, among other things, that they acted at all times reasonably, in good faith, and in the best interests of Towers' stockholders. Delaware Defendants would further argue, among other things, that a reasonable Towers' director would not have considered the September 10, 2015 meeting important in deciding how to vote on the Merger, highlighting that Towers' directors already knew Haley would receive increased compensation as WTW's CEO. Delaware Defendants would also argue, among other things, that Haley negotiated the Merger with Willis, and not with the Ubben/ValueAct Defendants, with oversight from the Towers' board of directors, which ensured that the Merger was negotiated at arm's-length. The Ubben/ValueAct Defendants would further argue, among other things, that they did not present the alleged compensation proposal to Haley on September 10, 2015 to induce him to breach his fiduciary duties, highlighting that the Merger was not at risk until November 2015, when Institutional Shareholder Services and Glass Lewis & Co. recommended that Towers' stockholders not vote in favor of the Merger. The Ubben/ValueAct Defendants also would have argued that they did not knowingly participate in any alleged disclosures made to the Towers' board of directors or Towers stockholders. Delaware Defendants would further argue, among other things, that the Merger consideration was fair to Towers' stockholders and that Delaware Lead Plaintiffs' damages theory relied on a series of assumptions they would be unable to prove at trial.
- 46. In light of these risks, the amount of the Settlements, and the immediacy of recovery to the Classes, Plaintiffs and Class Counsel believe that the proposed Settlements are fair, reasonable, and adequate, and in the best interests of the respective Classes. Plaintiffs and Class Counsel believe that each of the Settlements provides a substantial benefit to the applicable Class, as compared to the risk that the claims asserted would produce a smaller recovery, or no recovery, after summary judgment, trial, and appeals, possibly years in the future.
- 47. Defendants have vigorously denied and continue to deny each and all of the claims asserted against them in the Actions and deny that members of the Classes were harmed or suffered any damages as a result of the conduct alleged in the Actions. Defendants expressly have denied and continue to deny all charges of wrongdoing or liability against them arising out of any of the conduct, statements, acts, or omissions alleged, or that could have been alleged, in the Actions. Defendants have agreed to the Settlements solely to eliminate the burden and expense of continued litigation. Accordingly, neither of the Settlements may be construed as an admission of any wrongdoing by Defendants.

# WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IF THERE WERE NO SETTLEMENTS?

48. If there were no Settlements and Plaintiffs failed to establish any essential legal or factual element of their claims against Defendants in either of the Actions, neither Plaintiffs nor the other members of the Classes would recover anything from Defendants in the Actions. Also, if Defendants were successful in proving any of their defenses, either at summary judgment, at trial, or on appeal, members of the Classes could recover substantially less than the amounts provided in the Settlements, or nothing at all.

# HOW ARE MEMBERS OF THE CLASSES AFFECTED BY THE ACTIONS AND THE SETTLEMENTS?

- 49. If you are a member of the Federal Class, you are represented by Federal Lead Plaintiff and Federal Class Counsel, and if you are a member of the Delaware Class, you are represented by Delaware Lead Plaintiffs and Delaware Class Counsel, unless you enter an appearance in the applicable Court through counsel of your own choice at your own expense. You are not required to retain your own counsel, but if you choose to do so, such counsel must file a notice of appearance on your behalf in the applicable Court and must serve copies of his or her appearance on the applicable attorneys listed in the section entitled, "When And Where Will The Court Decide Whether To Approve The Settlements?," on page 15 below.
- 50. If you are a member of the Federal Class and you do not exclude yourself from the Federal Class, you will be bound by any orders issued by the Federal Court relating to the Federal Action. If you are a member of the Federal Class and do not wish to remain a member of the Federal Class, you may exclude yourself by following the instructions in the section entitled, "What If I Do Not Want To Be A Member Of The Federal Class? How Do I Exclude Myself?," on page 15 below. If you are a member of the Delaware Class, you will be bound by any orders issued by the Delaware Court relating to the Delaware Settlement. **Note:** The Delaware Class is conditionally certified as a non-opt-out class. You do not have the opportunity to exclude yourself from the Delaware Class.
- 51. If you are a member of either Class and you wish to object to the Settlement, the Plans of Allocation, or Class Counsel's application(s) for attorneys' fees and litigation expenses in the Action(s) for which you are a class member, you may present your objections by following the instructions in the section entitled, "When And Where Will The Courts Decide Whether To Approve The Settlements?," on page 15 below.
- 52. If the Federal Settlement is approved, the Federal Court will enter a judgment (the "Federal Judgment"). The Federal Judgment will dismiss the claims against the Federal Defendants in the Federal Action and will provide that, upon the Effective Date, members of the Federal Class, on behalf of themselves, and their respective legal representatives, heirs, executors, administrators, estates, predecessors, successors, predecessors-in-interest, successors-in-interest, and assigns, and any person or entity acting for or on behalf of, or claiming under, any of them, and each of them, in their respective capacities as such, will have fully, finally, and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived, and discharged each and every Federal Released Plaintiffs' Claim<sup>4</sup> against the Federal Defendants and the other Federal Defendants' Releasees, 5 and will forever be barred and enjoined from prosecuting any or all of the Federal Released Plaintiffs' Claims against any of the Federal Defendants' Releasees.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> "Federal Released Plaintiffs' Claims" means all actions, causes of action, suits, liabilities, claims, rights of action, debts, sums of money, covenants, contracts, controversies, agreements, promises, damages, contributions, indemnities, and demands of every nature and description, whether or not currently asserted, known, suspected, existing, or discoverable, whether arising under federal, state, common, or foreign law, whether based on contract, tort, statute, law, equity, or otherwise, that Federal Lead Plaintiff or any other member of the Federal Class (a) asserted in the Federal Complaint or (b) ever had, now has, or hereafter can, shall, or may have, directly, representatively, derivatively, or in any other capacity, for, upon, arising from, relating to, or by reason of any matter, cause, or thing whatsoever, that, in full or in part, concerns, relates to, arises out of, or is any way connected to the claims, allegations, transactions, facts, circumstances, events, acts, disclosures, statements, representations, omissions, or failures to act alleged, set forth, referred to, involved in, or that could have been raised in the Federal Action, or that otherwise arise out of, are based upon, relate to, or concern in any way either the Merger, the Proxy Materials issued in connection with the stockholder votes on the Merger, any other disclosures relating to or concerning the Merger, ownership of Towers or Willis stock, Haley's Towers or WTW compensation, or the control or participation of any Federal Defendant with respect to the foregoing events. "Federal Released Plaintiffs' Claims" specifically includes, without limitation, all Unknown Claims (defined below). However, Federal Released Plaintiffs' Claims do not include, and the Federal Settlement does not release or impair: (a) the claims for breaches of fiduciary duty and aiding and abetting breaches of fiduciary duty asserted in the Delaware Action (which claims are being released in connection with the Delaware Settlement); or (b) any claims to enforce the Federal Settlement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> "Federal Defendants' Releasees" means each and all of the following: (i) each and every Federal Defendant; (ii) Federal Defendants' respective past, present, and future, direct and indirect, parents, affiliates, subsidiaries, related entities, divisions, partnerships, corporations, general partners, limited partners, members, and any entity in which any Federal Defendant has or had a controlling interest; and (iii) the past, present, and future Immediate Family members, heirs,

- 53. If the Delaware Settlement is approved, the Delaware Court will enter a judgment (the "Delaware Judgment"). The Delaware Judgment will dismiss the claims against the Delaware Defendants in the Delaware Action and will provide that, upon the Effective Date, members of the Delaware Class, on behalf of themselves, and their respective legal representatives, heirs, executors, administrators, estates, predecessors, successors, predecessors-in-interest, and assigns, and any person or entity acting for or on behalf of, or claiming under, any of them, and each of them, in their respective capacities as such, will have fully, finally, and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived, and discharged each and every Delaware Released Plaintiffs' Claim<sup>6</sup> against the Delaware Defendants and the other Delaware Defendants' Releasees, and will forever be barred and enjoined from prosecuting any or all of the Delaware Released Plaintiffs' Claims against any of the Delaware Defendants' Releasees.
- 54. The Federal Judgment will also provide that, upon the Effective Date, the Federal Defendants, on behalf of themselves, and their respective legal representatives, heirs, executors, administrators, estates, predecessors, successors, predecessors-in-interest, successors-in-interest, and assigns, and any person or entity acting for or on behalf of, or claiming under, any of them, and each of them, in their respective capacities as such, will have fully, finally, and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived, and discharged each and every Federal Released

beneficiaries, principals, trustees, trusts, executors, administrators, predecessors, predecessors-in-interest, successors, successors-in-interest, assigns, members, agents, subsidiaries, employees, officers, managers, directors, general partners, limited partners, distributees, bankers, lenders, attorneys, accountants, auditors, representatives, estates, divisions, advisors, estate managers, indemnifiers, insurers (including, but not limited to, Directors and Officers Liability Program Insurers), reinsurers, and consultants of each of the persons and entities listed in subparts (i) or (ii) of this definition.

<sup>6</sup> "Delaware Released Plaintiffs' Claims" means all actions, causes of action, suits, liabilities, claims, rights of action, debts, sums of money, covenants, contracts, controversies, agreements, promises, damages, contributions, indemnities, and demands of every nature and description, whether or not currently asserted, known, suspected, existing, or discoverable, whether arising under federal, state, common or foreign law, whether based on contract, tort, statute, law, equity, or otherwise, that Delaware Lead Plaintiffs or any other member of the Delaware Class (i) asserted in the Delaware Complaint or (ii) ever had, now has, or hereafter can, shall, or may have, directly, representatively, derivatively, or in any other capacity, for, upon, arising from, relating to, or by reason of any matter, cause, or thing whatsoever, that, in full or in part, concerns, relates to, arises out of, or is any way connected with the claims, allegations, transactions, facts, circumstances, events, acts, disclosures, statements, representations, omissions, or failures to act alleged, set forth, referred to, involved in, or that could have been raised in the Action, or that otherwise arise out of, are based upon, relate to, or concern in any way either the Merger, the Proxy Materials issued in connection with the stockholder votes on the Merger, any other disclosures relating to or concerning the Merger, ownership of Towers or Willis stock, Haley's Towers or WTW compensation, or the control or participation of any of the Delaware Defendants' Releasees with respect to the foregoing events. However, Delaware Released Plaintiffs' Claims do not include, and the Delaware Settlement and the Delaware Stipulation do not release or impair: (i) the claims asserted in the Federal Action under Sections 14(a) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (which claims are being released in connection with the Federal Settlement) by any member of the Federal Class who submits a valid request for exclusion from the Federal Class; or (ii) any claims to enforce the Delaware Settlement. "Delaware Released Plaintiffs' Claims" specifically includes, without limitation, all Unknown Claims (defined below).

<sup>7</sup> "Delaware Defendants' Releasees" means each and all of the following: (i) each and every Delaware Defendant; (ii) each of the former members of the Board of Directors of Towers, including Victor F. Ganzi, Leslie S. Heisz, Brendan R. O'Neill, Linda D. Rabbitt, Gilbert T. Ray, Paul Thomas, and Wilhelm Zeller; (iii) Towers, Willis, WTW, and ValueAct, and each of their respective past, present, and future, direct and indirect parents, affiliates, subsidiaries, related entities, divisions, partnerships, corporations, general partners, limited partners, members, and any entity in which any Delaware Defendant has or had a controlling interest; and (iv) the past, present, and future Immediate Family members, heirs, beneficiaries, principals, trustees, trusts, executors, administrators, predecessors, predecessors-in-interest, successors, successors-in-interest, assigns, members, agents, subsidiaries, employees, officers, managers, directors, general partners, limited partners, distributees, bankers, lenders, attorneys, accountants, auditors, representatives, estates, divisions, advisors, estate managers, indemnifiers, insurers (including, but not limited to, Directors and Officers Liability Program Insurers), consultants, and reinsurers of each of the persons listed in subparts (i)-(iii) of this definition.

Defendants' Claim<sup>8</sup> against the Federal Plaintiffs' Releasees<sup>9</sup>, and will forever be barred and enjoined from prosecuting any or all of the Federal Released Defendants' Claims against any of the Federal Plaintiffs' Releasees.

- 55. The Delaware Judgment will also provide that, upon the Effective Date, the Delaware Defendants, on behalf of themselves, and their respective legal representatives, heirs, executors, administrators, estates, predecessors, successors, predecessors-in-interest, successors-in-interest, and assigns, and any person or entity acting for or on behalf of, or claiming under, any of them, and each of them, in their respective capacities as such, will have fully, finally and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived, and discharged each and every Delaware Released Defendants' Claim<sup>10</sup> against the Delaware Plaintiffs' Releasees<sup>11</sup>, and will forever be barred and enjoined from prosecuting any or all of the Delaware Released Defendants' Claims against any of the Delaware Plaintiffs' Releasees.
- 56. "Unknown Claims" means any Released Plaintiffs' Claims which Lead Plaintiffs or any other members of the Classes do not know or suspect to exist in his, her, or its favor at the time of the release of such claims, and any Released Defendants' Claims which any Defendant does not know or suspect to exist in his or its favor at the time of the release of such claims, and which, if known by him, her, or it, might have affected his, her, or its decision(s) with respect to the Settlements. With respect to any and all Released Claims, the Parties to the Federal Stipulation and Delaware Stipulation stipulate and agree that, upon the Effective Date of the Settlements, Lead Plaintiffs and Defendants shall expressly waive, and each of the other Settlement Class Members shall be deemed to have waived, and by operation of the applicable Federal or Delaware Judgment shall have expressly waived, any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States, or principle of common law or foreign law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to California Civil Code §1542, which provides:

A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS THAT THE CREDITOR OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE AND THAT, IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER, WOULD HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR OR RELEASED PARTY.

Lead Plaintiffs and Defendants acknowledge, and each of the other members of the Classes shall be deemed by operation of law to have acknowledged, that the foregoing waiver was separately bargained for and a key element of each of the Settlements.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> "Federal Released Defendants' Claims" means all actions, causes of action, suits, liabilities, claims, rights of action, debts, sums of money, covenants, contracts, controversies, agreements, promises, damages, contributions, indemnities, and demands of every nature and description, whether or not currently asserted, known, suspected, existing, or discoverable (including Unknown Claims), whether arising under federal, state, common, or foreign law, whether based on contract, tort, statute, law, equity, or otherwise, that, in full or in part, concerns, relates to, arises out of, or is any way connected to the institution, prosecution, or settlement of the claims asserted in the Federal Action against the Federal Defendants, except for claims relating to the enforcement of the Federal Settlement and the Federal Stipulation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> "Federal Plaintiffs' Releasees" means Federal Lead Plaintiff, all other plaintiffs in the Federal Action, and all other Federal Class Members, and their respective current and former parents, affiliates, subsidiaries, officers, directors, agents, successors, predecessors, assigns, assignees, partnerships, partners, trustees, trusts, employees, Immediate Family members, insurers, reinsurers, and attorneys.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> "Delaware Released Defendants' Claims" means all actions, causes of action, suits, liabilities, claims, rights of action, debts, sums of money, covenants, contracts, controversies, agreements, promises, damages, contributions, indemnities, and demands of every nature and description, whether or not currently asserted, known, suspected, existing, or discoverable, whether arising under federal, state, common, or foreign law, whether based on contract, tort, statute, law, equity or otherwise, that, in full or in part, concern, relate to, arise out of, or are any way connected to, the institution, prosecution, or settlement of the claims asserted in the Delaware Action against the Delaware Defendants, except for claims relating to the enforcement of the Delaware Settlement and the Delaware Stipulation. "Delaware Released Defendants' Claims" specifically includes, without limitation, all Unknown Claims.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> "Delaware Plaintiffs' Releasees" means Delaware Lead Plaintiffs, all other plaintiffs in the Delaware Action, and all other Delaware Class Members, and their respective current and former parents, affiliates, subsidiaries, officers, directors, agents, successors, predecessors, assigns, assignees, partnerships, partners, trustees, trusts, employees, Immediate Family members, insurers, reinsurers, and attorneys.

# HOW DO I PARTICIPATE IN THE SETTLEMENTS? WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

57. To be eligible for a payment from the Settlements, you must be a member of one or more of the Classes, and you must timely complete and return the Claim Form with adequate supporting documentation *postmarked* no later than May 25, 2021. A Claim Form is included with this Notice, or you may obtain one from the website maintained by the Claims Administrator for the Settlement, <a href="www.WillisTowersWatsonShareholderLitigation.com">www.WillisTowersWatsonShareholderLitigation.com</a>. You may also request that a Claim Form be mailed to you by calling the Claims Administrator toll free at 1-800-983-6133 or by emailing the Claims Administrator at info@WillisTowersWatsonShareholderLitigation.com. Please retain all records of your ownership of and transactions in Towers common stock during the relevant time period, as they will be needed to document your Claim. The Parties and Claims Administrator do not have information about your holdings or transactions in Towers common stock. You only need to submit one Claim Form for both Settlements. Your submission will be reviewed to determine if you are eligible for a payment from the Federal Settlement, the Delaware Settlement, or both.

# HOW MUCH WILL MY PAYMENT BE?

- 58. At this time, it is not possible to make any determination as to how much any individual member of the Classes may receive from the Settlements, if they are approved.
- 59. If the Settlements are approved by the Courts and the Effective Date occurs, the Federal Net Settlement Fund and Delaware Net Settlement Fund (the "Net Settlement Funds") will be distributed to members of the respective Classes who submit valid Claim Forms, in accordance with the proposed Plans of Allocation or such other plans of allocation as the Courts may approve.
- 60. The Net Settlement Funds will not be distributed unless and until the Courts have approved the Settlements and a plan of allocation for each Settlement, and the time for any petition for rehearing, appeal, or review, whether by certiorari or otherwise, has expired.
- 61. Appendix A to this Notice sets forth the proposed Plans of Allocation for allocating the Net Settlement Funds among Authorized Claimants. At the Federal Settlement Hearing, Federal Lead Plaintiff will request that the Federal Court approve the Federal Plan of Allocation, and at the Delaware Settlement Hearing, Delaware Lead Plaintiffs will request that the Delaware Court approve the Delaware Plan of Allocation. The Courts may modify the respective Plans of Allocation, or approve different plans of allocation, without further notice to the Classes.

# WHAT PAYMENT ARE THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE CLASSES SEEKING? HOW WILL THE LAWYERS BE PAID?

62. Class Counsel have not received any payment for their services in pursuing claims against Defendants in the Actions on behalf of the Classes, and have advanced the funds to pay expenses necessarily incurred to prosecute the Actions. Before final approval of the Settlements, Class Counsel will apply separately to the Courts for awards of attorneys' fees in amounts not to exceed 25% of the respective Settlement Funds. In addition, Federal Class Counsel will apply to the Federal Court for payment of its litigation expenses paid or incurred in connection with the institution, prosecution, and resolution of the Federal Action in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000, which may include an application for payment of the reasonable costs and expenses incurred by Federal Lead Plaintiff directly related to its representation of the Federal Class, pursuant to the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 ("PSLRA"), 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(a)(4); and Delaware Class Counsel will apply to the Delaware Court for payment of its litigation expenses paid or incurred in connection with the institution, prosecution, and resolution of the Delaware Action in an amount not to exceed \$250,000. The Courts will determine the amount of any award of attorneys' fees or litigation expenses in each of the respective Actions. Any fees and litigation expenses awarded by the Courts will be paid from the applicable Settlement Fund only (Federal Class Counsel will be paid from the Federal Settlement Fund only, and Delaware Class Counsel will be paid from the Delaware Settlement Fund only). Members of the Classes are not personally liable for any such fees or expenses.

# WHAT IF I DO NOT WANT TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL CLASS? HOW DO I EXCLUDE MYSELF?

- 63. You have the right to exclude yourself from the Federal Class if you wish. Each member of the Federal Class will be bound by the determinations, orders, and judgments in the Federal Action, whether favorable or unfavorable, unless such person or entity submits a written request for exclusion from the Federal Class that is accepted by the Court. If you exclude yourself from the Federal Class, you will not be eligible for any payment from the Federal Settlement. **Note:** The Delaware Class is conditionally certified as a non-opt-out class. You do not have the opportunity to exclude yourself from the Delaware Class.
- Each request for exclusion from the Federal Class must be in writing and must be mailed or delivered to Willis Towers Watson Shareholder Litigation, EXCLUSIONS, c/o A.B. Data, Ltd., P.O. Box 173001, Milwaukee, WI 53217, such that it is received no later than April 15, 2021. You will not be able to exclude yourself from the Federal Class after that date. Each request for exclusion must (i) state the name, address, and telephone number of the person or entity requesting exclusion, and in the case of entities, the name and telephone number of the appropriate contact person; (ii) state that such person or entity "requests exclusion from the Federal Class in In re Willis Towers Watson plc Proxy Litigation, Master File No. 1:17-cv-1338 (E.D. Va.)"; (iii) state the number of shares of Towers common stock that the person or entity requesting exclusion (A) owned as of the close of trading on October 1, 2015 and (B) purchased/acquired and/or sold from October 1, 2015 through January 4, 2016, as well as the dates of each such purchase/acquisition and sale, and (C) owned as of the close of trading on January 4, 2016; and (iv) be signed by the person or entity requesting exclusion or an authorized representative. A request for exclusion from the Federal Class shall not be valid and effective unless it provides all the information called for in this paragraph and is received within the time stated above, or is otherwise accepted by the Federal Court. If you exclude yourself, you should understand that the Federal Defendants and the other Federal Defendants' Releasees will have the right to assert any and all defenses they may have to any claims that you may seek to assert, including, without limitation, the defense that any such claims are untimely under applicable statutes of limitations and statutes of repose.
- 65. If you do not want to be part of the Federal Class, you must follow these instructions for exclusion even if you have pending, or later file, another lawsuit, arbitration, or other proceeding relating to any Federal Released Plaintiffs' Claim against any of the Federal Defendants' Releasees. Excluding yourself from the Federal Class is the only option that allows you to be part of any other lawsuit against any of the Federal Defendants or any of the other Federal Defendants' Releasees concerning the Federal Released Plaintiffs' Claims.
- 66. If you are excluded from the Federal Class, you will not be eligible to receive any payment from the proceeds of the Federal Settlement Fund.
- 67. The Federal Defendants have the right to terminate the Federal Settlement if valid and timely requests for exclusion are received from persons and entities entitled to be members of the Federal Class in an amount that exceeds a certain aggregate percentage that the Parties to the Federal Action have agreed upon.

# WHEN AND WHERE WILL THE COURTS DECIDE WHETHER TO APPROVE THE SETTLEMENTS? DO I HAVE TO COME TO THE HEARINGS? MAY I SPEAK AT ONE OR MORE OF THE HEARINGS IF I DON'T LIKE THE SETTLEMENT(S)?

- 68. Members of the Classes do not need to attend the Settlement Hearings. The Courts will consider any submission made in accordance with the provisions below even if a member of one of the Classes does not attend the hearing. You can participate in the Settlements without attending the Settlement Hearings.
- 69. Please Note: The date and time of the Settlement Hearings may change without further written notice to the Classes. The current Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is a fluid situation that creates the possibility that one or both of the Courts may decide to conduct its Settlement Hearing by video or telephonic conference, or otherwise allow class members to appear at the hearing by phone, without further written notice to the class. In order to determine whether the date and time of either Settlement Hearing has changed, or whether class members must or may participate by phone or video, you should consult the settlement website, <a href="https://www.WillisTowersWatsonShareholderLitigation.com">www.WillisTowersWatsonShareholderLitigation.com</a>, before making any plans to attend either Settlement Hearings. Any updates regarding the Settlement Hearings, including any changes to the date or time of the hearings or updates regarding in-person or telephonic appearances at the hearings, will be posted to the settlement website, <a href="https://www.WillisTowersWatsonShareholderLitigation.com">www.WillisTowersWatsonShareholderLitigation.com</a>. Also, if either of the Courts requires or allows class members to participate in that Court's Settlement Hearing by

video conference or telephone, the information needed for accessing the video or telephonic conference will be posted to www.WillisTowersWatsonShareholderLitigation.com.

- 70. **Federal Settlement Hearing:** The Settlement Hearing in the Federal Action will be held on **May 21, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.**, before the Honorable Anthony J. Trenga at the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Courtroom 701 of the Albert V. Bryan U.S. Courthouse, 401 Courthouse Square, Alexandria, VA 22314, to determine, among other things, (i) whether the proposed Federal Settlement on the terms and conditions provided for in the Federal Stipulation is fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Federal Class, and should be finally approved by the Federal Court; (ii) whether the Federal Action should be dismissed with prejudice against the Federal Defendants and the Releases specified and described in the Federal Stipulation (and in this Notice) should be granted; (iii) whether the proposed Federal Plan of Allocation should be approved as fair and reasonable; (iv) whether and in what amount any award of attorneys' fees and litigation expenses should be paid to Federal Class Counsel out of the Federal Settlement Amount.
- 1:30 p.m., before the Honorable Kathaleen McCormick, at the Court of Chancery, New Castle County, Leonard L. Williams Justice Center, 500 North King Street, Wilmington, DE 19801, to determine, among other things, (i) whether to finally certify the Delaware Class for settlement purposes only; (ii) whether Delaware Lead Plaintiffs and Delaware Class Counsel have adequately represented the Delaware Class; (iii) whether the proposed Delaware Settlement on the terms and conditions provided for in the Delaware Stipulation should be approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Delaware Class and in the best interests of the Delaware Class; (iv) whether the Delaware Action should be dismissed with prejudice and all of the Released Claims against the Releasees specified and described in the Delaware Stipulation (and in this Notice) should be released; (v) whether a Judgment approving the Delaware Settlement should be entered; and (vi) whether and in what amount any award of attorneys' fees and litigation expenses should be paid to Delaware Class Counsel out of the Delaware Settlement Amount.
- 72. Each of the Courts reserves the right to approve the Settlements, the Plans of Allocation, and Class Counsel's motion for attorneys' fees and litigation expenses before it, and/or consider any other matter related to each of the Settlements, at or after the Settlement Hearings without further notice to the applicable Class Members.
- 73. Any objections to the Settlements or related matters must be in writing and filed with the applicable Court and submitted to applicable counsel as set forth in the following paragraphs. Only members of the Federal Class (*i.e.*, any person or entity that comes within the definition of the Federal Class and does not request exclusion) may object to the Federal Settlement, the proposed Federal Plan of Allocation, or the motion for attorneys' fees and litigation expenses in the Federal Action. Similarly, only members of the Delaware Class (*i.e.*, any person or entity that comes within the definition of the Delaware Class) may object to the Delaware Settlement, the proposed Delaware Plan of Allocation, or the motion for attorneys' fees and litigation expenses in the Delaware Action.

# **OBJECTIONS TO THE FEDERAL SETTLEMENT**

74. Any Federal Class Member that does not request exclusion may object to the Federal Settlement, the proposed Federal Plan of Allocation, or Federal Class Counsel's motion for attorneys' fees and litigation expenses. Objections must be in writing. You must file any written objection, together with copies of all other papers and briefs supporting the objection, with the Clerk's Office at the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia at the address set forth below **on or before April 15, 2021**. You must also serve the papers on Federal Class Counsel and on Federal Defendants' Counsel at the addresses set forth below so that the papers are *received* **on or before April 15, 2021**, *and* you must email a copy of your objection to settlements@blbglaw.com, john.neuwirth@weil.com, joshua.amsel@weil.com, and rickhorvath@paulhastings.com by **April 15, 2021**.

# Clerk's Office

U.S. District Court for the
Eastern District of Virginia
Clerk of the Court
Albert V. Bryan
U.S. Courthouse
401 Courthouse Square,
Alexandria, VA 22314

# **Federal Class Counsel**

Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP Salvatore J. Graziano, Esq. 1251 Avenue of the Americas, 44th Floor New York, NY 10020

# Federal Defendants' Counsel

Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP John A. Neuwirth, Esq. 767 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10153

and

Paul Hastings LLP Richard S. Horvath, Jr. Esq. 101 California Street, 48th Floor San Francisco, CA 94111

- 75. Any objection to the Federal Settlement, the proposed Federal Plan of Allocation, or Federal Class Counsel's motion for attorneys' fees and litigation expenses in the Federal Action must (a) identify the case name and docket number, *In re Willis Towers Watson plc Proxy Litigation*, Master File No. 1:17-cv-1338 (E.D. Va.); (b) state the name, address, and telephone number of the person or entity objecting, and must be signed by the objector; (c) state with specificity the grounds for the Federal Class Member's objection, including any legal and evidentiary support the Federal Class Member wishes to bring to the Court's attention and whether the objection applies only to the objector, to a specific subset of the Federal Class, or to the entire Federal Class; and (d) include documents sufficient to prove membership in the Federal Class, including documents showing the number of shares of Towers common stock that the objecting Federal Class Member (i) owned as the close of trading on October 1, 2015, (ii) purchased/acquired and/or sold from October 2, 2015 through January 4, 2016, as well as the dates of each such purchase/acquisition and sale, and (iii) owned as of the close of trading on January 4, 2016.
- 76. If you wish to be heard orally at the hearing in connection with your objection, assuming you timely file and serve a written objection as described above, you must also file a notice of appearance with the Clerk's Office and serve it on Federal Class Counsel and on Federal Defendants' Counsel at the addresses set forth in ¶ 74 above such that it is received on or before April 15, 2021.

### OBJECTIONS TO THE DELAWARE SETTLEMENT

77. At the Delaware Settlement Hearing, any Delaware Class Member who desires to do so may appear personally or by counsel, and show cause, if any, why the Delaware Settlement, in accordance with and as set forth in the Delaware Stipulation, should not be approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate and in the best interests of the Delaware Class; why the Delaware Judgment should not be entered in accordance with and as set forth in the Delaware Stipulation; or why the Delaware Court should not grant Delaware Class Counsel's application for an award of attorneys' fees and litigation expenses; provided, however, that unless the Delaware Court in its discretion otherwise directs, no Delaware Class Member, or any other person, shall be entitled to contest the approval of the terms and conditions of the Delaware Settlement (if approved) or the Judgment to be entered thereon, or the application for attorneys' fees and litigation expenses, and no papers, briefs, pleadings, or other documents submitted by any Delaware Class Member or any other person (excluding a party to the Delaware Stipulation) shall be received or considered, except by order of the Delaware Court for good cause shown, unless, no later than May 11, 2021, such person files with the Court at the address listed below, and serves upon the attorneys listed below: (i) a written notice of intention to appear that includes the name, address, and telephone number of the objector and, if represented by counsel, the name and address of the objector's counsel; (ii) proof of membership in the Delaware Class; (iii) a detailed statement of objections to any matter before the Delaware Court; and (iv) the grounds thereof or the reasons for wanting to appear and be heard, as well as all documents or writings the Delaware Court shall be asked to consider. These writings must also be served by File & ServeXpress, by hand, by first-class mail, or by express service upon the following attorneys such that they are received no later than May 11, 2021:

# **Register in Chancery**

Register in Chancery
Delaware Court of Chancery,
New Castle County
Leonard L. Williams
Justice Center,
500 North King Street,
Wilmington, DE 19801

# **Delaware Class Counsel**

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and

Grant & Eisenhofer P.A. Christine Mackintosh 123 Justison Street, 7th Floor Wilmington, DE 19801

# **Delaware Defendants' Counsel**

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78. Any objection to the Delaware Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation for the Delaware Net Settlement Fund, or the motion for attorneys' fees and litigation expenses in the Delaware Action must include (a) the case name and docket number, *In re Towers Watson & Co. Stockholder Litigation*, Consolidated C.A. No. 2018-0132-KSJM (Del. Ch.); (b) the name, address, and telephone number of the person or entity objecting, and, if represented by counsel, the name and address of the objector's counsel; (c) proof of membership in the Delaware Class; (d) a detailed statement of objections to any matter before the Delaware Court; and (e) the grounds thereof or the reasons for wanting to appear and be heard, as well as all documents or writings the Delaware Court shall be asked to consider.

- 79. Documentation establishing membership in the Class(es) must consist of copies of brokerage confirmation slips or monthly brokerage account statements, or an authorized statement from the objector's broker containing the transactional and holding information found in a broker confirmation slip or account statement.
- 80. You may file a written objection without having to appear at the applicable Settlement Hearing. You may not, however, appear at one of the Settlement Hearings to present your objection unless you first file and serve a written objection with respect to that Settlement in accordance with the procedures described above.
- 81. Persons who intend to object and desire to present evidence at either Settlement Hearing must include in their written objection or notice of appearance the identity of any witnesses they may call to testify and exhibits they intend to introduce into evidence at the hearing. Such persons may be heard orally at the discretion of the applicable Court.
- 82. You are not required to hire an attorney to represent you in making written objections or in appearing at the Settlement Hearings. However, if you decide to hire an attorney, it will be at your own expense, and that attorney must file a notice of appearance with the applicable Court(s) and serve it on applicable Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel at the addresses set forth in ¶ 74 and/or ¶ 77 above so that the notice is *received* on or before April 15, 2021, for the Federal Settlement, or on or before May 11, 2021, for the Delaware Settlement.
- 83. Either of the Settlement Hearings may be adjourned by the applicable Court without further written notice to the Classes. If you plan to attend either of the Settlement Hearings, you should confirm the date and time at <a href="https://www.WillisTowersWatsonShareholderLitigation.com">www.WillisTowersWatsonShareholderLitigation.com</a>.
- 84. Unless one of the Courts orders otherwise, any member of the Classes who does not object in the manner described above will be deemed to have waived any objection and shall be forever foreclosed from making any objection to the proposed Settlements, the proposed Plans of Allocation, or Class Counsel's motions for awards of attorneys' fees and litigation expenses. Members of the Classes do not need to appear at the Settlement Hearings or take any other action to indicate their approval.

# WHAT IF I BOUGHT OR HELD SHARES ON SOMEONE ELSE'S BEHALF?

- 85. If you held Towers common stock for the beneficial interest of persons or organizations other than yourself on either October 1, 2015 or January 4, 2016, or if you received consideration in the Merger of Willis and Towers that closed on January 4, 2016 as a nominee for the benefit of another beneficial owner, you must either (i) within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of this Notice, request from the Claims Administrator sufficient copies of the Notice and Claim Form (the "Notice Packet") to forward to all such beneficial owners and within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of those Notice Packets forward them to all such beneficial owners; or (ii) within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of this Notice, provide a list of the names, addresses, and email addresses (if available) of all such beneficial owners to Willis Towers Watson Shareholder Litigation, c/o A.B. Data, Ltd., ATTN: Fulfillment, P.O. Box 173111, Milwaukee, WI 53217.
- 86. If you choose the first option set forth in ¶ 85, you must send a statement to the Claims Administrator confirming that the mailing was made as directed and retain the list of names and addresses for use in connection with any possible future notice to the Classes. If you choose the second option set forth in ¶ 85, the Claims Administrator will send a copy of the Notice Packet to the beneficial owners.
- 87. Upon full compliance with these directions, such nominees may seek reimbursement of their reasonable expenses actually incurred, by providing the Claims Administrator with proper documentation supporting the expenses for which reimbursement is sought. Copies of this Notice and the Claim Form may also be obtained from the Settlement website, <a href="www.WillisTowersWatsonShareholderLitigation.com">www.WillisTowersWatsonShareholderLitigation.com</a>, by calling the Claims Administrator toll-free at 1-800-983-6133, or by emailing the Claims Administrator at info@WillisTowersWatsonShareholderLitigation.com.

# CAN I SEE THE COURT FILE? WHOM SHOULD I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

88. This Notice contains only a summary of the terms of the proposed Settlements. Copies of the Stipulations, other key documents, and any orders entered by the Courts related to the Settlements and Plans of Allocation, will be posted on the settlement website, <a href="www.WillisTowersWatsonShareholderLitigation.com">www.WillisTowersWatsonShareholderLitigation.com</a>. For more detailed information about the matters involved in the Actions, you are referred to the papers on file in the respective Actions. Court papers for the Federal Action may be inspected during regular office hours at the Office of the Clerk, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Albert V. Bryan U.S. Courthouse, 401 Courthouse Square, Alexandria, VA 22314. Court

papers for the Delaware Action may be inspected during regular office hours at the Office of the Register in Chancery in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware, Leonard L. Williams Justice Center, 500 North King Street, Wilmington, DE 19801.

All inquiries concerning this Notice and the Claim Form should be directed to:

Willis Towers Watson Shareholder Litigation c/o A.B. Data, Ltd. P.O. Box 173111 Milwaukee, WI 53217

1-800-983-6133

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or

Federal Class Counsel	Delaware Class Counsel		
Salvatore J. Graziano, Esq. BERNSTEIN LITOWITZ BERGER & GROSSMANN LLP 1251 Avenue of the Americas, 44th Floor New York, NY 10020 1-800-380-8496 settlements@blbglaw.com	Stacey A. Greenspan, Esq. KESSLER TOPAZ MELTZER & CHECK, LLP 280 King of Prussia Road Radnor, PA 19087 1-610-667-7706 info@ktmc.com	and	Christine Mackintosh, Esq. GRANT & EISENHOFER P.A. 123 Justison Street, 7 <sup>th</sup> Floor Wilmington, DE 19801 (302) 622-7081 cmackintosh@gelaw.com

# DO NOT CALL OR WRITE THE COURTS, DEFENDANTS, OR THEIR COUNSEL REGARDING THIS NOTICE.

Dated: February 15, 2021 By Orders of the Courts

United States District Court Eastern District of Virginia Delaware Chancery Court

### APPENDIX A

# PROPOSED PLANS OF ALLOCATION FOR THE NET SETTLEMENT FUNDS

1. This appendix sets forth the proposed Plans of Allocation for the Federal Net Settlement Fund and the Delaware Net Settlement Fund, which are proposed by Lead Plaintiffs in those respective Actions. At the Federal Settlement Hearing, Federal Lead Plaintiff will request that the Federal Court approve the Plan of Allocation for the Federal Net Settlement Fund (the \$75 million Federal Settlement Amount less attorneys' fees, litigation expenses, and costs). At the Delaware Settlement Hearing, Delaware Lead Plaintiffs will request that the Delaware Court approve the Plan of Allocation for the Delaware Net Settlement Fund (the \$15 million Delaware Settlement Amount less attorneys' fees, litigation expenses, and costs).

# **GENERAL MATTERS**

- 2. The objective of the Plans of Allocation is to equitably distribute the Net Settlement Funds to those members of each Class who or which allegedly suffered economic losses as a proximate result of the claims alleged in the respective Actions. The calculations made pursuant to the Plans of Allocation are not intended to be estimates of, nor indicative of, the amounts that members of the Classes might have been able to recover after a trial (if they recovered anything). Nor are the calculations pursuant to the Plans of Allocation intended to be estimates of the amounts that will be paid to Authorized Claimants pursuant to the Settlements. The computations under the Plans of Allocation are only a method to weigh the claims of Authorized Claimants against one another for the purposes of making *pro rata* allocations of the Net Settlement Funds.
- 3. The Net Settlement Funds will not be distributed unless and until the Courts have approved both Settlements, as well as a plan of allocation for each Settlement, and the time for any petition for rehearing, appeal, or review, whether by certiorari or otherwise, has expired.
- 4. Neither Defendants nor any other person or entity that paid any portion of the Federal Settlement Amount or the Delaware Settlement Amount on their behalf are entitled to get back any portion of the Settlement Funds once the Effective Date of the Settlements occurs. Defendants shall not have any liability, obligation, or responsibility for the administration of the Settlements, the disbursement of the Net Settlement Funds, any actions of the Escrow Agent or Claims Administrator, or the Plans of Allocation.
- 5. Approval of the Settlements is independent from approval of the Plans of Allocation. Any determination with respect to the plan of allocation for either Settlement will not affect the validity or effectiveness of that Settlement, if approved.
- 6. Unless one of the Courts otherwise orders, any member of the Classes who or which fails to submit a Claim Form **postmarked on or before May 25, 2021** shall be fully and forever barred from receiving payments pursuant to the Settlements but will in all other respects remain a member of the Class(es) of which he, she, or it was a member and will be subject to the provisions of the Stipulation(s), including the terms of any judgment(s) entered and the releases given.
- 7. The Courts have reserved jurisdiction to allow, disallow, or adjust on equitable grounds the Claims of any members of the Classes.
- 8. With respect to his, her, or its Claim Form, each Claimant who is a member of the Federal Class shall be deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the Federal Court and each Claimant who is a member of the Delaware Class shall be deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the Delaware Court.
  - 9. The only security that is included in either of the Settlements is Towers common stock.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Capitalized terms not defined in this Appendix A have the meaning ascribed in the Notice of (I) Pendency of Class Actions and Proposed Settlements; (II) Settlement Fairness Hearings; and (III) Motions for Attorneys' Fees and Litigation Expenses (the "Notice") and/or the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement for the Federal Settlement and/or the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement for the Delaware Settlement (together, the "Stipulations").

# PLAN OF ALLOCATION FOR THE FEDERAL NET SETTLEMENT FUND

- 10. Pursuant to the Federal Settlement, the Federal Defendants have agreed to pay or caused to be paid a total of \$75,000,000 in cash (the "Federal Settlement Amount"). The Federal Settlement Amount will be deposited into an escrow account. The Federal Settlement Amount plus any interest earned thereon is referred to as the "Federal Settlement Fund." If the Settlements are approved and the Effective Date occurs, the "Federal Net Settlement Fund" (that is, the Federal Settlement Fund less (i) any Taxes; (ii) any Notice and Administration Costs; (iii) any Litigation Expenses awarded by the Federal Court; (iv) any attorneys' fees awarded by the Federal Court; and (v) any other costs or fees approved by the Federal Court) will be distributed to Federal Class Members who submit valid Claim Forms, in accordance with this proposed Plan of Allocation or such other plan of allocation as the Federal Court may approve.
- 11. Only members of the Federal Class will be eligible to share in the distribution of the Federal Net Settlement Fund. Persons and entities that are excluded from the Federal Class by definition or that exclude themselves from the Federal Class pursuant to request will not be eligible for a payment from the Federal Net Settlement Fund.
- 12. **Determination of the Number of Federal Eligible Shares:** For each claimant that is a member of the Federal Class, the number of Federal Eligible Shares will be calculated based on information provided in the Claim Form and for which adequate documentation is provided, as follows.
  - For each claimant, the number of **Federal Eligible Shares** is the number of shares of Towers common stock that claimant held as of the close of trading on October 1, 2015 that were still held as of the close of trading on January 4, 2016.
- 13. **FIFO Matching:** If a Federal Class Member had any sales of Towers common stock during the period from October 2, 2015 through the close of trading on January 4, 2016, the number of Federal Eligible Shares shall be determined on a First In, First Out ("FIFO") basis. Specifically, any sales of Towers common stock from October 2, 2015 through the close of trading on January 4, 2016 will be matched first against holdings of Towers common stock on October 1, 2015, and then against purchases/acquisitions during the period from October 2, 2015 through January 4, 2016, in chronological order.
- 14. **Determination of the Federal Distribution Amount:** The Federal Net Settlement Fund will be distributed to Authorized Claimants on a *pro rata* basis based on the relative size of their number of Federal Eligible Shares. Specifically, a "Federal Distribution Amount" will be calculated for each Authorized Claimant, which shall be the Authorized Claimant's number of Federal Eligible Shares divided by the total number of Federal Eligible Shares of all Authorized Claimants, multiplied by the total amount in the Federal Net Settlement Fund.

# PLAN OF ALLOCATION FOR THE DELAWARE NET SETTLEMENT FUND

- 15. Pursuant to the Delaware Settlement, the Delaware Defendants have agreed to pay or caused to be paid a total of \$15,000,000 in cash (the "Delaware Settlement Amount"). The Delaware Settlement Amount will be deposited into an escrow account. The Delaware Settlement Amount plus any interest earned thereon is referred to as the "Delaware Settlement Fund." If the Settlements are approved and the Effective Date occurs, the "Delaware Net Settlement Fund" (that is, the Delaware Settlement Fund less (i) any Taxes; (ii) any attorneys' fees and litigation expenses awarded by the Delaware Court; and (iii) any other costs or fees approved by the Delaware Court) will be distributed to Delaware Class Members who submit valid Claim Forms, in accordance with this proposed Plan of Allocation or such other plan of allocation as the Delaware Court may approve.
- 16. Only members of the Delaware Class will be eligible to share in the distribution of the Delaware Net Settlement Fund. Persons and entities that are excluded from the Delaware Class by definition will not be eligible for a payment from the Delaware Net Settlement Fund.
- 17. **Determination of the Number of Delaware Eligible Shares:** For each claimant that is a member of the Delaware Class, the number of Delaware Eligible Shares will be calculated based on information provided in the Claim Form and for which adequate documentation is provided, as follows.
- For each claimant, the number of **Delaware Eligible Shares** is the number of shares of Towers common stock that claimant held as of the close of trading on January 4, 2016 (regardless of the date of purchase) for which that claimant received or was entitled to receive the Merger consideration.
- 18. **Determination of the Delaware Distribution Amount:** The Delaware Net Settlement Fund will be distributed to Authorized Claimants on a *pro rata* basis based on the relative size of their number of Delaware Eligible Shares.

Specifically, a "Delaware Distribution Amount" will be calculated for each Authorized Claimant, which shall be the Authorized Claimant's number of Delaware Eligible Shares divided by the total number of Delaware Eligible Shares of all Authorized Claimants, multiplied by the total amount in the Delaware Net Settlement Fund.

# ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO BOTH NET SETTLEMENT FUNDS

- 19. To the extent possible, the Claims Administrator will seek to conduct the distribution of funds in the Federal Net Settlement Fund and Delaware Net Settlement Fund simultaneously. Authorized Claimants who are members of both Classes may receive a single payment with the sum of their Federal Distribution Amount and Delaware Distribution Amount.
- 20. "Purchase/Sale" Dates: Purchases and sales of Towers common stock will be deemed to have occurred on the "contract" or "trade" date as opposed to the "settlement" or "payment" date.
- 21. **Shares Purchased/Sold Through the Exercise of Options:** Option contracts are not securities eligible to participate in the Settlements. With respect to shares of Towers common stock purchased or sold through the exercise of an option, the purchase/sale date of the Towers common stock is the exercise date of the option.
- 22. After the initial distribution of the Net Settlement Funds, the Claims Administrator will make reasonable and diligent efforts to have Authorized Claimants cash their distribution checks. To the extent any monies remain in either of the Net Settlement Funds after the initial distribution, if Class Counsel, in consultation with the Claims Administrator, determine that it is cost-effective to do so, the Claims Administrator, no less than seven (7) months after the initial distribution, will conduct a re-distribution of the funds remaining after payment of any unpaid fees and expenses incurred in administering the Settlement, including for such re-distribution, to Authorized Claimants who have cashed their initial distributions and who would receive at least \$10.00 in total from such re-distribution of the Net Settlement Funds. Additional re-distributions to Authorized Claimants who have cashed their prior checks and who would receive at least \$10.00 on such additional re-distributions may occur thereafter if Class Counsel, in consultation with the Claims Administrator, determine that additional re-distributions, after the deduction of any additional fees and expenses incurred in administering the Settlements, including for such re-distributions, would be cost-effective. At such time as it is determined that the re-distribution of funds remaining in the Net Settlement Funds is not cost-effective, the remaining balance will be contributed to non-sectarian, not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) organization(s), to be recommended by Class Counsel and approved by the Courts.
- 23. Payment pursuant to the Plans of Allocation, or such other plan(s) of allocation as may be approved by one or both of the Courts, will be conclusive against all Claimants in the applicable Settlement. No person or entity shall have any claim against Lead Plaintiffs, Class Counsel, the Claims Administrator, or any other agent designated by Class Counsel, or Defendants' Releasees and/or their respective counsel, arising from distributions made substantially in accordance with the Stipulations, the plans of allocation approved by the Courts, or any order of the Courts. Lead Plaintiffs and Defendants, and their respective counsel, and all other Releasees shall have no liability whatsoever for the investment or distribution of the Settlement Funds or the Net Settlement Funds, the Plans of Allocation, or the determination, administration, calculation, or payment of any claim or nonperformance of the Claims Administrator, the payment or withholding of Taxes (including interest and penalties) owed by the Settlement Funds, or any losses incurred in connection therewith.
- 24. The Plans of Allocation set forth herein are the plans that are being proposed to the applicable Court for their approval. Each Court may approve the applicable Plan of Allocation as proposed, or one or both of the Courts may modify the plan applicable to its Settlement without further notice to members of the applicable Class. Any Order(s) regarding any modification of either Plan of Allocation will be posted on the website, <a href="https://www.WillisTowersWatsonShareholderLitigation.com">www.WillisTowersWatsonShareholderLitigation.com</a>.