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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

THOMAS SPITZER, Individually and on
Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

ROBERT C. FLEXON, DARREN R.
JAMISON, JOHN J. JURIC, SCOTT W.
ROBINSON, and FREDERICK S.
HENCKEN III,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:23-cv-08659-HDV (MARx)

CLASS ACTION

EXHIBIT A-1

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**NOTICE OF (I) PENDENCY OF CLASS ACTION AND PROPOSED SETTLEMENT; (II)
SETTLEMENT FAIRNESS HEARING; AND (III) MOTION FOR AN AWARD OF
ATTORNEYS' FEES, REIMBURSEMENT OF LITIGATION EXPENSES,
AND AWARDS TO PLAINTIFFS**

A Federal Court Authorized this Notice.
This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF CLASS ACTION: Please be advised that your rights may be affected by the above-captioned securities class action (the "Action") pending in the United States District Court for the Central District of California (the "Court"), if, during the period between November 11, 2020 and October 4, 2023, inclusive (the "Settlement Class Period"), you purchased or otherwise acquired publicly traded Capstone Green Energy Corporation ("Capstone" or the "Company") securities and were allegedly damaged thereby (the "Settlement Class").¹

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT: Please also be advised that the Court-appointed Lead Plaintiff Michael Denisevich and Plaintiff Kevin Rudisill ("Plaintiffs"), individually and on behalf of the Settlement Class (as defined in ¶ 18 below), have reached a proposed settlement of the Action for \$2,250,000 in cash that, if approved, will resolve all claims in the Action (the "Settlement").

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

If you have any questions about this Notice, the proposed Settlement, or your eligibility to participate in the Settlement, please DO NOT contact Defendants in the Action, or their counsel. All questions should be directed to Lead Counsel or the Claims Administrator (see ¶ 78 below).

¹ All capitalized terms used in this Notice that are not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement dated April 4, 2025 (the "Stipulation").

1 1. **Description of the Action and the Settlement Class:** This Notice relates to a proposed
2 Settlement of claims in a pending securities class action brought by investors alleging, among other
3 things, that Defendants Robert C. Flexon, Darren R. Jamison, Scott W. Robinson, and Frederick S.
4 Hencken III (collectively, the “Defendants”) violated the federal securities laws by making false and
5 misleading statements regarding Capstone. As discussed below, Defendants deny these allegations and
6 any wrongdoing. A more detailed description of the Action is set forth in ¶¶ 11-17 below. The proposed
7 Settlement, if approved by the Court, will settle claims of the Settlement Class, as defined in ¶ 18 below.

8 2. **Statement of the Settlement Class’s Recovery:** Subject to Court approval, Plaintiffs,
9 individually and on behalf of the Settlement Class, have agreed to settle the Action in exchange for a
10 settlement payment of \$2,250,000 in cash (the “Settlement Amount”) to be deposited into an Escrow
11 Account. The Net Settlement Fund (*i.e.*, the Settlement Amount plus any and all interest earned thereon
12 (the “Settlement Fund”) less (a) any Taxes, (b) any Notice and Administration Costs, (c) any litigation
13 expenses awarded by the Court, (d) any attorneys’ fees awarded by the Court, and (e) any awards to
14 Plaintiffs) will be distributed in accordance with a plan of allocation that is approved by the Court,
15 which will determine how the Net Settlement Fund shall be allocated among members of the Settlement
16 Class. The proposed plan of allocation (the “Plan of Allocation”) is set forth on pages 11-15 below.

17 3. **Estimate of Average Amount of Recovery Per Share:** Based on Plaintiffs’ damages expert’s
18 estimates of the number of Capstone Securities purchased during the Settlement Class Period that may
19 have been affected by the conduct at issue in the Action, and assuming that all Settlement Class
20 Members elect to participate in the Settlement, the estimated average recovery (before the deduction of
21 any Court-approved fees, expenses and awards as described herein) per eligible share is \$0.16.
22 Settlement Class Members should note, however, that the foregoing average recovery per share is only
23 an estimate. Some Settlement Class Members may recover more or less than this estimated amount
24 depending on, among other factors, when and at what prices they purchased/acquired and/or sold shares
25 of Capstone Securities, and the total number of valid Claim Forms submitted. Distributions to
26 Settlement Class Members will be made based on the Plan of Allocation set forth herein (*see* pages 11-
27 15 below) or such other plan of allocation as may be ordered by the Court.

28 4. **Average Amount of Damages Per Share:** The Parties do not agree on the average amount of
damages per share that would be recoverable if Plaintiffs were to prevail in the Action. Among other
things, Defendants do not agree with the assertion that they violated the federal securities laws or that
any damages were suffered by any members of the Settlement Class as a result of their conduct.

 5. **Attorneys’ Fees, Litigation Expenses, and Awards Sought:** Plaintiffs’ Counsel, which have
been prosecuting the Action on a wholly contingent basis since its inception in 2023, have not received
any payment of attorneys’ fees for their representation of the Settlement Class and have advanced the
funds to pay expenses necessarily incurred to prosecute this Action. Court-appointed Lead Counsel,
Pomerantz LLP and The Rosen Law Firm, P.A., will apply to the Court for an award of attorneys’ fees
for all Plaintiffs’ Counsel in an amount not to exceed 33% of the Settlement Fund plus interest. In
addition, Lead Counsel will apply for reimbursement of litigation expenses paid or incurred in
connection with the institution, prosecution and resolution of the claims against the Defendants plus
interest, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000. Lead Counsel will also make an application for
reimbursement of the reasonable costs and expenses incurred by Plaintiffs directly related to their
representation of the Settlement Class, including lost wages. Any fees, expenses, and/or awards granted
by the Court will be paid from the Settlement Fund. Settlement Class Members are not personally liable
for any such fees or expenses. The estimated average cost per affected share of Capstone Securities, if
the Court approves Lead Counsel’s fee, expense, and awards to Plaintiffs, is \$0.06 per eligible share.

 6. **Identification of Attorneys’ Representatives:** Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class are
represented by Brenda Szydlo, Esq. of Pomerantz LLP, 600 Third Avenue, 20th Floor, New York, NY
10016, (212) 661-1100 and Jonathan Stern, Esq. of The Rosen Law Firm, P.A., 275 Madison Avenue,

40th Floor, New York, NY 10016, (212) 686-1060. The Defendants are represented by Colleen C. Smith, Esq. of Latham & Watkins LLP, 12670 High Bluff Drive, San Diego, CA 92130, (858) 523-5400.

7. **Reasons for the Settlement:** Plaintiffs' principal reason for entering into the Settlement is the substantial immediate cash benefit for the Settlement Class without the risk or the delays inherent in further litigation. Moreover, the substantial cash benefit provided under the Settlement must be considered against the significant risk that a smaller recovery - or indeed no recovery at all - might be achieved after contested motions, a trial of the Action and the likely appeals that would follow a trial. This process could be expected to last several years. Defendants, who deny all allegations of wrongdoing or liability whatsoever, are entering into the Settlement solely to eliminate the uncertainty, burden and expense of further protracted litigation.

YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THE SETTLEMENT:

**SUBMIT A CLAIM FORM
BY MAIL POSTMARKED
NO LATER THAN
OCTOBER 23, 2025 OR
ELECTRONICALLY BY
11:59 P.M. ET ON
OCTOBER 23, 2025**

This is the only way to be eligible to receive a payment from the Settlement Fund. If you are a Settlement Class Member and you remain in the Settlement Class, you will be bound by the Settlement as approved by the Court and you will give up any Released Plaintiffs' Claims (defined in ¶ 27 below) that you have against Defendants and Defendants' Releasees (defined in ¶ 28 below), so it is in your interest to submit a Claim Form.

**EXCLUDE YOURSELF
FROM THE SETTLEMENT
CLASS BY SUBMITTING A
WRITTEN REQUEST FOR
EXCLUSION SO THAT IT
IS *RECEIVED* NO LATER
THAN OCTOBER 23, 2025.**

If you exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, you will not be eligible to receive any payment from the Settlement Fund. This is the only option that allows you ever to be part of any other lawsuit against any of the Defendants or Defendants' Releasees concerning the Released Plaintiffs' Claims.

**SUBMIT A WRITTEN
OBJECTION SO THAT IT
IS *RECEIVED* NO LATER
THAN OCTOBER 23, 2025.**

If you do not like the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, or the request for attorneys' fees, reimbursement of litigation expenses, or awards to Plaintiffs, you may write to the Court and explain why you do not like them. You cannot object to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation or the request for attorneys' fees, reimbursement of litigation expenses, and awards to Plaintiffs unless you are a Settlement Class Member and do not exclude yourself from the Settlement Class.

**GO TO A HEARING ON
NOVEMBER 13, 2025 AT
10:00 A.M., AND FILE A
NOTICE OF INTENTION
TO APPEAR SO THAT IT
IS *RECEIVED* NO LATER
THAN OCTOBER 23, 2025.**

Filing a written objection and notice of intention to appear by October 23, 2025 allows you to speak in Court, at the discretion of the Court, about the fairness of the proposed Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or the request for attorneys' fees, reimbursement of litigation expenses, and awards to Plaintiffs. If you submit a written objection, you may (but you do not have to) attend the hearing and, at the discretion of the Court, speak to the Court about your objection.

YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THE SETTLEMENT:

DO NOTHING.

If you are a member of the Settlement Class and you do not submit a valid Claim Form, you will not be eligible to receive any payment from the Settlement Fund. You will, however, remain a member of the Settlement Class, which means that you give up your right to sue about the claims that are resolved by the Settlement, and you will be bound by any judgments or orders entered by the Court in the Action.

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WHY DID I GET THIS NOTICE?

8. The Court directed that this Notice be sent to you because you or an investment account for which you serve as a custodian may have purchased or otherwise acquired Capstone Securities during the Settlement Class Period. The Court has directed us to send you this Notice because, as a potential Settlement Class Member, you have a right to know about your options before the Court rules on the proposed Settlement. Additionally, you have the right to understand how this class action lawsuit may generally affect your legal rights. If the Court approves the Settlement and the Plan of Allocation (or some other plan of allocation), the Claims Administrator selected by Plaintiffs and approved by the Court will make payments pursuant to the Settlement after any objections and appeals are resolved.

9. The purpose of this Notice is to inform you of the existence of this case, that it is a class action, how you might be affected, and how to object or exclude yourself from the Settlement Class if you wish to do so. It is also being sent to inform you of the terms of the proposed Settlement, and of a hearing to be held by the Court to consider the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation and the motion by Lead Counsel for an award of attorneys' fees, reimbursement of litigation expenses, and awards to Plaintiffs (the "Settlement Hearing"). See ¶ 69 below for details about the Settlement Hearing, including the date and location of the hearing.

10. The issuance of this Notice is not an expression of any opinion by the Court concerning the merits of any claim in the Action, and the Court still must decide whether to approve the Settlement. If the Court approves the Settlement and a Plan of Allocation, 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 CASE ABOUT?

11. On October 13, 2023, Thomas Spitzer filed a Class Action Complaint for Violations of the Federal Securities Laws in the United States District Court for the Central District of California, styled *Thomas Spitzer v. Robert C. Flexon et al.*, No. 2:23-cv-08659. On February 12, 2024, by Order Appointing Lead Plaintiff and Approving Selection of Lead Counsel, the Honorable Hernán D. Vera appointed Michael Denisevich as Lead Plaintiff for the Action and approved Mr. Denisevich's selections of Pomerantz LLP and The Rosen Law Firm, P.A. as Co-Lead Counsel for the class in *Thomas Spitzer v. Robert C. Flexon et al.*, No. 2:23-cv-08659. Dkt. No. 38.

12. On July 29, 2024, Plaintiffs filed a Second Amended Class Action Complaint for Violation of the Federal Securities Law asserting claims against Defendants under Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder. Dkt. No. 46. The Second Amended Complaint alleges that Defendants recognized revenue for Capstone's "bill-and-hold transactions" in violation of the U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP") and utilized improper revenue recognition policy regarding Capstone's Factory Protection Plan. Plaintiffs allege that when the supposed truth of these facts were revealed, the price of Capstone's stock fell as a result.

13. On September 6, 2024, the Court stayed the Action and struck the deadlines set in the Scheduling Order to allow the parties to engage in discussions to potentially resolve this action (the "Stay Order"). Dkt. No. 48.

14. On January 15, 2025, the Parties notified the Court that they had reached a settlement in principle to fully resolve the Parties' ongoing dispute. Dkt. No. 55. The agreement was memorialized in a memorandum of understanding (the "Memorandum of Understanding") which was fully executed on January 30, 2025. The Memorandum of Understanding sets forth, among other things, the Parties' agreement to fully and finally settle and release all claims, liabilities, demands, damages, losses, or causes of actions, based upon, related to, or arising out of any claims, allegations, representations, omissions, or other matters that are or could have been the subject of the Action, whether known or unknown relating to the purchase, acquisition, sale, disposition or holding of Capstone securities during the Settlement Class Period, in return for a cash payment by or on behalf of Defendants of \$2,250,000 for the benefit of the Settlement Class. The Stipulation reflects the final and binding agreement between the Parties.

15. Based upon their investigation, prosecution and settlement negotiations of the case, Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel have concluded that the terms and conditions of the Stipulation are fair, reasonable and adequate to Plaintiffs and the other members of the Settlement Class, and in their best interests. Based on Plaintiffs' direct oversight of the prosecution of this matter and with the advice of their counsel, Plaintiffs have agreed to settle and release the claims that were asserted or could have been asserted in the Action.

16. The Parties are entering into the Stipulation solely to eliminate the uncertainty, burden and expense of further protracted litigation. All Defendants deny any wrongdoing, and the Stipulation shall in no event be construed or deemed to be evidence of or an admission or concession on the part of any of the Defendants, or any of the Defendants' Releasees (defined in ¶ 28 below), with respect to any claim or allegation of any fault or liability or wrongdoing or damage whatsoever, or any infirmity in the defenses that the Defendants have, or could have, asserted. Similarly, the Stipulation shall in no event

1 be construed or deemed to be evidence of or an admission or concession on the part of any Plaintiff of
2 any infirmity in any of the claims asserted in the Action, or an admission or concession that any of the
3 Defendants' defenses to liability had any merit.

4 17. On June 5, 2025, the Court preliminarily approved the Settlement, authorized this Notice
5 to be disseminated to potential Settlement Class Members, and scheduled the Settlement Hearing to
6 consider whether to grant final approval to the Settlement.

7 **HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM AFFECTED BY THE SETTLEMENT?**
8 **WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE SETTLEMENT CLASS?**

9 18. If you are a member of the Settlement Class, you are subject to the Settlement, unless
10 you timely request to be excluded. The Settlement Class consists of:

11 all persons or entities who purchased or otherwise acquired publicly traded
12 Capstone Green Energy Corporation ("Capstone") securities between November
13 11, 2020 and October 4, 2023, inclusive, and were allegedly damaged thereby.²

14 Excluded from the Settlement Class are Defendants, the officers and directors of Capstone, at all
15 relevant times, members of their immediate families and their legal representatives, heirs, successors,
16 or assigns, and any entity in which Defendants have or had a controlling interest. Also excluded are any
17 persons or entities who properly exclude themselves by filing a valid and timely request for exclusion
18 in accordance with the requirements set forth in this Notice. See "What If I Do Not Want To Be A
19 Member Of The Settlement Class? How Do I Exclude Myself," on page 16 below.

20 **PLEASE NOTE: RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE DOES NOT MEAN THAT YOU ARE A**
21 **SETTLEMENT CLASS MEMBER OR THAT YOU WILL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE**
22 **PROCEEDS FROM THE SETTLEMENT. IF YOU ARE A SETTLEMENT CLASS MEMBER**
23 **AND YOU WISH TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF**
24 **PROCEEDS FROM THE SETTLEMENT, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THE CLAIM**
25 **FORM THAT IS BEING DISTRIBUTED WITH THIS NOTICE AND THE REQUIRED**
26 **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION AS SET FORTH THEREIN POSTMARKED NO LATER**
27 **THAN OCTOBER 23, 2025. ALTERNATIVELY, YOU MAY OBTAIN, COMPLETE AND**
28 **SUBMIT AN ELECTRONIC CLAIM BY 11:59 P.M. ET ON OCTOBER 23, 2025 AT**
WWW.STRATEGICCLAIMS.NET/CAPSTONE.

WHAT ARE PLAINTIFFS' REASONS FOR THE SETTLEMENT?

19 19. Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel believe that the claims asserted against Defendants have
20 merit. They recognize, however, the expense and length of continued proceedings necessary to pursue
21 their claims against the Defendants through trial and appeals, as well as the very substantial risks they
22 would face in establishing liability and damages. Moreover, as to Plaintiffs' claims, Plaintiffs and Lead
23 Counsel recognized that Defendants had numerous defenses that could preclude a recovery. For
24 example, they could assert that Plaintiffs could not prove loss causation for much of the decline in the
25 value of Capstone Securities. They would also assert that the statements were not materially false and
26 misleading, and that even if they were, the statements were not made with the requisite state of mind to
27 support the securities fraud claims alleged. Even if the hurdles to establishing liability were overcome,

28 ² During the Settlement Class Period, Capstone's common stock was listed on the NASDAQ Capital
Market under the ticker symbol "CGRN." In October 2023, the Company's common stock transitioned
to trading on the OTC Expert Market under the ticker symbol "CGRNQ."

1 the amount of damages that could be attributed to each of the allegedly false statements would be hotly
2 contested. Plaintiffs would have to prevail at several stages - motions to dismiss and for summary
3 judgment, class certification, trial, and if they prevailed on those, on the appeals that were likely to
4 follow. Thus, there were very significant risks attendant to the continued prosecution of the Action.

5 20. In light of these risks, the amount of the Settlement and the immediacy of recovery to
6 the Settlement Class, Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel believe that the proposed Settlement is fair, reasonable
7 and adequate, and in the best interests of the Settlement Class. Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel believe that
8 the Settlement provides a substantial benefit to the Settlement Class, namely \$2,250,000 in cash (less
9 the various deductions described in this Notice), as compared to the risk that the claims in the Action
10 would produce a smaller or no recovery after summary judgment, trial and appeals, possibly years in
11 the future.

12 21. The Defendants deny the claims asserted against them in the Action and deny that they
13 have engaged in any wrongdoing or violation of law of any kind whatsoever. Defendants expressly have
14 denied and continue to deny all allegations of fault, liability, wrongdoing, or damages against them
15 arising out of any of the conduct, statements, acts or omissions alleged, or that could have been alleged,
16 in the Action. Defendants also have denied and continue to deny, among other things, the allegations
17 that Plaintiffs or the Settlement Class have suffered any damage, and that Plaintiffs or the Settlement
18 Class were harmed by the conduct alleged in the Action. The Defendants have agreed to the Settlement
19 solely to eliminate the uncertainty, burden and expense of continued litigation. Accordingly, the
20 Settlement may not be construed as an admission of any wrongdoing by Defendants.

21 **WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IF THERE WERE NO SETTLEMENT?**

22 22. If there were no Settlement and Plaintiffs failed to sufficiently allege or prove any
23 essential legal or factual element of their claims against Defendants, neither Plaintiffs nor the other
24 members of the Settlement Class would recover anything from Defendants. Also, if the Defendants
25 were successful in proving any of their defenses, either at summary judgment, at trial or on appeal, the
26 Settlement Class could recover substantially less than the amount provided in the Settlement, or nothing
27 at all.

28 **HOW ARE SETTLEMENT CLASS MEMBERS AFFECTED BY THE ACTION AND SETTLEMENT?**

29 23. As a Settlement Class Member, you are represented by Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel,
30 unless you enter an appearance through counsel of your own choice at your own expense. You are not
31 required to retain your own counsel, but if you choose to do so, such counsel must file a notice of
32 appearance on your behalf and must serve copies of his or her appearance on the attorneys listed in the
33 section titled, "When And Where Will The Court Decide Whether To Approve The Settlement? Do I
34 Have To Come To The Hearing? May I Speak At The Hearing If I Don't Like The Settlement?," below.

35 24. If you are a Settlement Class Member and do not wish to remain a Settlement Class
36 Member, you may exclude yourself from the Settlement Class by following the instructions in the
37 section titled, "What If I Do Not Want To Be A Member Of The Settlement Class? How Do I Exclude
38 Myself?," below.

39 25. If you are a Settlement Class Member and you wish to object to the Settlement, the Plan
40 of Allocation, or Lead Counsel's application for attorneys' fees, reimbursement of litigation expenses,
41 or the awards to Plaintiffs, and if you do not exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, you may
42 present your objections by following the instructions in the section titled, "When And Where Will The
43 Court Decide Whether To Approve The Settlement? Do I Have To Come To The Hearing? May I Speak
44 At The Hearing If I Don't Like The Settlement?," below.

1 26. If you are a Settlement Class Member and you do not exclude yourself from the
2 Settlement Class, you will be bound by any orders issued by the Court. If the Settlement is approved,
3 the Court will enter a judgment (the “Judgment”). The Judgment will dismiss with prejudice the claims
4 against Defendants and will provide that, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Plaintiffs and each
5 of the other Settlement Class Members, on behalf of themselves, and their respective current and former
6 officers, directors, agents, parents, affiliates, subsidiaries, successors, predecessors, assigns, assignees,
7 employees, attorneys, heirs, executors, and administrators in their capacities as such, will have fully,
8 finally and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived and discharged each
9 and every Released Plaintiffs’ Claim (as defined in ¶ 27 below) against the Defendants and the
10 Defendants’ Releasees (as defined in ¶ 28 below), and shall forever be barred and enjoined from
11 prosecuting any or all of the Released Plaintiffs’ Claims against any of the Defendants’ Releasees.

12 27. “Released Plaintiffs’ Claims” means upon final judicial approval of the Settlement,
13 Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class shall receive a full, unconditional release from Defendants and
14 Defendants’ Releasees for any and all claims, liabilities, demands, damages, losses, or causes of action,
15 based upon, related to, or arising out of any claims, allegations, representations, omissions, or other
16 matters that are or could have been the subject of the Action, whether known or Unknown, relating to
17 the purchase, acquisition, sale, disposition or holding of Capstone Securities during the Settlement Class
18 Period. Released Plaintiffs’ Claims do not include: (i) any claims relating to the enforcement of the
19 Settlement; (ii) claims asserted in shareholder derivative actions; and (iii) any claims of any person or
20 entity who or which submits a request for exclusion that is accepted by the Court.

21 28. “Defendants’ Releasees” means Defendants, Defendants’ Counsel, former Defendant
22 John J. Juric, Capstone and any persons or entities affiliated or connected with any of them, including
23 all of their respective current and former officers, directors, employees, consultants, accountants,
24 attorneys, affiliated persons and entities, control persons, sponsors, parents, subsidiaries, beneficiaries,
25 heirs, successors, predecessors, assigns, attorneys, agents, insurers, and reinsurers, and auditors.

26 29. “Unknown Claims” means any claims that Plaintiffs and all members of the Settlement
27 Class do not know or suspect to exist at the time of the release, which, if known, might have affected
28 the decision to enter into the release or to object or not to object to the Settlement. Plaintiffs and
members of the Settlement Class shall be deemed to waive, and shall waive and relinquish to the fullest
extent permitted by law, any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of the United
States or any state or territory of the United States, or principle of common law, which governs or limits
a person’s release of Unknown Claims; further, with respect to any and all of the Released Claims,
including any and all Unknown Claims, that (i) Plaintiffs and members of the Settlement Class shall be
deemed to waive, and shall waive and relinquish, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the provisions,
rights, and benefits of Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which provides as follows:

“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;”

(ii) Plaintiffs and members of the Settlement Class also shall be deemed to waive 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, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to California Civil Code § 1542; and (iii)
Plaintiffs, on behalf of the Settlement Class, acknowledge that members of the Settlement Class may
discover facts in addition to or different from those that they now know or believe to be true with respect
to the subject matter of this release, but that it is the intention of Plaintiffs, on behalf of the Settlement

1 Class, to fully, finally, and forever settle and release with prejudice any and all Released Claims,
2 including any and all Unknown Claims, hereby known or unknown, suspected, or unsuspected, which
3 now exist, or heretofore existed, or may hereafter exist, and without regard to the subsequent discovery
4 or existence of such additional or different facts. Plaintiffs acknowledge, and the Settlement Class
5 Members shall be deemed by operation of the entry of a final order and judgment approving the
6 Settlement to have acknowledged, that the foregoing waiver was separately bargained for and is a key
7 element of the Settlement of which this release is a part.

8 30. The Judgment will also provide that, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement,
9 Defendants, on behalf of themselves, and their respective current and former officers, directors,
10 employees, consultants, accountants, affiliated persons and entities, control persons, sponsors, parents,
11 subsidiaries, beneficiaries, heirs, successors, predecessors, assigns, attorneys, agents, insurers,
12 reinsurers, and auditors in their capacities as such, will have fully, finally and forever compromised,
13 settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived and discharged each and every Released Defendants'
14 Claim (as defined in ¶ 31 below) against Plaintiffs and the other Plaintiffs' Releasees (as defined in ¶
15 32 below), and shall forever be barred and enjoined from prosecuting any or all of the Released
16 Defendants' Claims against any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees.

17 31. "Released Defendants' Claims" means upon final judicial approval of the Settlement,
18 Defendants and Defendants' Releasees shall receive a full, unconditional release from Plaintiffs and all
19 members of the Settlement Class for any and all claims, liabilities, demands, damages, losses, or causes
20 of action, based upon, related to, or arising out of any claims, allegations, representations, omissions,
21 or other matters that are or could have been the subject of the Action, whether known or Unknown (as
22 defined in ¶ 29 above), relating to the purchase, acquisition, sale, disposition or holding of Capstone
23 Securities during the Settlement Class Period. Released Defendants' Claims do not include: (i) any
24 claims relating to the enforcement of the Settlement; (ii) claims asserted in shareholder derivative
25 actions; and (iii) any claims of any person or entity who or which submits a request for exclusion that
26 is accepted by the Court.

27 32. "Plaintiffs' Releasees" means Plaintiffs, Plaintiffs' Counsel, and all other Settlement
28 Class Members, and their respective current and former officers, directors, agents, parents, affiliates,
29 subsidiaries, successors, predecessors, assigns, assignees, employees, attorneys, heirs, executors, and
30 administrators in their capacities as such.

31 **HOW DO I PARTICIPATE IN THE SETTLEMENT?**

32 **WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?**

33 33. To be eligible for a payment from the proceeds of the Settlement, you must be a member
34 of the Settlement Class and you must timely complete and return the Claim Form with adequate
35 supporting documentation to the Claims Administrator at the address in ¶ 78 below, postmarked no later
36 than October 23, 2025. A Claim Form is included with this Notice, or you may obtain one from the
37 website maintained by the Claims Administrator for the Settlement at
38 www.strategicclaims.net/capstone, or you may request that a Claim Form be mailed to you by calling
39 the Claims Administrator toll free at 1-866-274-4004 or emailing info@strategicclaims.net. Electronic
40 Claim Forms must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. ET on October 23, 2025. Please retain all records of your
41 ownership of and transactions in Capstone Securities, as they may be needed to document your Claim.
42 If you request exclusion from the Settlement Class or do not submit a timely and valid Claim Form, you
43 will not be eligible to share in the Net Settlement Fund.

HOW MUCH WILL MY PAYMENT BE?

34. At this time, it is not possible to make any determination as to how much any individual Settlement Class Member may receive from the Settlement.

35. Pursuant to the Settlement, Defendants have agreed to pay or caused to be paid two million, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$2,250,000) in cash. The Settlement Amount will be deposited into an Escrow Account. The Settlement Amount plus any interest earned thereon is referred to as the "Settlement Fund." If the Settlement is approved by the Court and the Effective Date occurs, the "Net Settlement Fund" (that is, the Settlement Fund less (a) all federal, state and/or local taxes on any income earned by the Settlement Fund and the reasonable costs incurred in connection with determining the amount of and paying taxes owed by the Settlement Fund (including reasonable expenses of tax attorneys and accountants); (b) the costs and expenses incurred in connection with providing notice to Settlement Class Members and administering the Settlement on behalf of Settlement Class Members; and (c) any attorneys' fees, litigation expenses, and/or awards to Plaintiffs awarded by the Court) will be distributed to Settlement Class Members who submit valid Claim Forms, in accordance with the proposed Plan of Allocation or such other plan of allocation as the Court may approve ("Authorized Claimants").

36. The Net Settlement Fund will not be distributed unless and until the Court has approved the Settlement and a plan of allocation, and the time for any petition for rehearing, appeal or review, whether by certiorari or otherwise, has expired.

37. Neither Defendants nor any other person or entity that paid any portion of the Settlement Amount on their behalf are entitled to get back any portion of the Settlement Fund once the Court's order or judgment approving the Settlement becomes Final. Defendants shall not have any liability, obligation or responsibility for the administration of the Settlement, the disbursement of the Net Settlement Fund or the Plan of Allocation.

38. Approval of the Settlement is independent from approval of a plan of allocation. Any determination with respect to a plan of allocation will not affect the Settlement, if approved.

39. Unless the Court otherwise orders, any Settlement Class Member who fails to submit a Claim Form electronically by 11:59 p.m. ET on October 23, 2025 or postmarked on or before October 23, 2025, shall be fully and forever barred from receiving payments pursuant to the Settlement but will in all other respects remain a Settlement Class Member and be subject to the provisions of the Stipulation, including the terms of any Judgment entered and the releases given. This means that each Settlement Class Member releases the Released Plaintiffs' Claims (as defined in ¶ 27 above) against the Defendants' Releasees (as defined in ¶ 28 above) and will be enjoined and prohibited from filing, prosecuting, or pursuing any of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims against any of the Defendants' Releasees whether or not such Settlement Class Member submits a Claim Form.

40. The Court has reserved jurisdiction to allow, disallow, or adjust on equitable grounds the Claim of any Settlement Class Member.

41. Each Claimant shall be deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to his, her or its Claim Form.

42. Only Settlement Class Members, *i.e.*, persons and entities who purchased or otherwise acquired Capstone Securities during the Settlement Class Period and were damaged as a result of such purchases or acquisitions will be eligible to share in the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund. Persons and entities that are excluded from the Settlement Class by definition or that exclude themselves from the Settlement Class pursuant to a request will not be eligible to receive a distribution from the Net Settlement Fund and should not submit Claim Forms. Capstone Securities are the only securities included in the Settlement.

PROPOSED PLAN OF ALLOCATION

43. The objective of the Plan of Allocation is to equitably distribute the Net Settlement Fund to those Settlement Class Members who suffered economic losses as a proximate result of the alleged wrongdoing, as opposed to losses caused by market-or industry-wide factors, or Company-specific factors unrelated to the alleged fraud. The Claims Administrator shall determine each Authorized Claimant's share of the Net Settlement Fund based upon the recognized loss formula (the "Recognized Loss") described below. A Recognized Loss will be calculated for each share of Capstone Securities purchased or otherwise acquired during the Settlement Class Period, November 11, 2020 through October 4, 2023, both dates inclusive. The calculation of Recognized Loss will depend upon several factors, including when the Capstone Securities were purchased or otherwise acquired during the Settlement Class Period, and in what amounts, and whether such shares were sold, and if sold, when they were sold and for what amounts. The calculations made pursuant to the Plan of Allocation are not intended to be estimates of, nor indicative of, the amounts that Settlement Class Members might have been able to recover after a trial. Nor are the calculations pursuant to the Plan of Allocation intended to be estimates of the amounts that will be paid to Authorized Claimants pursuant to the Settlement. The computations under the Plan 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 Fund. The Claims Administrator will use its best efforts to administer and distribute the Net Settlement Fund to the extent that it is equitably and economically feasible.

44. The Plan of Allocation was created with the assistance of a consulting damages expert and reflects the assumption that the price of Capstone Securities was artificially inflated during the Settlement Class Period. The estimated alleged artificial inflation in the price of Capstone Securities is reflected in Table 1 below. The computation of the estimated alleged artificial inflation in the price of Capstone Securities during the Settlement Class Period is based on certain misrepresentations alleged by Plaintiffs and the Company-specific price change in the stock, net of market-and industry-wide factors, in reaction to the public announcements that allegedly corrected the misrepresentations alleged by Plaintiffs.

45. The U.S. federal securities laws allow investors to recover for losses caused by disclosures which corrected the defendants' previous misleading statements or omissions. Thus, in order to have been damaged by the alleged violations of the federal securities laws, Capstone Securities purchased or otherwise acquired during the Settlement Class Period must have been held during a period of time in which its price declined due to the disclosure of information which corrected an allegedly misleading statement or omission. Plaintiff and Lead Counsel have determined that such price declines occurred on the following dates: June 30, 2022; July 1, 2022; July 3, 2023; July 5, 2023; August 16, 2023; August 21, 2023; August 22, 2023; August 23, 2023; August 24, 2023; and September 28, 2023 (the "Corrective Disclosure Dates").³ Accordingly, if a Capstone Security was sold before June 30, 2022 (the earliest Corrective Disclosure Date), the Recognized Loss for that share is \$0.00, and any loss suffered is not compensable under the federal securities laws. Likewise, if a Capstone Security was both purchased and subsequently sold between two consecutive Corrective Disclosure Dates, the Recognized Loss for that share is \$0.00.

³ The latest decline in the price of Capstone Securities due to the disclosure of information which allegedly corrected a misleading statement or omission occurred on September 28, 2023. Thus, there is no recovery for Capstone Securities purchased on or after September 28, 2023.

Table 1
Artificial Inflation in Capstone Securities

From	To	Per-Share Price Inflation
November 11, 2020	June 29, 2022	\$0.77
June 30, 2022	June 30, 2022	\$0.75
July 1, 2022	July 2, 2023	\$0.56
July 3, 2023	July 4, 2023	\$0.54
July 5, 2023	August 15, 2023	\$0.51
August 16, 2023	August 20, 2023	\$0.48
August 21, 2023	August 21, 2023	\$0.22
August 22, 2023	August 22, 2023	\$0.20
August 23, 2023	August 23, 2023	\$0.13
August 24, 2023	September 27, 2023	\$0.10
September 28, 2023	Thereafter	\$0.00

46. The “90-day look back” provision of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (“PSLRA”) is incorporated into the calculation of the Recognized Loss for Capstone Securities. The limitations on the calculation of the Recognized Loss imposed by the PSLRA are applied such that losses on Capstone Securities purchased during the Settlement Class Period and held as of the close of the 90-day period subsequent to the latest Corrective Disclosure Date (the “90-Day Lookback Period”) cannot exceed the difference between the purchase price paid for such shares and its average price during the 90-Day Lookback Period.⁴ The Recognized Loss on Capstone Securities purchased during the Settlement Class Period and sold during the 90-Day Lookback Period cannot exceed the difference between the purchase price paid for such shares and its rolling average price during the portion of the 90-Day Lookback Period elapsed as of the date of sale.

47. In the calculations below, all purchase and sale prices shall exclude any fees, taxes and commissions. If a Recognized Loss amount is calculated to be a negative number, that Recognized Loss shall be set to zero.

CALCULATION OF RECOGNIZED LOSS PER CAPSTONE SECURITY

48. Based on the formula set forth below, a Recognized Loss per share shall be calculated for each purchase or acquisition of Capstone Securities during the Settlement Class Period (*i.e.*, November 11, 2020 through October 4, 2023, inclusive) that is listed in the Proof of Claim Form and for which adequate documentation is provided.

- I. For each Capstone Security purchased during the period November 11, 2020 through September 27, 2023, inclusive, that was
 - a. subsequently sold prior to June 30, 2022 the Recognized Loss is \$0.
 - b. subsequently sold during the period June 30, 2022 through September 27, 2023, inclusive, the Recognized Loss is the amount of per-share price inflation on the date of purchase as

⁴ The 90-Day Lookback Period is from September 28, 2023 through December 7, 2023, inclusive. On December 7, 2023, Capstone’s common stock was delisted from the Nasdaq Capital Market and became a private company.

appears in Table 1 above *minus* the amount of per-share price inflation on the date of sale as appears in Table 1.

c. subsequently sold during the period September 28, 2023 through December 7, 2023, inclusive (i.e., the 90-Day Lookback Period), the Recognized Loss is *the lesser of*:

- i. the amount of per-share price inflation on the date of purchase as appears in Table 1 above; or
- ii. the purchase price *minus* the “90-Day Lookback Value” on the date of sale provided in Table 2 below.

d. still held as of the close of trading on December 7, 2023, the Recognized Loss is *the lesser of*:

- i. the amount of per-share price inflation on the date of purchase as appears in Table 1 above; or
- ii. the purchase price *minus* the average closing price for Capstone common stock during the 90-Day Lookback Period, which is \$0.32.

II. For each Capstone Security purchased on or after September 28, 2023, the Recognized Loss is \$0.

Table 2

Sale/ Disposition Date	90-Day Lookback Value	Sale/ Disposition Date	90-Day Lookback Value	Sale/ Disposition Date	90-Day Lookback Value
9/28/2023	\$0.50	10/23/2023	\$0.39	11/15/2023	\$0.34
9/29/2023	\$0.60	10/24/2023	\$0.38	11/16/2023	\$0.34
10/2/2023	\$0.57	10/25/2023	\$0.38	11/17/2023	\$0.33
10/3/2023	\$0.50	10/26/2023	\$0.38	11/20/2023	\$0.33
10/4/2023	\$0.48	10/27/2023	\$0.37	11/21/2023	\$0.33
10/5/2023	\$0.48	10/30/2023	\$0.37	11/22/2023	\$0.33
10/6/2023	\$0.43	10/31/2023	\$0.37	11/24/2023	\$0.33
10/9/2023	\$0.43	11/1/2023	\$0.37	11/27/2023	\$0.33
10/10/2023	\$0.43	11/2/2023	\$0.36	11/28/2023	\$0.33
10/11/2023	\$0.42	11/3/2023	\$0.36	11/29/2023	\$0.32
10/12/2023	\$0.41	11/6/2023	\$0.36	11/30/2023	\$0.32
10/13/2023	\$0.40	11/7/2023	\$0.35	12/1/2023	\$0.32
10/16/2023	\$0.40	11/8/2023	\$0.35	12/4/2023	\$0.32
10/17/2023	\$0.40	11/9/2023	\$0.35	12/5/2023	\$0.32
10/18/2023	\$0.40	11/10/2023	\$0.34	12/6/2023	\$0.32
10/19/2023	\$0.40	11/13/2023	\$0.34	12/7/2023	\$0.32
10/20/2023	\$0.39	11/14/2023	\$0.34	N/A	N/A

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

49. The Net Settlement Fund will be allocated among all Authorized Claimants whose Distribution Amount (defined in ¶ 52 below) is \$10.00 or greater.

50. If a Settlement Class Member has more than one purchase/acquisition or sale of Capstone Securities, all purchases/acquisitions and sales shall be matched on a First In, First Out (“FIFO”) basis. Settlement Class Period sales will be matched first against any holdings of Capstone Securities at the beginning of the Settlement Class Period, and then against purchases/acquisitions in chronological order, beginning with the earliest purchase/acquisition of Capstone Securities made during the Settlement Class Period.

51. A Claimant’s “Recognized Claim” under the Plan of Allocation shall be the sum of his, her or its Recognized Losses for all shares of Capstone Securities purchased or acquired during the Settlement Class Period.

52. The Net Settlement Fund will be distributed to Authorized Claimants on a *pro rata* basis based on the relative size of their Recognized Claims. Specifically, a “Distribution Amount” will be calculated for each Authorized Claimant, which shall be the Authorized Claimant’s Recognized Claim divided by the total Recognized Claims of all Authorized Claimants, multiplied by the total amount in the Net Settlement Fund. If any Authorized Claimant’s Distribution Amount calculates to less than \$10.00, it will not be included in the calculation and no distribution will be made to such Authorized Claimant.

53. Purchases or acquisitions and sales of Capstone Securities shall be deemed to have occurred on the “contract” or “trade” date as opposed to the “settlement” or “payment” date. The receipt or grant by gift, inheritance or operation of law of Capstone Securities during the Settlement Class Period shall not be deemed a purchase or acquisition of Capstone Securities for the calculation of an Authorized Claimant’s Recognized Loss, nor shall the receipt or grant be deemed an assignment of any claim relating to the purchase/acquisition of Capstone Securities, unless (i) the donor or decedent purchased or otherwise acquired such stock during the Settlement Class Period; (ii) no Claim Form was submitted by or on behalf of the donor, on behalf of the decedent, or by anyone else with respect to such stock; and (iii) it is specifically so provided in the instrument of gift or assignment.

54. Notwithstanding any of the above, receipt of Capstone Securities during the Settlement Class Period in exchange for securities of any other corporation or entity shall not be deemed a purchase or sale of Capstone Securities.

55. The date of covering a “short sale” is deemed to be the date of purchase or acquisition of Capstone Securities. The date of a “short sale” is deemed to be the date of sale of Capstone Securities. Under the Plan of Allocation, however, the Recognized Loss on “short sales” is zero. In the event that a Claimant has a short position in Capstone Securities, the earliest Settlement Class Period purchases or acquisitions of the stock shall be matched against such short position, and not be entitled to a recovery, until that short position is fully covered.

56. Option contracts are not securities eligible to participate in the Settlement. With respect to Capstone Securities purchased or sold through the exercise of a publicly traded option, the purchase/sale date of the stock is the exercise date of the option and the purchase/sale price of the stock is the closing price of Capstone Securities on the date of exercise. Any Recognized Loss arising from purchases of Capstone Securities acquired during the Settlement Class Period through the exercise of a publicly traded option on Capstone Securities shall be computed as provided for other purchases of Capstone Securities in the Plan of Allocation.

57. To the extent a Claimant had a market gain with respect to his, her, or its overall transactions in Capstone Securities during the Settlement Class Period, the value of the Claimant’s Recognized Claim shall be zero. To the extent that a Claimant suffered an overall market loss with respect to his, her, or its overall transactions in Capstone Securities during the Settlement Class Period, but that market loss was less than the total Recognized Claim calculated above, then the Claimant’s Recognized Claim shall be limited to the amount of the actual market loss.

58. For purposes of determining whether a Claimant had a market gain with respect to his, her, or its overall transactions in Capstone Securities during the Settlement Class Period or suffered a market loss, the Claims Administrator shall determine the difference between (i) the Total Purchase Amount⁵ and (ii) the sum of the Total Sales Proceeds⁶ and Total Holding Value.⁷ This difference shall be deemed a Claimant's market gain or loss with respect to his, her, or its overall transactions in Capstone Securities during the Settlement Class Period.

59. After the initial distribution of the Net Settlement Fund, the Claims Administrator shall make reasonable and diligent efforts to have Authorized Claimants cash their distribution checks. To the extent any monies remain in the fund six (6) months after the initial distribution, if Lead Counsel, in consultation with the Claims Administrator, determines that it is cost-effective to do so, the Claims Administrator shall 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 from such re-distribution.

60. 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 Lead Counsel, in consultation with the Claims Administrator, determines that additional re-distributions, after the deduction of any additional fees and expenses incurred in administering the Settlement, including for such re-distributions, would be cost-effective.

61. Payment pursuant to the Plan of Allocation, or such other plan of allocation as may be approved by the Court, shall be conclusive against all Authorized Claimants. No person shall have any claim against Plaintiffs, Plaintiffs' Counsel, Plaintiffs' damages expert, Defendants, Defendants' Counsel, or any of the other Releasees, or the Claims Administrator or other agent designated by Lead Counsel arising from distributions made substantially in accordance with the Stipulation, the plan of allocation approved by the Court, or further Orders of the Court. Plaintiffs, Defendants and their respective counsel, and all Defendants' Releasees, shall have no responsibility or liability whatsoever for the investment or distribution of the Settlement Fund, the Net Settlement Fund, the plan of allocation, or the determination, administration, calculation, or payment of any Claim Form or nonperformance of the Claims Administrator, the payment or withholding of taxes owed by the Settlement Fund, or any losses incurred in connection therewith.

62. The Plan of Allocation set forth herein is the plan that is being proposed to the Court for its approval by Plaintiffs after consultation with their damages expert. The Court may approve this plan as proposed or it may modify the Plan of Allocation without further notice to the Settlement Class. Any Orders regarding any modification of the Plan of Allocation will be posted on the Settlement website, www.strategicclaims.net/capstone.

⁵ The "Total Purchase Amount" is the total amount the Claimant paid (excluding commissions and other charges) for all shares of Capstone Securities purchased or acquired during the Settlement Class Period.

⁶ The Claims Administrator shall match any sales of Capstone Securities during the Settlement Class Period, first against the Claimant's opening position in Capstone Securities (the proceeds of those sales will not be considered for purposes of calculating market gains or losses). The total amount received (excluding commissions and other charges) for the remaining sales of Capstone Securities sold during the Settlement Class Period shall be the "Total Sales Proceeds."

⁷ The Claims Administrator shall ascribe a value of \$0.32 per share of Capstone Securities purchased or acquired during the Settlement Class Period and still held as of the close of trading on October 4, 2023 (the "Holding Value"). The total Holding Value for all Capstone Securities purchased or acquired during the Settlement Class Period and still held as of the close of trading on October 4, 2023 shall be the Claimant's "Total Holding Value."

1 **WHAT PAYMENT ARE THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE SETTLEMENT CLASS SEEKING?**
2 **HOW WILL THE ATTORNEYS BE PAID?**

3 63. Plaintiffs' Counsel have not received any payment for their services in pursuing claims
4 against the Defendants on behalf of the Settlement Class, nor have Plaintiffs' Counsel been reimbursed
5 for their out-of-pocket expenses. Before final approval of the Settlement, Lead Counsel will apply to
6 the Court for an award of attorneys' fees for all Plaintiffs' Counsel in an amount not to exceed 33% of
7 the Settlement Fund, plus interest. At the same time, Lead Counsel also intends to apply for
8 reimbursement of litigation expenses, plus interest, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000. Additionally,
9 Lead Counsel and Plaintiffs will request an award to Plaintiffs for reimbursement of the reasonable
costs and expenses incurred by Plaintiffs directly related to their representation of the Settlement Class,
including lost wages, not to exceed \$4,000 (or \$2,000 for each Plaintiff). The Court will determine the
amount of any award of attorneys' fees or reimbursement of litigation expenses or awards to Plaintiffs.
Such sums as may be approved by the Court will be paid from the Settlement Fund. Settlement Class
Members are not personally liable for any such fees or expenses.

10 **WHAT IF I DO NOT WANT TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SETTLEMENT CLASS?**
11 **HOW DO I EXCLUDE MYSELF?**

12 64. Each Settlement Class Member will be bound by all determinations and judgments in
13 this lawsuit, whether favorable or unfavorable, unless such person or entity mails or delivers a written
14 Request for Exclusion from the Settlement Class to the following recipients: (i) *Thomas Spitzer v.*
15 *Robert C. Flexon et al.*, No. 2:23-cv-08659, EXCLUSIONS, c/o Strategic Claims Services, P.O. Box
16 230, 600 N. Jackson Street, Suite 205, Media, PA 19063 and (ii) both Lead Counsel and Defendants'
17 Counsel, at the addresses set forth in ¶ 70 below. The exclusion request must be received no later than
18 October 23, 2025. You will not be able to exclude yourself from the Settlement Class after that date.
19 Each Request for Exclusion must (a) state the name, address and telephone number of the person or
20 entity requesting exclusion, and in the case of entities the name and telephone number of the appropriate
contact person; (b) state that such person or entity "requests exclusion from the Settlement Class in
Thomas Spitzer v. Robert C. Flexon et al., No. 2:23-cv-08659; (c) state the number of Capstone
Securities that the person or entity requesting exclusion purchased/acquired and/or sold during the
period from November 11, 2020 through and including October 4, 2023, as well as the dates and prices
of each such purchase/acquisition and sale; and (d) be signed by the person or entity requesting
exclusion or an authorized representative. A Request for Exclusion 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 Court.

21 65. If you do not want to be part of the Settlement Class, you must follow these instructions
22 for exclusion even if you have pending, or later file, another lawsuit, arbitration, or other proceeding
relating to any Released Plaintiffs' Claim against any of the Defendants' Releasees.

23 66. If you ask to be excluded from the Settlement Class, you will not be eligible to receive
24 any payment out of the Net Settlement Fund.

25 67. Defendants have the right to terminate the Settlement if valid requests for exclusion are
26 received from persons and entities entitled to be members of the Settlement Class in an amount that
27 exceeds an amount agreed to by Plaintiffs and Defendants.

**WHEN AND WHERE WILL THE COURT DECIDE WHETHER
TO APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT?
DO I HAVE TO COME TO THE HEARING?
MAY I SPEAK AT THE HEARING IF I DON'T LIKE THE SETTLEMENT?**

68. **Settlement Class Members do not need to attend the Settlement Hearing. The Court will consider any submission made in accordance with the provisions below even if a Settlement Class Member does not attend the hearing. You can participate in the Settlement without attending the Settlement Hearing.**

69. The Settlement Hearing will be held on November 13, 2025 at 10:00 a.m., before the Honorable Hernán D. Vera, United States District Judge of the United States District Court for the Central District of California, First Street Courthouse, 350 W. 1st Street, Los Angeles, California 90012, Courtroom 5B. The Court reserves the right to approve the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, Lead Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees, reimbursement of litigation expenses, awards to Plaintiffs, and/or any other matter related to the Settlement at or after the Settlement Hearing without further notice to the members of the Settlement Class.

70. Any Settlement Class Member who or which does not request exclusion may object to the Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation or Lead Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees, reimbursement of litigation expenses, and awards to Plaintiffs. 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 Central District of California at the address set forth below on or before October 23, 2025. You must also serve the papers on Lead Counsel and on Defendants' Counsel at the addresses set forth below so that the papers are ***received on or before October 23, 2025.***

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71. Any objection (a) must state the name, address and telephone number of the person or entity objecting and must be signed by the objector; (b) must contain a statement of the Settlement Class Member's objection or objections, and the specific reasons for each objection, including any legal and evidentiary support the Settlement Class Member wishes to bring to the Court's attention; and (c) must include documents sufficient to prove membership in the Settlement Class, including the number of shares of Capstone Securities that the objecting Settlement Class Member purchased/acquired and/or sold during the period from November 11, 2020 through and including October 4, 2023, as well as the dates and prices of each such purchase/acquisition and sale. You may not object to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, Lead Counsel's motion for attorneys' fees, reimbursement of litigation expenses, and/or awards to Plaintiffs if you exclude yourself from the Settlement Class or if you are not a member of the Settlement Class.

72. You may file a written objection without having to appear at the Settlement Hearing. You may not, however, appear at the Settlement Hearing to present your objection unless you first file

and serve a written objection in accordance with the procedures described above, unless the Court orders otherwise.

73. If you wish to be heard orally at the hearing in opposition to the approval of the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation or Lead Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees, reimbursement of litigation expenses, and awards to Plaintiffs, and if 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 Lead Counsel and Defendants' Counsel at the addresses set forth above so that it is **received on or before October 23, 2025**. Persons who intend to object and desire to present evidence at the 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 Court.

74. You are not required to hire an attorney to represent you in making written objections or in appearing at the Settlement Hearing. 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 Court and serve it on Lead Counsel and Defendants' Counsel at the addresses set forth in ¶ 70 above so that the notice is **received on or before October 23, 2025**.

75. The Settlement Hearing may be adjourned by the Court without further written notice to the Settlement Class. If you intend to attend the Settlement Hearing, you should confirm the date and time with Lead Counsel.

76. Unless the Court orders otherwise, any Settlement Class Member 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 Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, Lead Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees, reimbursement of litigation expenses, and/or awards to Plaintiffs. Settlement Class Members do not need to appear at the Settlement Hearing or take any other action to indicate their approval.

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

77. If you purchased or otherwise acquired Capstone Securities between November 11, 2020 and October 4, 2023, inclusive, for the beneficial interest of persons or organizations other than yourself, you must either (a) within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the letter, request from the Claims Administrator sufficient copies of the Notice and Claim Form (the "Notice Packet") or the link to the electronic Notice Packet on the Settlement website to forward to all such beneficial owners/purchasers and, within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of those Notice Packets or links to the electronic Notice Packet, forward them to all such beneficial owners/purchasers; or (b) within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the letter, provide a list of the names, addresses, and email addresses of all such beneficial owners/purchasers to *Thomas Spitzer v. Robert C. Flexon et al.*, No. 2:23-cv-08659, c/o Strategic Claims Services, P.O. Box 230, 600 N. Jackson Street, Suite 205, Media, PA 19063; Toll-Free: (866) 274-4004; Fax: (610) 565-7985; info@strategicclaims.net. If you choose the second option, the Claims Administrator will send a copy of the Notice and the Claim Form to the beneficial owners/purchasers. Upon full compliance with these directions, such nominees may seek reimbursement of their reasonable expenses actually incurred in an amount not to exceed \$0.03 plus postage at the current pre-sort rate used by the Claims Administrator per Notice Packet actually mailed; or \$0.03 per link to the electronic Notice Packet transmitted by email; or \$0.03 per name, mailing address, and email address (to the extent available) provided to the Claims Administrator, 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 website maintained by the Claims Administrator, www.strategicclaims.net/capstone, or by calling the Claims Administrator toll-free at 1-866-274-4004.

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

78. This Notice contains only a summary of the terms of the proposed Settlement. For more detailed information about the matters involved in this Action, you are referred to the papers on file in the Action, including the Stipulation, which may be inspected during regular office hours at the Office of the Clerk, United States District Court for the Central District of California, First Street Court House, 350 W. 1st Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Additionally, copies of the Stipulation and any related orders entered by the Court will be posted on the website maintained by the Claims Administrator, www.strategicclaims.net/capstone. All inquiries concerning this Notice and the Claim Form should be directed to:

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DO NOT CALL OR WRITE THE COURT, THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COURT, DEFENDANTS OR THEIR COUNSEL REGARDING THIS NOTICE.

Dated: June 5, 2025

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA