

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

MERRIMACK, SS.

SUPERIOR COURT

Docket No. 03-E-0106

**In the Matter of the Liquidation of
The Home Insurance Company**

**LIQUIDATOR'S MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH VERNAY**

Roger A. Sevigny, Insurance Commissioner for the State of New Hampshire, as Liquidator ("Liquidator") of The Home Insurance Company ("Home"), moves that the Court enter an order in the form submitted herewith approving a Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release ("Settlement Agreement") between Vernay Laboratories, Inc. ("Vernay") and the Liquidator. As reasons therefor, the Liquidator states as follows:

1. Home issued one insurance policy to Vernay for the policy period between April 4, 1969 and April 4, 1972. Upon Home's placement in liquidation, Vernay filed a proof of claim in the Home liquidation regarding claims under the policy, including but not limited to claims for coverage for environmental clean up costs and damages. Affidavit of Peter A. Bengelsdorf, Special Deputy Liquidator, in Support of Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement with Vernay ("Bengelsdorf Aff.") ¶ 3.

2. The Liquidator and Vernay have negotiated a Settlement Agreement reflecting a resolution of the proof of claim and all matters between them under the policy. A copy of the Settlement Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The Settlement Agreement is subject to approval by the Court. Settlement Agreement ¶ 1. Bengelsdorf Aff. ¶ 4.

3. The Settlement Agreement provides that the Liquidator will recommend allowance of the proof of claim in the aggregate amount of \$475,000 as a Class II priority claim

under RSA 402-C:44. Settlement Agreement ¶ 2(A). Allowance of the recommended amount as a Class II claim will fully and finally resolve the proof of claim and all claims Vernay has under the policy. Id. ¶ 2(B). Distributions based on that allowance will be made at the same intervals and at the same percentages as distributions to other Class II creditors of Home. Id. ¶ 2(C). Bengelsdorf Aff. ¶ 5.

4. The Settlement Agreement is intended to resolve the proof of claim and all claims under the policy. See Settlement Agreement ¶¶ 2(B), 5. To that end, the Settlement Agreement provides for mutual releases of all claims between Home and Vernay arising from or related to the proof of claim or the policy. Id. ¶¶ 3, 4. The Liquidator also agrees not to pursue certain claims respecting the underlying matters covered by the proof of claim against other insurers of Vernay that agree not to pursue such claims against Home. Id. ¶ 6. Bengelsdorf Aff. ¶ 6.

5. The Liquidator is not aware of any third party claimants asserting claims under the policy. However, in resolving all matters relating to the proofs of claim and the policy, the Settlement Agreement contemplates denial of any third party claimants' claims under the policy in the Home liquidation without prejudice to their claims against Vernay. Accordingly, Vernay acknowledges in the Settlement Agreement that it is intended to resolve all matters between Vernay and the Liquidator/Home relating to the proof of claim and the policy, including asserted rights of third party claimants. Settlement Agreement ¶ 5. Vernay agrees to address, at its sole cost, the claims of claimants asserting claims against Vernay as if Vernay had no insurance coverage from Home under the policy. Id. Vernay agrees to indemnify the Liquidator and Home against claims relating to the policy (except for claims by Century Indemnity Company, which the Liquidator has previously resolved) up to the amount actually distributed to Vernay pursuant to the Settlement Agreement. Id. Bengelsdorf Aff. ¶ 7.

6. The denial of any third party claimants' proofs of claim without prejudice to their claims against Vernay will not harm the third party claimants, who will continue to have their claims against Vernay. As noted above, Vernay has agreed to address these claims as if it had no insurance coverage from Home under the policy. Settlement Agreement ¶ 5. Third party claimants' proofs of claim against the insolvent Home, if not denied with this agreement, would release Vernay from those claims up to the limits of the policy but only entitle the third party claimants (assuming their claims are allowed) to a presently undetermined percentage distribution at the future date when a distribution is made. See RSA 402-C:40, I; Gonya v. Commissioner, New Hampshire Insurance Dept., 153 N.H. 521, 535 (2006) (noting the "inherent uncertainty of any creditor's recovery in a liquidation"). It is not expected that the allowed claims of any third party claimants (or other Class II creditors) will be paid in full. Under the Settlement Agreement, Vernay will continue to be fully responsible for any third party claimants' claims against it. See Settlement Agreement ¶ 5. Bengelsdorf Aff. ¶ 8.

7. The Settlement Agreement reflects a compromise of the claims asserted in the proof of claim. It is the result of negotiations involving Home's Claims Department, under the supervision of the Special Deputy Liquidator, which has extensive experience in assessing the exposure presented by environmental cleanup claims under Home's insurance policy. The agreed settlement amount is based on careful evaluation and negotiation of coverage obligations under Home's policy respecting the underlying liabilities of Vernay. The Liquidator accordingly recommends approval of the Settlement Agreement and allowance of the \$475,000 settlement amount as a Class II claim in accordance with RSA 402-C:45 and RSA 402-C:44. Bengelsdorf Aff. ¶ 9.

8. The Court has previously approved similar settlement agreements. See, e.g., Order Approving Settlement Agreement with Straits Steel (May 3, 2009); Order Approving

Settlement Agreement with R. Lavin & Sons Inc. (February 23, 2009); Order Approving Settlement Agreement with MidAmerican (August 19, 2008); Order Approving Settlement Agreement with Georgia-Pacific (April 3, 2008); Order Approving Settlement Agreement with Tampa Electric (October 15, 2007); Order Approving Commutation Agreement with Northwestern National Insurance Company and Settlement Agreement and Assignment of Distribution with AK Steel Corporation (March 10, 2006). The Liquidator's negotiation and the Court's approval of such agreements are authorized by the broad authority of the Liquidator to "compound, compromise or in any other manner negotiate the amount for which claims will be recommended to the court," RSA 402-C:45, I, and the authority of the Court to "approve, disapprove or modify any report on claims by the liquidator." RSA 402-C:45, II. It is also an appropriate exercise of the Liquidator's authority ("[s]ubject to the court's control") to "do such other acts . . . as are necessary or expedient for the accomplishment of or in aid of the purpose of liquidation." RSA 402-C:25, XXII.

9. In his Motion for Approval of Commutation with Northwestern National Insurance Company and Settlement Agreement and Assignment of Distribution with AK Steel Corporation ¶¶ 19-23 (February 16, 2006), the Liquidator provided his analysis of New Hampshire law, including RSA 402-C:40 III, as it applies to this type of comprehensive policy coverage compromise and settlement in an insurer liquidation context. That analysis also applies to the proposed Settlement Agreement with Vernay.

10. The Liquidator submits that the Settlement Agreement is fair and reasonable and in the best interests of the policyholders and creditors of Home. See Bengelsdorf Aff. ¶ 10.

WHEREFORE, the Liquidator respectfully requests that this Court:

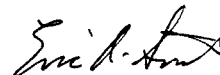
- A. Grant this Motion;
- B. Enter an Order in the form submitted herewith approving the Settlement Agreement, approving the Liquidator's claim recommendation, and allowing Vernay's claim as a Class II claim in the amount of \$475,000; and
- C. Grant such other and further relief as justice may require.

Respectfully submitted,

ROGER A. SEVIGNY, INSURANCE
COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF
NEW HAMPSHIRE, SOLELY AS
LIQUIDATOR OF THE HOME
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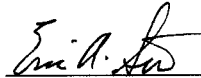


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January 5, 2012

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Liquidator's Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement with Vernay, the Affidavit of Peter A. Bengelsdorf, and the Proposed Order, were sent, this 5th day of January, 2012, by first class mail, postage prepaid to all persons on the attached service list.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Eric A. Smith", is written over a horizontal line.

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Settlement Agreement And Mutual Release

This Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release ("Settlement Agreement") is made this 15th day of December, 2011 by and between Vernay Laboratories, Inc. ("Claimant") on the one hand, and Roger A. Sevigny, Commissioner of Insurance of the State of New Hampshire, solely in his capacity as Liquidator ("Liquidator") of the Home Insurance Company ("Home"), on the other hand. (Claimant and Liquidator are hereinafter referred to collectively as "Parties").

Whereas, Home issued the following insurance policy to Vernay Laboratories, Inc.:

Policy Number
HEC9729153

Policy Period
4/4/69-4/4/72

which together with all other Home insurance policies issued to Claimant are defined as the "Policies."

Whereas, Home is being liquidated pursuant to the June 13, 2003 Order of the Superior Court of the State of New Hampshire, Merrimack County ("Liquidation Court") which appointed the Liquidator as the Liquidator of Home;

Whereas, Claimant seeks payment from Home respecting claims, including but not limited to claims for environmental cleanup costs and damages, and Claimant has submitted a proof of claim in the Home liquidation estate that has been assigned the following proof of claim number

EMTL18025

which together with any other proof of claim hereinbefore or hereinafter filed by Claimant in the Home liquidation estate are hereinafter defined collectively as the "Proofs of Claim";

Whereas, the Parties are desirous of resolving all claims that were asserted, or could have been or could be asserted, between them concerning all rights and obligations with respect to the Proofs of Claim and the Policies, and

Whereas, the Parties agree that this Settlement Agreement is subject to and conditioned upon its approval by the Liquidation Court and allowance of the Recommended Amount (as defined below) into the Home liquidation estate and in the event the Liquidation Court does not approve the Settlement Agreement and allow the Recommended Amount, this Settlement Agreement shall be null and void and without any force or effect,

Now, Therefore, in consideration of all the respective transactions contemplated by this Settlement Agreement, and the mutual covenants and representations herein contained, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Effectiveness, This Settlement Agreement is conditioned and shall only become effective (the "Effective Date") upon approval by the Liquidation Court. The Liquidator shall move for approval of this Settlement Agreement promptly following execution by both of the Parties.
2. Recommendation, Allowance and Classification of Claims.
 - A. Subject to all the terms of this Settlement Agreement, and with the agreement of Claimant, which by Claimant's execution hereof is hereby granted, the Liquidator shall recommend pursuant to N.H. RSA 402-C:45 that the Proofs of Claim be allowed in the aggregate amount of \$475,000 ("Recommended Amount"), as a Class II priority claim under N.H. RSA 402-C:44. The Liquidator shall seek allowance of the Recommended Amount as a Class II priority claim by the Liquidation Court in the Liquidator's motion for approval of this Settlement Agreement.
 - B. Allowance of the Recommended Amount as a Class II claim by the Liquidation Court shall fully and finally resolve the Proofs of Claim and any and all claims of whatever nature that Claimant has under the Policies. In the event that the Liquidation Court does not allow the Recommended Amount as a Class II claim, this Settlement shall be null and void and shall have no force and effect and the Parties will be

returned to *status quo ante*, as if no such agreement was ever reached, with the Settlement Agreement then being inadmissible for any purpose in any dispute between the Parties.

- C. If and when the Liquidation Court allows the Recommended Amount as a Class II claim, Claimant will become a Class II creditor in the Home liquidation estate pursuant to N.H. RSA 402-C:44, and Claimant shall, subject to this Settlement Agreement, receive distributions on the allowed amount at the same intervals and at the same percentages as other Class II creditors of Home.
3. Release by Claimant. Subject to the terms of this Settlement Agreement and the Liquidation Court's approval of the Recommended Amount as a Class II claim, Claimant for itself and on behalf of its officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, subsidiaries, affiliates, predecessors, and their successors and assigns, irrevocably and unconditionally releases and discharges the Liquidator and Home and each of their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, subsidiaries, affiliates, predecessors, successors and assigns (including any trustee or other statutory successor) from any and all actions, causes of action liabilities, adjustments, obligations, offsets, suits, debts, dues, sums of money, accounts, reckonings, bonds, bills, premiums, losses, salvage, specialties, covenants, contracts, controversies, agreements, promises, variances, trespasses, damages, judgments, extents, executions, claims and/or demands arising from or related to the Proofs of Claim or the Policies, in law, admiralty, or equity, which Claimant, its subsidiaries, affiliates, predecessors, successors and assigns, ever had, now have or hereafter may have against the Liquidator or Home or their officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, subsidiaries, affiliates, predecessors, successors and assigns, all whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, fixed or contingent, in law, admiralty or equity, arising from or related to the Proofs of Claim or the Policies.
4. Release by Liquidator. Subject to the terms of this Settlement Agreement and the Liquidation Court's approval of the Recommended Amount as a Class II claim, the Liquidator, in his capacity as such, and on behalf of Home

and each of their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, subsidiaries, affiliates, predecessors, and their successors and assigns, irrevocably and unconditionally releases and discharges Claimant and its officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, subsidiaries, affiliates, predecessors, and their successors and assigns, from any and all actions, causes of action, liabilities, adjustments, obligations, offsets, suits, debts, dues, sums of money, accounts, reckonings, bonds, bills, premiums, losses, salvage, specialties, covenants, contracts, controversies, agreements, promises, variances, trespasses, damages, judgments, extents, executions, claims and/or demands arising from or related to the Proofs of Claim or the Policies, in law, admiralty or equity, which the Liquidator, Home, or their subsidiaries, affiliates, predecessors, successors and assigns ever had, now have, or hereafter may have against Claimant or its officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, subsidiaries, affiliates, predecessors, and their successors and assigns, all whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, fixed or contingent, in law, admiralty or equity, arising from or related to the Proofs of Claim or the Policies.

5. Resolution of Matters and Indemnification. Claimant acknowledges that this Settlement Agreement is intended to resolve all matters arising out of or relating to any rights it ever had, now has or hereafter may have in the Policies and the Proofs of Claim, including any asserted rights of claimants against Claimant under the Policies, and Claimant agrees to address, at its sole cost and expense, any such claims of claimants against Claimant as if there had been no liquidation proceeding for Home and as if Claimant had no insurance coverage from Home by virtue of the Policies. In consideration of the Recommended Amount being allowed by the Liquidation Court as a Class II claim, Claimant agrees to indemnify and hold the Liquidator and Home harmless from and against any and all claims, losses, liabilities, debts, damages, costs or expenses, except for claims asserted by Century Indemnity Company and any of its predecessor companies, arising from or related to the Policies and such indemnification shall be capped at the amount ultimately distributed in relation to the Recommended Amount as allowed by the Liquidation Court. The future obligations of Claimant under this paragraph shall extend to and include (by way of example and not limitation) any claims, including claims for defense and indemnity made under the Policies against the Liquidator or Home by

vendors of or respecting Claimant, by other insurers of Claimant, and by individuals or entities asserting "direct action" claims arising out of or related to the Policies (hereinafter "Indemnified Claims"). The Liquidator shall promptly notify Claimant of any such claim, and shall afford Claimant the opportunity to reasonably participate in the defense of such claims. The Liquidator shall assert all defenses to such claims reasonably available to the Liquidator, including defenses under the Order of Liquidation or the New Hampshire Insurers Rehabilitation and Liquidation Act. Claimant shall cooperate with the Liquidator (including but not limited to the provision of affidavits or testimony) to defend against and resolve such claims.

6. Mutual Release of Settling Carriers. Claimant agrees to use reasonable commercial efforts to cause any settlement agreement relating to the underlying matters covered by the Proofs of Claim with any other insurance company to include a waiver by that other insurance company of any claim, including contribution, apportionment, indemnification, subrogation, equitable subrogation, allocation or recoupment, against Home regarding these underlying matters covered by the Proofs of Claim. The Liquidator agrees to waive, relinquish and release any claim, including contribution, apportionment, indemnification, subrogation, equitable subrogation, allocation or recoupment, as to the underlying matters covered by the Proofs of Claim against any other insurance company which executes a settlement with Claimant that includes a provision that is materially the same as this paragraph.
7. No Assignments. Claimant warrants and agrees that it has not assigned, conveyed, or otherwise transferred any claims, demands, causes of action, rights or obligations related in any way to the Policies, or any proceeds thereof, or to the claims, losses and expenses released herein, to any person or entity. Claimant shall not assign or otherwise transfer this Settlement Agreement or any rights or obligations thereunder without the written consent of the Liquidator, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.
8. Further Assurances. The Parties shall take all further actions as may be necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Settlement Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated herein.

9. Governing Law and Venue. This Settlement Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire without regard to the conflicts of law provisions thereof. The Parties agree that the exclusive venue for any dispute between the Parties arising out of the Proofs of Claim, the Policies or this Settlement Agreement shall be the Liquidation Court.
10. Due Diligence. The Parties acknowledge and agree that, in negotiating and executing this Settlement Agreement they have relied upon their own judgment and upon the recommendations of their own legal counsel, that they have read this Settlement Agreement and have had the opportunity to consider its terms and effects and that they have executed this Settlement Agreement voluntarily and with full understanding of its terms and effects. This Settlement Agreement is the product of negotiations between the Parties. No Party shall be charged with having promulgated this Settlement Agreement, and the general rule that ambiguities are to be construed against the drafter shall not apply to this Agreement.
11. No Third Party Rights. This Settlement Agreement is entered into solely for the benefit of the Liquidator, Home and Claimant and is not intended to, and does not give or create any rights to or in any person or entity other than the Parties.
12. Counterparts. This Settlement Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which, when so delivered, shall be an original, but such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument. The Parties agree that a signature sent by facsimile or electronic mail to the other Party shall have the same force and effect as an original signature.
13. Power and Authority to Execute. Subject to the approval of the Liquidation Court required by paragraph 1, each Party hereto represents and warrants that it has the full power and authority to execute, deliver and perform this Settlement Agreement; that all requisite and necessary approvals have been obtained to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Settlement Agreement ; that there are no other agreements or transactions to which it is a party that would render this Settlement Agreement or any part thereof,

void, voidable or unenforceable; that each individual signing on behalf of a Party has been duly authorized by that Party to execute the Settlement Agreement on its behalf; and that no claims being released under the terms of this Settlement Agreement have been assigned, sold, or otherwise transferred to any other entity.

- 14 Successor-in-Interest Bound. This Settlement Agreement shall be binding upon, and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective officers, directors, employees, affiliates, attorneys, liquidators, receivers, administrators, agents, representatives, and their successors and assigns.
- 15 Entire Agreement. This Settlement Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the Parties with respect to the subject matter thereof. This Settlement Agreement supersedes all prior agreements and understandings, whether written or oral, concerning such matters.
- 16 Survival of Warranties and Representations. The warranties and representations made herein shall survive the execution of this Settlement Agreement.
- 17 Validity of Settlement Agreement. Subject to the approval of the Settlement Agreement by the Liquidation Court as required by Section 1, each Party represents and warrants that this Settlement Agreement is a legal, valid, and binding obligation, enforceable in accordance with its terms.
- 18 No Waiver. No waiver of any right under this Settlement Agreement shall be deemed effective unless contained in a writing signed by the Party or an authorized representative of the Party charged with such waiver, and no waiver of any breach or failure to perform shall be deemed to be a waiver of any future breach or failure to perform or of any other provision of this Settlement Agreement. The Settlement Agreement may not be amended except in a document signed by the Party or an officer or other authorized official of the Party to be charged.

19 Notice

All notices to be given under this Settlement Agreement shall be given by facsimile and first class U.S. mail directed to:

If to the Claimant, to:

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And

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If to the Liquidator, to

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And

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20 Severability

If any provision of this Settlement Agreement is invalid, unenforceable or illegal under the law of any applicable jurisdiction, the validity and enforceability of such provision in any other jurisdiction shall not be affected thereby and the remaining provisions of this Settlement Agreement shall remain valid and enforceable. However, in the event of such invalidity, unenforceability, or illegality, the Parties shall negotiate in good faith to amend this Settlement Agreement through the insertion of additional provisions which are valid, enforceable, and legal and which reflect, to the extent possible, the purposes contained in the invalid, unenforceable, or illegal provision.

Wherefore, the Parties have caused this Settlement Agreement to be executed on their respective behalves as of the date below the signatures of their duly authorized representatives.

Claimant:

Vernay Laboratories, Inc.

By: Max D. Weef

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: December 14, 2011

Liquidator:

**Roger A. Sevigny, Commissioner of
Insurance of the State of New
Hampshire, solely in his Capacity as
Liquidator of the Home Insurance
Company**

By: Thomas W. Kelen

Title: Chief Claims Officer

Date: December 15, 2011