

SCHEDULE "B"

LEGAL NOTICE RE: SYDNEY TAR PONDS LITIGATION

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On March 24, 2004, the representative Plaintiffs commenced a proposed class action in the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, against Ispat Sidbec Inc., Sydney Steel Corporation, the Attorney General of Nova Scotia, Canadian National Railway Company, the Attorney General of Canada and Domtar Inc. (the "Defendants"), who at various times, operated the Steel Works, the By-Products Operations and the CNR Operations that caused pollution to the class members' property and person.

The Plaintiffs seek the following:

- to stop the exposure to the contaminants and to compensate for the property damage caused by the contamination;
- to identify, monitor, and treat the health risks created by the contaminants; and
- to compensate the existing health effects caused by the contaminants.

Class Counsel has asked the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia to discontinue the action against the Defendant Ispat Sidbec Inc., (which ceased to have any involvement in operating the Steel Works in 1967), while continuing the action against all the remaining Defendants for all the relief claimed.

The Court has approved the discontinuance against Ispat Sidbec Inc. on the condition that notice be provided to class members and also that \$80,000, as a contribution toward the plaintiffs' costs, be provided for the benefit of the continuing litigation against all other Defendants going forward.

The discontinuance does not involve any admission of liability on the part of Ispat Sidbec Inc., nor does it extinguish the rights of any person to commence an independent action against Ispat Sidbec Inc. Should any person wish to commence such an action against Ispat Sidbec Inc., they should forthwith consult independent counsel (counsel other than class counsel) and be advised that any action would be subject to all defences available to Ispat Sidbec Inc., including limitations defences.

For further information concerning this proposed class action. Please go to www.sydneyclassaction.ca

For further information concerning the discontinuance, please contact Class Counsel at **1-877-425-7330** or in writing at the addresses below.

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