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Superintendent of
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IN THE MATTER OF the *Pension Benefits Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.8, as amended (the “PBA”);

AND IN THE MATTER OF a Notice of Intended Decision of the Superintendent of Financial Services to Consent, under section 62.1(5) of the PBA, to a payment out of the pension fund for the Pension Plan for Employees of Panolam Industries Ltd., Registration Number 1031939 (the “Plan”).

TO:

**Panolam Industries Ltd.
Muskoka Road 3, P.O. Box 7500
Huntsville ON P1H 2J7**

Attention:

**Al Stobbart
Plant Manager**

Applicant and Employer

NOTICE OF INTENDED DECISION

I INTEND TO CONSENT, under section 62.1(5) of the PBA, to the payment from the pension fund for the Plan to Panolam Industries Ltd. in the amount of \$62,340 as at September 30, 2017, plus investment earnings thereon to the date of payment.

Si vous désirez recevoir cet avis en français, veuillez envoyer votre demande immédiatement à: Adjointe, audiences, Greffe, Commission des services financiers de l'Ontario, 5160 rue Yonge, boîte 85, Toronto ON M2N 6L9.

YOU ARE ENTITLED TO A HEARING by the Financial Services Tribunal (the “Tribunal”) pursuant to section 89(6) of the PBA. **A hearing before the Tribunal about this Notice of Intended Decision may be requested by completing the enclosed Request for Hearing (Form 1) and submitting it to the Tribunal within 30 days after this Notice of Intended Decision is served on you.**¹ A copy of that form is included with this Notice of Intended Decision. Additional copies can be obtained by visiting the Tribunal’s website at www.fstontario.ca.

If a Request for Hearing (Form 1) is submitted to the Tribunal within 30 days after this Notice of Intended Decision is served on you, sections 89(8) and 89(9) of the PBA provide that the Tribunal shall appoint a time for and hold a hearing, and by order may direct the

Superintendent of Financial Services (the “Superintendent”) to make or refrain from making the intended decision indicated in this notice and to take such action as the Tribunal considers the Superintendent ought to take in accordance with the PBA and the regulations, and for such purposes, the Tribunal may substitute its opinion for that of the Superintendent.

IF NO WRITTEN REQUEST FOR A HEARING IS MADE within thirty 30 days after this Notice is served on you, TAKE NOTICE THAT the Superintendent will carry out the CONSENT pursuant to section 89(7) of the PBA.

A completed Request for Hearing form must be received by the Tribunal within 30 days of this Notice is served on you. The Request for Hearing form may be mailed, faxed or delivered to:

Financial Services Tribunal
5160 Yonge Street, 14th Floor
Toronto ON M2N 6L9

Attention: The Registrar
Fax: 416-226-7750

The hearing before the Tribunal will proceed in accordance with the Rules of Practice and Procedures for Proceedings before the Financial Services Tribunal made under the authority of the *Statutory Powers Procedure Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. S. 22. Those Rules are available at the website of the Tribunal at: www.fstontario.ca. Alternatively, a copy can be obtained by telephoning the Registrar of the Tribunal at 416-590-7294, or toll free at 1-800-668-0128 ext. 7294.

I INTEND TO CONSENT FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

1. Panolam Industries Ltd. is the employer and administrator as defined in the Plan (the “Employer”).
2. The Employer made contributions to the Plan in 2017 based on the previously filed actuarial valuation report for the Plan as at December 31, 2013, and when a new actuarial valuation report as at December 31, 2016, was filed, it indicated that that no employer contributions were required in 2017. Accordingly, the amount in question constitutes an overpayment within the meaning of section 62.1(1)(b) of the PBA.
3. Evidence of the overpayment to the pension fund has been submitted to the Financial Services Commission of Ontario.
4. Section 62.1(4) of the PBA states that if an employer makes an overpayment into the pension fund, the application to the Superintendent for reimbursement for the payment must be made before the later of: (a) 24 months after the date on which the employer made the overpayment; and (b) six months after the date on which the administrator, acting reasonably, becomes aware of the overpayment.
5. This application for the payment to the Employer was made on October 27, 2017. This date is within 24 months after the date on which the Employer made the payments described in paragraph 2. Accordingly, the application has been filed within the time limits set out in 62.1(4) of the PBA.
6. Such further and other reasons as may come to my attention..

DATED at Toronto, Ontario, this this 16th day of March, 2018.

Original Signed By

Lester J. Wong
Deputy Superintendent, Pensions
By delegated authority from the
Superintendent of Financial Services

1 NOTE - Pursuant to section 112 of the PBA any Notice, Order or other document is sufficiently given, served or delivered if delivered personally or sent by regular mail and any document sent by regular mail shall be deemed to be given, served or delivered on the fifth day after the date of mailing.

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