## **OPT-OUT FORM**

Class Action against Ontario Energy Group and Home Trust Company ("OEG Class Action)"

This is not a claim form. This form <u>EXCLUDES</u> you from participating in the OEG Class Action. <u>DO NOT</u> fill out this form if you wish to participate in the OEG Class Action.

## About the OEG Class Action

On July 25, 2016, a class action was commenced against Ontario Energy Group ("OEG") and Home Trust Company in respect of lease agreements for household equipment like furnaces, air conditioners, filters etc.

The Ontario Superior Court of Justice has certified the OEG Class Action for the following class:

All persons in Ontario who are or were at any time party to a lease agreement of Equipment with MDG Newmarket Inc. operating as Ontario Energy Group entered into between May 1, 2012 and December 31, 2016 except Excluded Persons (the "Class)".

"Equipment" means furnaces, air conditioners, water heaters, water softeners, water purification systems, boilers, air cleaners, humidifiers, chimney liners, filters, and other equipment or services offered under the Consumer Agreements.

The OEG Class Action alleged, among other things, that OEG's agreements failed to comply with legal requirements under Ontario's *Consumer Protection Act, 2002* and other applicable laws. The OEG Class Action seeks damages and other remedies for the Class.

The case has reached a proposed conclusion pursuant to a settlement agreement reached between the parties dated March 29, 2021. The settlement agreement remains subject to approval by the court. Further information about the proposed settlement agreement can be found at <a href="https://www.foremancompany.com/ontario-energy-group">https://www.foremancompany.com/ontario-energy-group</a>.

If you have questions about the OEG Class Action, please review the court-approved notice at <u>https://www.foremancompany.com/ontario-energy-group</u> or contact Foreman & Company, the lawyers appointed to represent the Class ("Class Counsel") at classactions@foremancompany.com or 1-855-814-4575 ext. 109

## **Opting Out**

IF YOU OPT-OUT, YOU ARE <u>REMOVING YOURSELF</u> FROM THE CERTIFIED OEG CLASS ACTION. BY DOING SO, YOU WILL <u>NOT</u> RECEIVE ANY MONEY OR OTHER BENEFITS FROM THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IF IT IS APPROVED BY THE COURT.

If you opt out, you may be able to continue an existing individual lawsuit or start one at your own expense. If you have already commenced an individual lawsuit in respect of the same claims alleged in the OEG Class Action and you wish to carry it forward outside of the class action, you must opt out. Class members who do not opt out will remain in the OEG Class Action and will be bound by the terms of the settlement.

There is no expense to you by remaining in the OEG Class Action, and you will not be responsible for paying for the lawyers for the Class out of your pocket. As part of the settlement approval process, the lawyers for the Class will ask the court to approve the payment of their legal fees, disbursements (expenses incurred in the litigation of the case) and applicable taxes out of the amounts recovered in the lawsuit. Any amounts approved by the court will be paid from the settlement amount. In an individual lawsuit, you will have to pay your advisor (a lawyer or paralegal for example) to conduct your own case.

If you do not want to be included in the OEG Class Action, you must complete and sign this Opt-Out Form, and send it by regular mail, email, or fax to the particulars listed below, received by September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the latest. Opt-Out Forms received after that date will not be accepted. If the settlement is approved, <u>this will be your only chance to opt-out of the OEG Class Action.</u>

This Opt-Out form must be signed by either a) you, the class member, b) your duly appointed attorney under a power of attorney for property, or c) your Court-appointed Litigation Guardian.

Opt-Out Forms signed only by a legal representative or agent (such as a lawyer or paralegal professional) of a class member are <u>not</u> valid.

For more information on the OEG Class Action, please visit <u>https://www.foremancompany.com/ontario-energy-group</u> or contact Class Counsel.

Your Name (required) : \_\_\_\_\_\_ Your Address (required): \_\_\_\_\_\_ Your telephone number (required): \_\_\_\_\_\_

Your email address: \_\_\_\_\_

## DECLARATION

I declare that I wish to opt out of the OEG Class Action.

I understand that by submitting this Opt-Out Form, I will be excluded from the OEG Class Action and will not be bound by its outcome.

I understand that a settlement agreement has been reached with the Defendants and that as a result of opting out, I will be excluded from the benefits afforded to class members under the settlement agreement of the OEG Class Action.

Signature:

Name (please print):\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Return your completed Opt-Out Form to:

FOREMAN & COMPANY Attn: Kassandra Gauld (Hallett) 4 Covent Market Place London, ON N6A 1E2 <u>classactions@foremancompany.com</u> Fax: (226) 884-5340