UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

| RUBEN A. LUNA, Individu of All Others Similarly Situa | • | No. 1:19-cv-11662-LTS (Consolidated) |
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| · | Plaintiff, | CLASS ACTION |
| vs. CARBONITE, INC., et al., | Defendants. | DECLARATION OF ROSS D. MURRAY REGARDING NOTICE DISSEMINATION PUBLICATION, AND REQUESTS FOR EXCLUSION RECEIVED TO DATE |

I, ROSS D. MURRAY, declare and state as follows:

- 1. I am employed as a Vice President of Securities by Gilardi & Co. LLC ("Gilardi"), located at 1 McInnis Parkway, Suite 250, San Rafael, California. The following statements are based on my personal knowledge and information provided to me by other Gilardi employees and if called to testify I could and would do so competently.
- 2. Pursuant to this Court's February 1, 2024 Order Preliminarily Approving Settlement and Providing for Notice ("Notice Order") (ECF 178), Gilardi was appointed as the Claims Administrator in connection with the proposed Settlement of the above-captioned litigation (the "Litigation"). I oversaw the notice services that Gilardi provided in accordance with the Notice Order.
- 3. I submit this declaration in order to provide the Court and the parties to the Litigation with information regarding: (i) mailing and emailing of the Court-approved Postcard Notice (attached hereto as Exhibit A) and, if requested by potential Class Members, mailing of the Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Class Action (the "Notice") and Proof of Claim and Release form (the "Proof of Claim") (collectively, the "Claim Package," attached hereto as Exhibit B); (ii) publication of the Summary Notice of Proposed Settlement of Class Action (the "Summary Notice"); (iii) establishment of the website and toll-free telephone number dedicated to this Settlement; and (iv) the number of requests for exclusion from the Class received to date by Gilardi.

DISSEMINATION OF NOTICE

4. Pursuant to the Notice Order, Gilardi is responsible for disseminating the Postcard Notice to potential Class Members. The Class consists of all persons and entities who purchased or otherwise acquired Carbonite Inc. ("Carbonite" or the "Company") common stock during the period from October 18, 2018 through July 25, 2019 and were damaged thereby. Excluded from

¹ Any capitalized terms used that are not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Stipulation of Settlement dated January 31, 2024 (the "Stipulation") (ECF 175), which is available on the website established for the Settlement at www.CarboniteSecuritiesLitigation.com.

the Class are Defendants (Carbonite, Mohammad Ali, and Anthony Folger) and their immediate families, the Company's officers and directors at all relevant times, as well as their immediate families, Defendants' legal representatives, heirs, successors or assigns, and any entity in which Defendants have or had a controlling interest. Also excluded is any Person who properly excludes himself, herself, itself or themselves by submitting a valid and timely request for exclusion. To the extent any Carbonite employee benefit plan receives a distribution from the Net Settlement Fund, no portion shall be allocated to any person or entity who is excluded from the Class by definition.

- 5. Gilardi received a file via email from Carbonite's transfer agent, which contained the names and addresses of potential Class Members. The list was reviewed to identify and eliminate duplicate entries and incomplete data, resulting in a usable mailing list of 25 unique names and addresses. Gilardi had the unique name and address data printed on to Postcard Notices, posted the Postcard Notices for First-Class Mail, postage prepaid, and delivered 25 Postcard Notices on February 22, 2024, to the United States Post Office for mailing.
- 6. On February 22, 2024, as part of its normal mailing procedures, Gilardi mailed, by First-Class Mail, Postcard Notices and cover letters to 282 brokerages, custodial banks, and other institutions ("Nominee Holders") that hold securities in "street name" as nominees for the benefit of their customers who are the beneficial owners of the securities. The Nominee Holders also include a group of filers/institutions who have requested notification of every securities case. These Nominee Holders are included in a proprietary database created and maintained by Gilardi. In Gilardi's experience, the Nominee Holders included in this proprietary database represent a significant majority of the beneficial holders of securities. The cover letter accompanying the Postcard Notices advised the Nominee Holders of the proposed Settlement and requested their cooperation in forwarding the Postcard Notices to potential Class Members. In the more than four decades that Gilardi has been providing notice and claims administration services in securities class actions, Gilardi has found the majority of potential class members hold their securities in street name and are notified through the Nominee Holders. Gilardi also mailed Postcard Notices

and cover letters to the 4,424 institutions included on the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's ("SEC") list of active brokers and dealers at the time of mailing. A sample of the cover letter mailed to Nominee Holders and the institutions included on the SEC's list of active brokers and dealers is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

- 7. On February 22, 2024, Gilardi also delivered electronic copies of the Postcard Notice to 325 registered electronic filers who are qualified to submit electronic claims. These filers are primarily institutions and third-party filers who typically file numerous claims on behalf of beneficial owners for whom they act as trustees or fiduciaries.
- 8. As part of the notice program for this Settlement, on February 22, 2024, Gilardi also delivered electronic copies of the Claim Package and Postcard Notice via email to be published by the Depository Trust Company ("DTC") on the DTC Legal Notice System ("LENS"). LENS enables the participating bank and broker nominees to review the Claim Package and Postcard Notice and contact Gilardi for copies of the Postcard Notice for their beneficial holders.
- 9. Gilardi has acted as a repository for shareholder and nominee inquiries and communications received in this Settlement. In this regard, Gilardi has forwarded the Postcard Notice on request to nominees who purchased or acquired Carbonite common stock for the beneficial interest of other persons. Gilardi has also forwarded the Postcard Notice directly to beneficial owners upon receipt of the names and addresses from such beneficial owners or nominees.
- 10. Following the initial mailing, Gilardi received 16 responses to the outreach efforts described above, which included computer files containing a total of 3,219 names and addresses and nine email addresses of potential Class Members. In addition, 25 institutions requested that Gilardi send them a total of 5,555 Postcard Notices for forwarding directly to their clients. Gilardi has also mailed 32 Postcard Notices as a result of returned mail for which new addresses were identified for re-mailing to those potential Class Members. Each of these requests has been completed in a timely manner.

11. As of April 8, 2024, Gilardi has mailed or emailed a total of 13,871 Postcard Notices to potential Class Members and nominees. Additionally, two institutions reported that they anticipated sending Postcard Notices via email to 6,426 potential Class Members.

PUBLICATION OF THE SUMMARY NOTICE

12. In accordance with the Notice Order, on February 29, 2024, Gilardi caused the Summary Notice to be published in *The Wall Street Journal* and to be transmitted over *Business Wire*, as shown in the confirmations of publication attached hereto as Exhibit D.

TELEPHONE HELPLINE AND WEBSITE

- 13. On February 22, 2024, Gilardi established and continues to maintain a case-specific, toll-free telephone helpline, 1-888-298-1418, to accommodate potential Class Member inquiries. The toll-free number was set forth in the Postcard Notice, Notice, and on the case website. Gilardi has been and will continue to promptly respond to all inquiries to the toll-free telephone helpline.
- 14. On February 22, 2024, Gilardi established and continues to maintain a website dedicated to this Settlement (www.CarboniteSecuritiesLitigation.com) to provide additional information to Class Members and to provide answers to frequently asked questions. The web address was set forth in the Postcard Notice, Notice, Proof of Claim, and Summary Notice. The website includes information regarding the Litigation and the Settlement, including the objection and claim filing deadlines, and the date and time of the Court's Settlement Hearing. Copies of the Notice, Proof of Claim, Stipulation, and Notice Order are posted on the website and are available for downloading. Class Members can also complete and submit a Proof of Claim through the website.

REQUESTS FOR EXCLUSION RECEIVED TO DATE

15. The Notice informs potential Class Members that written requests for exclusion from the Class must be mailed to *Carbonite Securities Litigation*, Claims Administrator, c/o Gilardi & Co. LLC, EXCLUSIONS, P.O. Box 5100, Larkspur, CA 94977-5100, such that they are postmarked no later than April 24, 2024.

16. The Notice also sets forth the information that must be included in each request for exclusion. Gilardi has monitored and will continue to monitor all mail delivered to this address. As of the date of this declaration, Gilardi has not received any requests for exclusion.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed this 8th day of April, 2024, at San Rafael, California.

ROSS D. MURRAY

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

| I, David A. Rosenfeld, hereby cer | tify that on A | pril 10, 2024 | , I electronica | lly filed the |
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| foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using | ng the CM/EC | F System, wh | nich will send | a Notice of |
| Electronic Filing to all counsel of record. | _ | - | | |

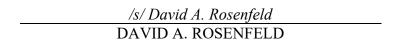


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Claims Adminstrator c/o Gilardi & Co. LLC P.O. Box 301171 Los Angeles, CA 90030-1171

LEGAL NOTICE

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www.CarboniteSecuritiesLitigation.com

Court-Ordered Legal Notice

(Forwarding Service Requested)

Important Information about a securities class action settlement.

You may be entitled to a payment. This Notice may affect your legal rights.

Please read it carefully.



Postal Service: Please Do Not Mark Barcode

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Luna v. Carbonite, Inc., et al. No. 1:19-cv-11662-LTS (D. Mass.) THIS CARD PROVIDES ONLY LIMITED INFORMATION ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT VISIT WWW.CARBONITESECURITIESLITIGATION.COM OR CALL 1-888-298-1418 FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you purchased or otherwise acquired Carbonite, Inc. ("Carbonite" or the "Company") common stock between October 18, 2018 and July 25, 2019, inclusive, and were damaged thereby, you could be entitled to a payment from a proposed settlement ("Settlement") reached in the above-captioned action ("Litigation"). Your rights may be affected by this Litigation and the Settlement. A hearing will be held on May 15, 2024 at 2:00 p.m., before the Honorable Leo T. Sorokin, to determine whether the proposed Settlement of the Litigation against Defendants Carbonite, Mohamad S. Ali, and Anthony Folger for \$27.5 million and the Plan of Allocation should be approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate and whether the Litigation should be dismissed with prejudice against the Defendants, as set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement ("Stipulation") filed with the Court; and whether Lead Counsel's application for an award of attorneys' fees of up to 33-1/3% of the Settlement Amount, and expenses not to exceed \$600,000, plus interest on both amounts, and an award to Lead Plaintiff, should be granted.

The proposed Settlement would resolve a putative class action lawsuit alleging that, in violation of the U.S. federal securities laws, Defendants materially misled investors by making materially false and misleading statements concerning Carbonite's new software product called the Server VM Edition, which caused Carbonite stock to trade at artificially inflated prices until the nature of the alleged wrongdoing was revealed, causing Carbonite's stock price to fall. Defendants deny the allegations and any liability or wrongdoing of any kind. For a full description of the proposed Settlement and your rights, and to make a claim, you may obtain the Stipulation, long-form Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Class Action, and the Proof of Claim and Release ("Proof of Claim") by visiting the website: www.CarboniteSecuritiesLitigation.com (the "Website") or you may request copies from the Claims Administrator, c/o Gilardi & Co. LLC, P.O. Box 301171, Los Angeles, CA 90030-1171, or (ii) toll-free call: 1-888-298-1418.

To qualify for payment, you must submit a valid Proof of Claim, with supporting documentation, postmarked or submitted online no later than June 21, 2024. You will be bound by any Judgment entered in the Litigation, regardless of whether you submit a Proof of Claim, unless you exclude yourself from the Class. If you exclude yourself, you cannot get money from this Settlement. If you do not exclude yourself from the Class, you may object to the proposed Settlement, Plan of Allocation, or request for award of attorneys' fees and expenses and award to Lead Plaintiff no later than April 24, 2024. The long-form Notice and the Website explain how to exclude yourself from the Class or how to object.

Lead Plaintiff and the Class are represented by Lead Counsel: Ellen Gusikoff Stewart, Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP, 655 W. Broadway, Suite 1900, San Diego, CA 92101, 1-800-449-4900, settlementinfo@rgrdlaw.com. You may, but do not have to, attend the Court hearing to be heard. The Court reserves the right to hold the Settlement Hearing telephonically or by other virtual means and/or change its date and/or time.

EXHIBIT B

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

| RUBEN A. LUNA, Individually a Others Similarly Situated, | and on Behalf of All |) | No. 1:19-cv-11662-LTS (Consolidated) |
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NOTICE OF PENDENCY AND PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF CLASS ACTION

TO: ALL PERSONS AND ENTITIES WHO PURCHASED OR OTHERWISE ACQUIRED THE COMMON STOCK OF CARBONITE, INC. ("CARBONITE" OR THE "COMPANY") BETWEEN OCTOBER 18, 2018 AND JULY 25, 2019, INCLUSIVE (THE "CLASS PERIOD")

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY AND IN ITS ENTIRETY. YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED BY PROCEEDINGS IN THIS LITIGATION. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU ARE A CLASS MEMBER, YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO SHARE IN THE PROCEEDS OF THE SETTLEMENT DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE. TO CLAIM YOUR SHARE OF THE SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS, YOU MUST SUBMIT A VALID PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE FORM ("PROOF OF CLAIM") POSTMARKED OR SUBMITTED ONLINE ON OR BEFORE JUNE 21, 2024.

THIS NOTICE WAS AUTHORIZED BY THE COURT. IT IS NOT A LAWYER SOLICITATION.

This Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Class Action ("Notice") has been prepared and is being made available to you pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and an Order of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts (the "Court"). The purpose of this Notice is to inform you of: (i) the pendency of this class action (the "Litigation") between Construction Industry and Laborers' Joint Pension Trust ("Lead Plaintiff") and Carbonite, Mohamad S. Ali, and Anthony Folger ("Individual Defendants" and, collectively, "Defendants"); (ii) the proposed \$27.5 million settlement reached therein (the "Settlement"); and (iii) the hearing (the "Settlement Hearing") to be held by the Court to consider the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement, as set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement dated January 31, 2024 (the "Stipulation"), by and between Lead Plaintiff and Defendants (the "Settling Parties"). This Notice describes what steps you may take in relation to the Settlement and this class action.¹

This Notice is not intended to be, and should not be construed as, an expression of any opinion by the Court with respect to the truth of the allegations in the Litigation as to any of the Defendants or the merits of the claims or defenses asserted by or against the Defendants. This Notice is solely to advise you of the proposed Settlement of the Litigation and of your rights in connection therewith.

| YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT | | | |
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| SUBMIT A CLAIM FORM | The only way to be eligible to receive a payment from the Settlement. Proof of Claim forms must be postmarked or submitted online on or before June 21, 2024. | | |
| EXCLUDE YOURSELF FROM THE CLASS | Get no payment. This is the only option that <i>potentially</i> allows you to ever be part of any other lawsuit against the Defendants or any other Defendants' Released Persons about the legal claims being resolved by this Settlement. Should you elect to exclude yourself from the Class you should understand that Defendants and the other Released Defendant Parties will have the right to assert any and all defenses they may have to any claims that you may seek to assert, including, without limitation, the defense that any such claims are untimely under applicable statutes of limitations and statutes of repose. Exclusions must be postmarked on or before April 24, 2024. | | |

All capitalized terms used in this Notice that are not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings provided in the Stipulation, which is available on the website www.CarboniteSecuritiesLitigation.com.

| OBJECT | Write to the Court about why you do not like the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or the request for attorneys' fees and expenses. You will still be a Member of the Class. Objections must be <i>received</i> on or before April 24, 2024. If you submit a written objection, you may (but do not have to) attend the hearing. |
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| GO TO THE HEARING ON | Ask to speak in Court about the fairness of the Settlement. Requests to speak |
| MAY 15, 2024 | must be <i>received</i> by the Court and counsel on or before April 24, 2024. |
| DO NOTHING | Receive no payment. You will, however, still be a Member of the Class, which means that you give up your right to ever be part of any other lawsuit against the Defendants or any other Released Defendant Parties about the legal claims being resolved by this Settlement and you will be bound by any judgments or orders entered by the Court in the Litigation. |

SUMMARY OF THIS NOTICE

Statement of Class Recovery

Pursuant to the Settlement described herein, a \$27.5 million settlement fund has been established. Based on Lead Plaintiff's estimate of the number of allegedly damaged shares eligible to recover under the Settlement, the average distribution per Carbonite common share under the Plan of Allocation is approximately \$1.79, before deduction of any taxes on the income earned on the Settlement Amount, notice and administration costs, and the attorneys' fees and expenses as determined by the Court. **Class Members should note, however, that these are only estimates.** A Class Member's actual recovery will be a proportion of the Net Settlement Fund determined by that claimant's claims as compared to the total claims of all Class Members who submit acceptable Proofs of Claim. An individual Class Member may receive more or less than this estimated average amount. See the Plan of Allocation set forth and discussed at pages 9-11 below for more information on the calculation of your claim.

Statement of Potential Outcome of Case

The Settling Parties disagree on both liability and damages and do not agree on the amount of damages that would be recoverable if the Class prevailed on each or any claim alleged. Defendants deny that they are liable to the Class and deny that the Class has suffered any damages. The issues on which the parties disagree are many, but include: (1) whether Defendants engaged in conduct that would give rise to any liability to the Class under the federal securities laws; (2) whether Defendants have valid defenses to any such claims of liability; (3) the appropriate economic model for determining the amount by which the price of Carbonite common stock was allegedly artificially inflated (if at all) during the relevant period; (4) the amount, if any, by which the price of Carbonite common stock was allegedly artificially inflated (if at all) during the relevant period; (5) the effect of various market forces on the price of Carbonite common stock at various times during the relevant period; (6) the extent to which external factors influenced the price of Carbonite common stock at various times during the relevant period; (7) the extent to which the matters that Lead Plaintiff alleged were materially false or misleading influenced (if at all) the price of Carbonite common stock at various times during the relevant period; and (8) the extent to which the various allegedly adverse material facts that Lead Plaintiff alleged were omitted influenced (if at all) the price of Carbonite common stock at various times during the relevant period.

Statement of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses Sought

Since the Litigation's inception, Lead Plaintiff's Counsel have expended considerable time and effort in the prosecution of this Litigation on a wholly contingent basis and have advanced the expenses of the Litigation in the expectation that if they were successful in obtaining a recovery for the Class, they would be paid from such recovery. Lead Counsel will apply to the Court on behalf of all Lead Plaintiff's Counsel for an award of attorneys' fees not to exceed 33-1/3% of the Settlement Amount, plus expenses not to exceed \$600,000, plus interest earned on both amounts at the same rate as earned by the Settlement Fund. If the amounts requested are approved by the Court, the average cost per Carbonite common share will be approximately \$0.63. In addition, Lead Plaintiff may seek payment for its time and expenses incurred in representing the Class.

Further Information

For further information regarding the Litigation, this Notice or to review the Stipulation of Settlement, please contact the Claims Administrator toll-free at 1-888-298-1418, or visit the website www.CarboniteSecuritiesLitigation.com.

You may also contact a representative of counsel for the Class: Greg Wood, Shareholder Relations, Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP, 655 West Broadway, Suite 1900, San Diego, CA 92101, 1-800-449-4900, settlementinfo@rgrdlaw.com.

Please Do Not Call the Court or Carbonite with Questions About the Settlement.

Reasons for the Settlement

Lead Plaintiff's principal reason for entering into the Settlement is the benefit to the Class now, without further risk or the delays inherent in continued litigation. The cash benefit 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, trial, and likely appeals, a process that could last several years into the future. For the Defendants, who have denied and continue to

deny all allegations of liability, fault, or wrongdoing whatsoever, the principal reason for entering into the Settlement is to eliminate the uncertainty, risk, costs, and burdens inherent in any litigation, especially in complex cases such as this Litigation. Defendants have concluded that further conduct of this Litigation could be protracted and distracting.

BASIC INFORMATION

1. Why did I get this Notice package?

This Notice was prepared and is being made available to you pursuant to an Order of a U.S. District Court because you or someone in your family or an investment account for which you serve as custodian may have purchased or otherwise acquired Carbonite common stock during the period between October 18, 2018 and July 25, 2019, inclusive (the "Class Period").

This Notice explains the class action lawsuit, the Settlement, Class Members' legal rights in connection with the Settlement, what benefits are available, who is eligible for them, and how to get them.

The Court in charge of the Litigation is the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, and the case is known as *Luna v. Carbonite, Inc., et al.*, No. 1:19-cv-11662-LTS. The case has been assigned to the Honorable Leo T. Sorokin. The entity representing the Class is the "Lead Plaintiff," and the individuals and entity it sued and who have now settled are called the Defendants.

2. What is this lawsuit about?

The initial complaint in the Litigation was filed on August 1, 2019. On November 21, 2019, the Court appointed Construction Industry and Laborers' Joint Pension Trust as Lead Plaintiff and Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP as Lead Counsel.

On January 15, 2020, Lead Plaintiff filed the Consolidated Amended Complaint ("Complaint") alleging violations of §§10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") alleging that throughout the Class Period (between October 18, 2018 and July 25, 2019, inclusive), Defendants made materially false and misleading positive statements about a new Carbonite software product called the Server VM Edition ("VME"). The Complaint further alleges that the intended purpose and effect of Defendants' false and misleading statements was to artificially inflate Carbonite's stock price throughout the Class Period. The Complaint alleges that the truth regarding VME's condition was ultimately revealed on July 25, 2019, when the Company disclosed that it was withdrawing VME from the market due to "quality issues" and, as a result, reducing Carbonite's revenue guidance for the remainder of 2019. The Complaint alleges that, as a result the price of Carbonite's stock dropped precipitously, resulting in millions of dollars in investor losses.

On March 10, 2020, Defendants moved to dismiss the Complaint. Following full briefing and oral argument, on October 22, 2020, the Court granted the motion to dismiss with prejudice. Lead Plaintiff appealed the Court's decision to the First Circuit Court of Appeals, and after full briefing and oral argument, on December 22, 2021, the First Circuit reversed the Court's decision in its entirety.

On September 16, 2022, Lead Plaintiff moved to certify the Class. Defendants filed their opposition on November 4, 2022. Lead Plaintiff filed its reply on December 20, 2022. Defendants filed a sur-reply on January 10, 2023. Oral argument on Lead Plaintiff's class certification motion was held on July 11, 2023. On July 14, 2023, the Court granted Lead Plaintiff's motion to certify the Class. Defendants then moved to decertify the Class on September 11, 2023, and Lead Plaintiff filed its opposition on October 16, 2023. The motion was pending when this proposed Settlement was reached.

The parties conducted extensive fact and expert discovery, as well as class certification-related expert discovery, and litigated a number of discovery disputes. In all, Defendants and third parties produced more than 484,000 pages of documents, and the parties conducted 16 fact and expert depositions.

On June 2, 2023, Defendants moved for summary judgment. Lead Plaintiff filed its opposition on August 10, 2023, and Defendants filed their reply on September 11, 2023. The motion remained pending when the proposed Settlement was reached.

Lead Plaintiff and Defendants participated in a voluntary confidential mediation session with David M. Murphy, of Phillips ADR, an experienced mediator, on May 9, 2023. The mediation session was preceded by submission of mediation statements by the Settling Parties. The Settling Parties engaged in good faith negotiations but did not reach a settlement and litigation continued. Following numerous additional settlement discussions, on November 30, 2023, the parties agreed to settle the Litigation in return for a cash payment of \$27.5 million to be paid by Defendants and/or their insurers on behalf of Defendants, for the benefit of the Class, subject to the negotiation of the terms of a Stipulation of Settlement and approval by the Court. The Stipulation (together with the Exhibits thereto) reflects the final and binding agreement among the Settling Parties.

Defendants deny each and all of the claims and contentions of wrongdoing alleged by Lead Plaintiff in the Litigation. Defendants contend that they did not make any materially false or misleading statements, that they did not engage in a fraudulent scheme, that they disclosed all material information required by the federal securities laws, and that they at all times acted in good faith. Defendants also contend that any losses allegedly suffered by Members of the Class were not caused by any allegedly fraudulent scheme, or false or misleading statements by them and/or were caused by intervening events. Defendants also maintain that they have meritorious defenses to all claims that were raised or could have been raised in the Litigation.

3. Why is there a settlement?

The Court has not decided in favor of Defendants or of the Lead Plaintiff. Instead, both sides agreed to the Settlement to avoid the distraction, costs, and risks of further litigation, and Lead Plaintiff agreed to the Settlement in order to ensure that Class Members will receive compensation.

WHO IS IN THE SETTLEMENT

4. How do I know if I am a Member of the Class?

The Court directed that everyone who fits this description is a Class Member: All persons and entities who purchased or otherwise acquired Carbonite common stock between October 18, 2018 and July 25, 2019, inclusive (the "Class Period"), and were damaged thereby. Excluded from the Class are Defendants and their immediate families; the Company's officers and directors at all relevant times, as well as their immediate families; Defendants' legal representatives, heirs, successors or assigns, and any entity in which Defendants have or had a controlling interest. Also excluded is any Person who properly excludes himself, herself, itself, or themselves by submitting a valid and timely request for exclusion. To the extent any Carbonite employee benefit plan receives a distribution from the Net Settlement Fund, no portion shall be allocated to any person or entity who is excluded from the Class by definition.

Please Note: Receipt of this Notice does not mean that you are a Class Member or that you will be entitled to receive a payment from the Settlement. If you are a Class Member and you wish to be eligible to participate in the distribution of proceeds from the Settlement, you are required to submit the Proof of Claim and the required supporting documentation as set forth therein postmarked or submitted online on or before June 21, 2024.

5. What if I am still not sure if I am included?

If you are still not sure whether you are included, you can ask for free help. You can contact the Claims Administrator toll-free at 1-888-298-1418, or you can fill out and return the Proof of Claim form to see if you qualify.

THE SETTLEMENT BENEFITS - WHAT YOU GET

6. What does the Settlement provide?

The Settlement provides that, in exchange for the release of the Released Claims (defined below) and dismissal of the Litigation, Defendants have agreed to pay or cause to be paid \$27.5 million in cash to be distributed after taxes, tax expenses, notice and claims administration expenses, and approved fees and expenses, *pro rata*, to Class Members who send in a valid Proof of Claim form pursuant to the Court-approved Plan of Allocation. The Plan of Allocation is described in more detail at the end of this Notice.

7. How much will my payment be?

Your share of the Net Settlement Fund will depend on several things, including the total dollar amount of claims represented by the valid Proof of Claim forms that Class Members send in, compared to the dollar amount of your claim, all as calculated under the Plan of Allocation discussed below.

HOW YOU GET A PAYMENT - SUBMITTING A CLAIM FORM

8. How can I get a payment?

To be eligible to receive a payment from the Settlement, you must submit a Proof of Claim form. A Proof of Claim form may be downloaded at www.CarboniteSecuritiesLitigation.com. Read the instructions carefully, fill out the Proof of Claim, include all the documents the form asks for, sign it, and **mail or submit it online so that it is postmarked or received no later than June 21, 2024**. The Proof of Claim form may be submitted online at www.CarboniteSecuritiesLitigation.com.

9. When would I get my payment?

The Court will hold a Settlement Hearing on May 15, 2024 at 2:00 p.m., to decide whether to approve the Settlement. If the Court approves the Settlement, there might be appeals. It is always uncertain whether appeals can be resolved, and if so, how long it would take to resolve them. It also takes time for all the Proofs of Claim to be processed. Please be patient.

10. What am I giving up to get a payment or to stay in the Class?

Unless you timely and validly exclude yourself in connection with this Settlement, you are in the Class, and that means you cannot sue, continue to sue, or be part of any other lawsuit against Defendants or the Released Defendant Parties about the Released Claims (as defined below) in this case. It also means that all of the Court's orders will apply to you and legally bind you. If you remain a Class Member, and if the Settlement is approved, you will give up all "Released Claims" (as defined below), including "Unknown Claims" (as defined below), against the "Defendants' Released Persons" (as defined below):

- "Released Claims" means any and all claims, rights, controversies, duties, obligations, demands, allegations, arguments, losses, actions, debts, sums of money, suits, contracts, agreements, judgments, matters, issues, promises, damages, liabilities, and causes of action of every nature and description, whether known or unknown, contingent or non-contingent, suspected or unsuspected, discoverable or undiscoverable, concealed or hidden, liquidated or unliquidated, accrued or unaccrued, at law or in equity, whether direct, representative, class or individual in nature, whether arising under federal or state statutory or common law or any other law, rule or regulation, ordinance or administrative provision, whether foreign or domestic, that have been asserted, could have been asserted, or could be asserted in the future, against any or all of Defendants' Released Persons that arise out of or are based upon or relate in any way to, directly or indirectly, any of the allegations, acts, transactions, facts, events, matters. occurrences, representations or omissions involved, set forth, alleged or referred to in the Litigation, or which could have been alleged in the Litigation, and which arise out of, are based upon, or relate in any way, directly or indirectly, to the purchase or acquisition of Carbonite common stock, by any Member of the Class and any disclosures, public filings, registration statements, or other statements by Defendants based upon or arising out of any facts, matters, allegations, transactions, events, disclosures, statements, acts or omissions that were asserted or could have been asserted in this Litigation or in any other action or forum. "Released Claims" does not include claims to enforce the Settlement, or any derivative or ERISA claims, or the claims of any Person who submits a request for exclusion in connection with this Settlement that is accepted by the Court. "Released Claims" includes "Unknown Claims" as defined below.
- "Released Defendants' Claims" means any and all claims and causes of action of every nature and description whatsoever, including both known claims and Unknown Claims, against Lead Plaintiff, Lead Plaintiff's Counsel, or any Class Member that arise out of or relate in any way to the institution, prosecution, or settlement of the claims against Defendants in the Litigation, except for claims relating to the enforcement of the Settlement.
- "Released Defendant Party" or "Released Defendant Parties" or "Defendants' Released Persons" mean any or all of Defendants, and/or any or all of their related parties, including, without limitation, any and all of their current or former parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, predecessors, successors, divisions, funds, joint ventures, and general or limited partnerships, and each of their respective current or former officers, directors, trustees, partners, members, contractors, auditors, principals, agents, managing agents, employees, attorneys, accountants, investment bankers, commercial bankers, financial or investment advisors, consultants, advisors, underwriters, insurers in their capacities as such, as well as each of the Individual Defendants' immediate family members, heirs, executors, personal or legal representatives, estates, beneficiaries, predecessors, successors, legatees, devisees, administrators, spouses, receivers and trustees, settlors, auditors, accountants, and assigns, as well as any trust of which any of the Defendants is the settlor or which is for the benefit of any of the Defendants and/or member(s) of his or her family, and any person, firm, trust, corporation, officer, director or other individual or entity in which any of the Defendants has a controlling interest or which is related to or affiliated with any of the Defendants.
- "Unknown Claims" means (a) any and all Released Claims which any of the Releasing Plaintiff Parties do not know or suspect to exist in his, her, or its favor at the time of the release of the Released Defendant Parties, which, if known by him, her, or it, might have affected his, her, or its settlement with and release of the Released Defendant Parties, or might have affected his, her, or its decision(s) with respect to the Settlement, including, but not limited to, whether or not to object to this Settlement or seek exclusion from the Class; and (b) any and all Released Defendants' Claims that any of the Released Defendant Parties do not know or suspect to exist in his, her, or its favor at the time of the release of Lead Plaintiff, the Class, and Lead Plaintiff's Counsel, which, if known by him, her, or it, might have affected his, her, or its settlement and release of Lead Plaintiff, the Class, and Lead Plaintiff's Counsel. With respect to (a) any and all Released Claims against the Released Defendant Parties, and (b) any and all Released Defendants' Claims against Lead Plaintiff, the Class, and Lead Plaintiff's Counsel, the Settling Parties stipulate and agree that, upon the Effective Date, the Settling Parties shall expressly waive, and each Releasing Plaintiff Party and Released Defendant Party shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have expressly waived, the provisions, rights, and benefits of California Civil Code §1542, which provides:

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.

The Settling Parties shall expressly waive, and each Releasing Plaintiff Party and Released Defendant Party shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, expressly waived 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. The Releasing

Plaintiff Parties and Released Defendant Parties acknowledge that they may hereafter discover facts, legal theories, or authorities in addition to or different from those which he, she, it, or their counsel now knows or believes to be true with respect to the subject matter of the Released Claims or Released Defendants' Claims, but (a) the Releasing Plaintiff Parties shall expressly fully, finally, and forever waive, compromise, settle, discharge, extinguish, and release, and each Releasing Plaintiff Party shall be deemed to have waived, compromised, settled, discharged, extinguished, and released, and upon the Effective Date, and by operation of the Judgment shall have waived, compromised, settled, discharged, extinguished, and released, fully, finally, and forever, any and all Released Claims against the Released Defendant Parties, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, contingent or non-contingent, accrued or unaccrued, whether or not concealed or hidden, which now exist, or heretofore have existed, or may hereafter exist, upon any theory of law or equity now existing or coming into existence in the future, including, but not limited to, conduct which is negligent, intentional, with or without malice, or a breach of any duty, law, or rule, without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of such different or additional facts, legal theories, or authorities, and (b) the Released Defendant Parties shall expressly fully, finally, and forever waive, compromise, settle, discharge, extinguish, and release, and each Released Defendant Party shall be deemed to have waived, compromised, settled, discharged, extinguished, and released, and upon the Effective Date, and by operation of the Judgment shall have waived, compromised, settled, discharged, extinguished, and released, fully, finally, and forever, any and all Released Defendants' Claims against Lead Plaintiff, the Class, and Lead Plaintiff's Counsel, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, contingent or non-contingent, whether or not concealed or hidden, which now exist, or heretofore have existed, upon any theory of law or equity now existing or coming into existence in the future, including, but not limited to, conduct which is negligent, intentional, with or without malice, or a breach of any duty, law or rule, without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of such different or additional facts, legal theories, or authorities. The Settling Parties acknowledge, and the Releasing Plaintiff Parties and Released Defendant Parties shall be deemed by operation of the Judgment to have acknowledged, that the foregoing waiver was separately bargained for and is an essential element of the Settlement of which this release is a part.

EXCLUDING YOURSELF FROM THE CLASS

If you do not want to participate in this Settlement, and you want to keep the right to potentially sue the Defendants and the other Defendants' Released Persons, on your own, about the claims being released by the Settlement, then you must take steps to remove yourself from the Settlement. This is called excluding yourself—or is sometimes referred to as "opting out." If you are requesting exclusion because you want to bring your own lawsuit based on the matters alleged in this Litigation, you may want to consult an attorney and discuss whether any individual claim that you may wish to pursue would be time-barred by the applicable statutes of limitation or repose. Also, Defendants may terminate the Settlement and render it null and void in the event that Persons who would otherwise be Members of the Class who collectively purchased a certain number of shares of Carbonite common stock exclude themselves from the Class.

11. How do I get out of the Class and the proposed Settlement?

To exclude yourself from the Class and the Settlement, you must send a letter by First-Class Mail stating that you "request exclusion from the Class in the *Carbonite Securities Litigation*." Your letter must include your purchases or other acquisitions of Carbonite common stock during the Class Period, including the dates and number of shares of Carbonite common stock purchased, acquired, or sold, and price paid for each such purchase or acquisition and received for each such sale. In addition, you must include your name, address, telephone number, and your signature. You must submit your exclusion request so that it is **postmarked no later than April 24, 2024** to:

Carbonite Securities Litigation
Claims Administrator
c/o Gilardi & Co. LLC
EXCLUSIONS
P.O. Box 5100
Larkspur, CA 94977-5100

If you ask to be excluded, you will not get any payment from the Settlement, and you cannot object to the Settlement. You will not be legally bound by anything that happens in this lawsuit, and you may be able to sue the Defendants and the other Defendants' Released Persons about the Released Claims in the future, if such claims are not time-barred.

12. If I do not exclude myself, can I sue the Defendants and the other Defendants' Released Persons for the same thing later?

No. Unless you exclude yourself, you give up any rights you may potentially have to sue the Defendants and the other Defendants' Released Persons for any and all Released Claims. If you have a pending lawsuit against the Defendants' Released Persons, speak to your lawyer in that case immediately. You must exclude yourself from the Class in this Litigation to continue your own lawsuit. Remember, the exclusion deadline is April 24, 2024.

13. If I exclude myself, can I get money from the proposed Settlement?

No. If you exclude yourself, you should not send in a Proof of Claim to ask for any money. But you may have the right to potentially sue or be part of a different lawsuit against the Defendants and the Defendants' Released Persons.

THE LAWYERS REPRESENTING YOU

14. Do I have a lawyer in this case?

The Court ordered that the law firm of Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP represents the Class Members, including you. These lawyers are called Lead Counsel. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense.

15. How will the lawyers be paid?

Lead Counsel will apply to the Court for an award of attorneys' fees not to exceed 33-1/3% of the Settlement Amount and for expenses, costs and charges in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 in connection with the Litigation, plus interest on such fees and expenses at the same rate as earned by the Settlement Fund. In addition, Lead Plaintiff may seek up to \$14,000 for its time and expenses incurred in representing the Class. Such sums as may be approved by the Court will be paid from the Settlement Fund.

OBJECTING TO THE SETTLEMENT

You can tell the Court that you do not agree with the Settlement or any part of it.

16. How do I tell the Court that I object to the proposed Settlement?

If you are a Class Member, you can comment on or object to the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation and/or Lead Plaintiff's Counsel's fee and expense application. You can write to the Court setting out your comment or objection. The Court will consider your views. To comment or object, you must send a signed letter saying that you wish to comment on or object to the proposed Settlement in the *Carbonite Securities Litigation*. Include your name, address, telephone number, and your signature (even if you are represented by counsel), identify the date(s), price(s), and number of shares purchased, acquired, or sold of Carbonite common stock during the Class Period, and state with specificity your comments or the reasons why you object to the proposed Settlement, Plan of Allocation and/or fee and expense application, including any legal and evidentiary support for such objection. Any objection must state whether it applies only to the objector, to a specific subset of the Class, or to the entire Class. In addition, the objector must identify all class action settlements to which the objector or his, her, or its counsel have previously objected. You must also include copies of documents demonstrating your purchases, other acquisitions, and/or sales of Carbonite common stock during the Class Period. Your comments or objection must be filed with the Court and mailed or delivered to each of the following addresses such that it is *received* no later than April 24, 2024:

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CLERK OF THE COURT UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS John Joseph Moakley U.S. Courthouse 1 Courthouse Way Boston, MA 02210

LEAD COUNSEL

ROBBINS GELLER RUDMAN & DOWD LLP Attn: Ellen Gusikoff Stewart 655 West Broadway Suite 1900 San Diego, CA 92101

DEFENDANTS' COUNSEL

SKADDEN, ARPS, SLATE, MEAGHER & FLOM LLP Attn: James R. Carroll 500 Boylston Street Floor 23 Boston, MA 02116

17. What is the difference between objecting and excluding?

Objecting is simply telling the Court that you do not like something about the Settlement. You can object **only** if you stay in the Class.

Excluding yourself is telling the Court that you do not want to be paid and do not want to release any claims you think you may have against Defendants and the Released Defendant Parties. If you exclude yourself, you cannot object to the Settlement because it does not affect you.

THE COURT'S SETTLEMENT HEARING

The Court will hold a hearing to decide whether to approve the proposed Settlement. You may attend and you may ask to speak, but you do not have to.

18. When and where will the Court decide whether to approve the proposed Settlement?

The Court will hold a Settlement Hearing at **2:00 p.m. on May 15, 2024**, in the Courtroom of the Honorable Leo T. Sorokin, at the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, John Joseph Moakley U.S. Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Way, Boston, MA 02210. At the hearing, the Court will consider whether the Settlement and the Plan of Allocation are fair, reasonable, and adequate. If there are objections, the Court will consider them, even if you do not ask to speak at the hearing. The Court will listen to people who have asked to speak at the hearing. The Court may also decide how much to pay to Lead Counsel and Lead Plaintiff. At or after the Settlement Hearing, the Court will decide whether to approve the Settlement and the Plan of Allocation. We do not know how long these decisions will take. You should be aware that the Court may change the date, time, and location of the Settlement Hearing without another notice being sent to Class Members.

There exists the possibility that the Court may decide to conduct the Settlement Hearing by video or telephonic conference, or otherwise allow Class Members to appear at the hearing by phone or video conference, without further written notice to the Class. In order to determine whether the date and time of the Settlement Hearing have changed, or whether Class Members must or may participate by phone or video, it is important that you monitor the Court's docket or the Settlement website, www.CarboniteSecuritiesLitigation.com, before making any plans to attend the Settlement Hearing. Any updates regarding the Settlement Hearing, including any changes to the date and time of the hearing or updates regarding in-person or remote appearances at the hearing, will be posted to the Settlement website, www.CarboniteSecuritiesLitigation.com. Also, if the Court requires or allows Class Members to participate in the Settlement Hearing by telephone or video conference, the information for accessing the hearing will be posted to the Settlement website, www.CarboniteSecuritiesLitigation.com. If you want to attend the hearing, either in person or remotely, if permitted, you should check with Lead Counsel or the Settlement website, www.CarboniteSecuritiesLitigation.com, beforehand to be sure that the date and/or time has not changed.

19. Do I have to come to the hearing?

No. Lead Counsel will answer questions the Court may have. But, you are welcome to come at your own expense. If you are a Class Member and send an objection, you do not have to come to Court to talk about it. As long as you are a Class Member and mailed your complete written objection on time, the Court will consider it. You may also pay your own lawyer to attend, but it is not necessary. Class Members do not need to appear at the hearing or take any other action to indicate their approval.

20. May I speak at the hearing?

If you object to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or the fee and expense application, you may ask the Court for permission to speak at the Settlement Hearing. To do so, you must include with your objection (see question 16 above) a statement saying that it is your "Notice of Intention to Appear in the *Carbonite Securities Litigation*." Persons who intend to object to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or any attorneys' fees and expenses to be awarded to Lead Plaintiff's Counsel or Lead Plaintiff and desire to present evidence at the Settlement Hearing must include in their written objections the identity of any witnesses they may call to testify and exhibits they intend to introduce into evidence at the Settlement Hearing. Your notice of intention to appear must be **received no later than April 24, 2024**, and addressed to the Clerk of Court, Lead Counsel, and Defendants' Counsel, at the addresses listed above in question 16.

You cannot speak at the hearing if you exclude yourself from the Class.

IF YOU DO NOTHING

21. What happens if I do nothing?

If you do nothing, you will not receive any money from this Settlement. In addition, unless you exclude yourself, you will not be able to start a lawsuit, continue with a lawsuit, or be part of any other lawsuit against Defendants and the Released Defendant Parties about the Released Claims in this case.

GETTING MORE INFORMATION

22. How do I get more information?

For even more detailed information concerning the matters involved in this Litigation, you can obtain answers to common questions regarding the proposed Settlement by contacting the Claims Administrator toll-free at 1-888-298-1418. Reference is also made to the Stipulation, to the pleadings in support of the Settlement, to the Orders entered by the Court and to the other Settlement-related papers filed in the Litigation, which are posted on the Settlement website at www.CarboniteSecuritiesLitigation.com, and which may be inspected at the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, during regular business hours. For a fee, all papers filed in this Litigation are available at www.pacer.gov.

THE PROPOSED PLAN OF ALLOCATION OF NET SETTLEMENT FUND AMONG CLASS MEMBERS

23. How will my claim be calculated?

As discussed above, the Settlement provides \$27.5 million in cash for the benefit of the Class. The Settlement Amount and any interest it earns constitute the "Settlement Fund." The Settlement Fund, after deduction of Court-approved attorneys' fees and expenses, Notice and Administration Expenses, Taxes, and any other fees or expenses approved by the Court, is the "Net Settlement Fund." If the Settlement is approved by the Court, the Net Settlement Fund will be distributed to eligible Authorized Claimants—i.e., Members of the Class who timely submit valid Proofs of Claim that are accepted for payment by the Court—in accordance with this proposed Plan of Allocation ("Plan of Allocation" or "Plan") or such other plan of allocation as the Court may approve. Class Members who do not timely submit valid Proofs of Claim will not share in the Net Settlement Fund but will otherwise be bound by the Settlement. The Court may approve this proposed Plan of Allocation, or modify it, without additional notice to the Class. Any order modifying the Plan of Allocation will be posted on the Settlement website, www.CarboniteSecuritiesLitigation.com.

The objective of the Plan of Allocation is to distribute the Settlement proceeds equitably among those Class Members who allegedly suffered economic losses as a proximate result of the alleged wrongdoing. The Plan of Allocation is not a formal damage analysis, and the calculations made in accordance with the Plan of Allocation are not necessarily intended to be estimates of, or indicative of, the amounts that Class Members might have been able to recover after a trial. Nor are the calculations in accordance with the Plan of Allocation intended to be estimates of the amounts that will be paid to Authorized Claimants under the Settlement. The computations under the Plan of Allocation are only a method to weigh, in a fair and equitable manner, the claims of Authorized Claimants against one another for the purpose of making pro rata allocations of the Net Settlement Fund.

The Plan of Allocation was developed in consultation with Lead Plaintiff's damages consultant. In developing the Plan of Allocation, the consultant calculated the estimated amount of alleged artificial inflation in the per share prices of Carbonite common stock that was allegedly proximately caused by Defendants' alleged materially false and misleading statements and omissions.

In calculating the estimated artificial inflation allegedly caused by the misrepresentations and omissions, Lead Plaintiff's damages consultant considered price changes in Carbonite common stock in reaction to the public disclosures that allegedly corrected the respective alleged misrepresentations and omissions, adjusting the price changes for factors that were attributable to market or industry forces, and for non-fraud related, Carbonite-specific information.

In order to have recoverable damages in connection with purchases and/or acquisitions of Carbonite common stock during the Class Period, disclosure of the alleged misrepresentations or omissions must be the cause of the decline in the price of the Carbonite common stock. In this case, Lead Plaintiff alleges that Defendants made false statements and omitted material facts during the period from October 18, 2018 through and including the close of trading on July 25, 2019, which had the effect of artificially inflating the prices of Carbonite common stock. As the result of the alleged corrective disclosures, artificial inflation was removed from the price of Carbonite stock on July 25, 2019.²

In order to have a "Recognized Claim Amount" under the Plan of Allocation, shares of Carbonite common stock must have been purchased or otherwise acquired during the Class Period and held through a corrective disclosure.

CALCULATION OF RECOGNIZED CLAIM AMOUNT

Based on the formula stated below, a "Recognized Claim Amount" will be calculated for each purchase or acquisition of Carbonite common stock during the Class Period that is listed on the Proof of Claim and for which adequate documentation is provided. If a Recognized Claim Amount calculates to a negative number or zero under the formula below, that Recognized Claim Amount will be zero.

For each share of Carbonite common stock purchased or otherwise acquired during the period from October 18, 2018 through July 25, 2019, inclusive, and:

- (a) Sold prior to the close of trading on July 25, 2019, the Recognized Claim Amount per share is zero;
- (b) Sold from July 26, 2019 through October 23, 2019, inclusive, the Recognized Claim Amount will be *the least of*: (i) \$5.98; (ii) the difference between the purchase price per share and the sales price per share; or (iii) the difference between the purchase price per share and the average closing price per share up to the date of sale as set forth in Table A below; and
- (c) Held as of the close of trading on October 23, 2019, or sold thereafter, the Recognized Claim Amount shall be *the lesser of*: (i) \$5.98 per share; or (ii) the purchase price minus \$15.09, the average closing price for Carbonite common stock between July 26, 2019 through October 23, 2019 (the last entry in Table A below).³

² Any transactions in Carbonite common stock executed outside of regular trading hours for the U.S. financial markets shall be deemed to have occurred during the next regular trading session.

Under Section 21(e)(1) of the Exchange Act, "in any private action arising under this Act in which the plaintiff seeks to establish damages by reference to the market price of a security, the award of damages to the plaintiff shall not exceed the difference between the purchase or sale price paid

If a Class Member held Carbonite common stock at the beginning of the Class Period or made multiple purchases, acquisitions or sales of Carbonite common stock during or after the Class Period, the starting point for calculating a claimant's Recognized Claim is to match the claimant's holdings, purchases and acquisitions to their sales using the FIFO (i.e., first-in-first-out) method. Under the FIFO method, Carbonite common stock sold during the Class Period will be matched, in chronological order first against Carbonite common stock held at the beginning of the Class Period. The remaining sales of Carbonite common stock during the Class Period will then be matched, in chronological order against Carbonite common stock purchased or acquired during the Class Period.

Purchases or acquisitions and sales of Carbonite common stock 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 Carbonite common stock during the Class Period shall not be deemed a purchase, acquisition or sale of Carbonite common stock for the calculation of Recognized Claim, unless (i) the donor or decedent purchased or otherwise acquired such shares of Carbonite common stock during the Class Period; (ii) no Proof of Claim was submitted by or on behalf of the donor, on behalf of the decedent, or by anyone else with respect to such shares of Carbonite common stock; and (iii) it is specifically so provided in the instrument of gift or assignment.

An Authorized Claimant's Recognized Claim shall be the amount used to calculate the Authorized Claimant's *pro rata* share of the Net Settlement Fund. If the sum total of Recognized Claims of all Authorized Claimants who are entitled to receive payment out of the Net Settlement Fund is greater than the Net Settlement Fund, each Authorized Claimant shall receive his, her, or its *pro rata* share of the Net Settlement Fund. The *pro rata* share shall be the Authorized Claimant's Recognized Claim divided by the total of the Recognized Claims of all Authorized Claimants, multiplied by the total amount in the Net Settlement Fund. Given the costs of distribution, the Net Settlement Fund will be allocated among all Authorized Claimants whose Distribution Amount (defined below) is \$10.00 or greater.

If a claimant had a market gain with respect to their overall transactions in Carbonite common stock during the Class Period, the value of the claimant's Recognized Claim will be zero. If a claimant suffered an overall market loss with respect to their overall transactions in Carbonite common stock during the Class Period but that market loss was less than the claimant's total Recognized Claim calculated above, then the claimant's Recognized Claim will be limited to the amount of the actual market loss. For purposes of determining whether a claimant had a market gain, or suffered a market loss, with respect to his, her, or its overall transactions in Carbonite common stock during the Class Period, the Claims Administrator will determine the difference between (i) the Total Purchase Amount⁴ and (ii) the sum of the Total Sales Proceeds⁵ and Holding Value.⁶

Distributions will be made to Authorized Claimants after all claims have been processed, after the Court has finally approved the Settlement, and after any appeals are resolved. If there is any balance remaining in the Net Settlement Fund after at least six (6) months from the initial date of distribution of the Net Settlement Fund (whether by reason of tax refunds, uncashed checks, or otherwise), the Claims Administrator shall, if feasible, reallocate such balance among Authorized Claimants in an equitable and economic fashion. These redistributions shall be repeated until the balance remaining in the Net Settlement Fund is no longer economically feasible to distribute to Class Members. Thereafter, any balance that still remains in the Net Settlement Fund shall be donated to any appropriate non-sectarian, non-profit charitable organization(s) serving the public interest.

Please contact the Claims Administrator or Lead Counsel if you disagree with any determinations made by the Claims Administrator regarding your Proof of Claim. If you are dissatisfied with the determinations, you may ask the Court, which retains jurisdiction over all Class Members and the claims administration process, to decide the issue by submitting a written request.

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

or received, as appropriate, by the plaintiff for the subject security and the mean trading price of that security during the 90-day period beginning on the date on which the information correcting the misstatement or omission that is the basis for the action is disseminated to the market." Consistent with the requirements of the statute, Recognized Claim Amounts are reduced to an appropriate extent by taking into account the closing prices of Carbonite common stock during the 90-day look-back period. The mean (average) closing price for Carbonite common stock during this 90-day look-back period was \$15.09.

⁴ The "Total Purchase Amount" is the total amount the claimant paid (excluding commissions and other charges) for Carbonite common stock purchased or acquired during the Class Period.

The Claims Administrator will match any sales of Carbonite common stock from the start of the Class Period through and including the close of trading on October 23, 2019, first against the claimant's opening position (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 Carbonite common stock sold from the start of the Class Period through and including the close of trading on October 23, 2019, will be the "Total Sales Proceeds."

The Claims Administrator will ascribe a "Holding Value" equal to \$15.09 for each share of Carbonite common stock purchased or acquired during the Class Period and still held as of the close of trading on October 23, 2019.

Payment pursuant to the Plan of Allocation set forth above shall be conclusive against all Authorized Claimants. Defendants, their counsel, and all other Defendants' Released Persons will have no responsibility or liability whatsoever for the investment of the Settlement Fund, the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund, the Plan of Allocation, or the payment of any claim. No Person shall have any claim against Lead Plaintiff, Lead Plaintiff's Counsel, the Claims Administrator, or other Person designated by Lead Plaintiff's Counsel, Defendants, or Defendants' Counsel based on distributions made substantially in accordance with the Stipulation and the Settlement contained therein, the Plan of Allocation, or further orders of the Court.

Table A:

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| Date | Closing Price | Average Closing Price from July 26, 2019 through Sale Date | | Date | Closing Price | Average Closing Price from July 26, 2019 through Sale Date |
| 7/26/2019 | \$18.01 | \$18.01 | | 9/11/2019 | \$15.35 | \$14.95 |
| 7/20/2019 | \$18.26 | \$18.14 | | 9/11/2019 | \$15.35 \$15.27 | \$14.96 |
| 7/30/2019 | \$18.20 \$18.34 | \$18.20 | | 9/12/2019 | \$15.27 \$15.51 | \$14.98 |
| 7/30/2019 | \$10.34 \$17.93 | \$18.14 | | 9/16/2019 | \$15.51 \$15.48 | \$14.96 \$14.99 |
| 8/1/2019 | \$17.93 \$17.82 | \$18.07 | | 9/17/2019 | \$13.46 \$14.90 | \$14.99 \$14.99 |
| 8/2/2019 | \$17.62 \$17.37 | \$17.96 | | 9/17/2019 | \$14.88 | \$14.99 \$14.99 |
| 8/5/2019 | \$17.37 \$16.92 | \$17.96 \$17.81 | | 9/19/2019 | \$14.00 \$15.03 | \$14.99 \$14.99 |
| 8/6/2019 | \$16.92 \$16.23 | | | 9/20/2019 | \$15.03 \$15.81 | \$14.99 \$15.01 |
| 8/7/2019 | • | \$17.61 \$17.43 | | | • | • |
| 8/8/2019 | \$15.99 | \$17.43 \$17.29 | | 9/23/2019 9/24/2019 | \$15.47 \$14.94 | \$15.02 \$15.02 |
| | \$15.98 | • | | | | |
| 8/9/2019 | \$15.98 | \$17.17 \$17.05 | | 9/25/2019 | \$15.41 | \$15.03 \$45.04 |
| 8/12/2019 | \$15.80 | \$17.05 \$46.03 | | 9/26/2019 | \$15.35 | \$15.04 \$15.04 |
| 8/13/2019 | \$15.42 | \$16.93 | | 9/27/2019 | \$15.42 | \$15.04 |
| 8/14/2019 | \$15.07 | \$16.79 | | 9/30/2019 | \$15.49 | \$15.05 |
| 8/15/2019 | \$15.22 | \$16.69 | | 10/1/2019 | \$15.05 | \$15.05 |
| 8/16/2019 | \$14.48 | \$16.55 | | 10/2/2019 | \$15.01 | \$15.05 |
| 8/19/2019 | \$14.25 | \$16.42 | | 10/3/2019 | \$15.25 | \$15.06 |
| 8/20/2019 | \$14.03 | \$16.28 | | 10/4/2019 | \$15.26 | \$15.06 |
| 8/21/2019 | \$13.93 | \$16.16 | | 10/7/2019 | \$15.24 | \$15.06 |
| 8/22/2019 | \$13.40 | \$16.02 | | 10/8/2019 | \$14.25 | \$15.05 |
| 8/23/2019 | \$12.64 | \$15.86 | | 10/9/2019 | \$14.10 | \$15.03 |
| 8/26/2019 | \$12.45 | \$15.71 | | 10/10/2019 | \$14.30 | \$15.02 |
| 8/27/2019 | \$12.60 | \$15.57 | | 10/11/2019 | \$14.47 | \$15.01 |
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SPECIAL NOTICE TO SECURITIES BROKERS AND OTHER NOMINEES

Nominees who purchased or otherwise acquired Carbonite common stock during the Class Period for beneficial owners who are Class Members are directed to: (i) request within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the Postcard Notice sufficient copies of the Postcard Notice from the Claims Administrator to forward to all such beneficial owners; or (ii) send a list of the names and addresses (including email addresses if available) of such beneficial owners to the Claims Administrator within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the Postcard Notice at notifications@gilardi.com or:

Carbonite Securities Litigation
Claims Administrator
c/o Gilardi & Co. LLC
P.O. Box 301171
Los Angeles, CA 90030-1171

If a nominee elects to send the Postcard Notice to beneficial owners, such nominee is directed to email or mail (where an email is unavailable) the Postcard Notice within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of those documents from the Claims Administrator, and upon such emailing or mailing, the nominee shall send a statement to the Claims Administrator confirming that the emailing or mailing was made as directed, and the nominee shall retain the list of names and addresses for use in connection with any possible future notice to the Class. Upon full compliance with these instructions, including the timely emailing or mailing of the Postcard Notice to beneficial owners, such nominees may seek reimbursement of their reasonable expenses actually incurred in complying with these instructions by providing the Claims Administrator with proper documentation supporting the expenses for which reimbursement is sought and reflecting compliance with these instructions. Reasonable out-of-pocket expenses actually incurred in connection with the foregoing includes up to \$0.03 for providing names, addresses, and email addresses to the Claims Administrator per record; up to a maximum of \$0.03 per Postcard Notice mailed by you, plus postage at the rate used by the Claims Administrator; or \$0.03 per Postcard Notice sent by email. Such properly documented expenses incurred by nominees in compliance with the terms of these instructions will be paid from the Settlement Fund.

DATED: February 1, 2024

BY ORDER OF THE COURT

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

| RUBEN A. LUNA, Individually and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated, | |) | No. 1:19-cv-11662-LTS (Consolidated) |
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| | Plaintiff, |) | CLASS ACTION |
| VS. | |) | |
| CARBONITE, INC., et al., | |) | |
| | Defendants. |) | |
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PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE

I. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. To recover as a Class Member based on the claims in the Litigation, ¹ you must complete and, on page 7 hereof, sign this Proof of Claim. If you fail to file a properly addressed (as set forth in paragraph 3 below) Proof of Claim, your claim may be rejected and you may be precluded from any recovery from the Net Settlement Fund created in connection with the proposed Settlement.
- 2. Submission of this Proof of Claim, however, does not assure that you will share in the proceeds of the Settlement of the Litigation.
- 3. YOU MUST MAIL OR SUBMIT ONLINE YOUR COMPLETED AND SIGNED PROOF OF CLAIM, ACCOMPANIED BY COPIES OF THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED HEREIN, **ON OR BEFORE JUNE 21, 2024**, ADDRESSED AS FOLLOWS:

Carbonite Securities Litigation
Claims Administrator
c/o Gilardi & Co. LLC
P.O. Box 301171
Los Angeles, CA 90030-1171

Online Submissions: www.CarboniteSecuritiesLitigation.com

If you are NOT a Class Member, as defined in the Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Class Action ("Notice"), DO NOT submit a Proof of Claim.

4. If you are a Class Member and you do not timely request exclusion, you are bound by the terms of any judgment entered in the Litigation, including the releases provided therein, WHETHER OR NOT YOU SUBMIT A PROOF OF CLAIM.

II. CLAIMANT IDENTIFICATION

You are a Member of the Class if you purchased or otherwise acquired the common stock of Carbonite, Inc. ("Carbonite") between October 18, 2018 and July 25, 2019, inclusive (the "Class Period") and were damaged thereby, and are not otherwise excluded from the Class.

Use Part I of this form entitled "Claimant Identification" to identify each purchaser or acquirer of record ("nominee") of the Carbonite common stock that forms the basis of this claim. THIS CLAIM MUST BE FILED BY THE ACTUAL BENEFICIAL PURCHASER(S) OR ACQUIRER(S) OR THE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF SUCH PURCHASER(S) OR ACQUIRER(S) OF CARBONITE COMMON STOCK UPON WHICH THIS CLAIM IS BASED.

All joint purchasers or acquirers must sign this claim. Executors, administrators, guardians, conservators, and trustees must complete and sign this claim on behalf of persons represented by them, and their authority must accompany this claim and their titles or capacities must be stated. The last four digits of the Social Security (or full taxpayer identification) number and telephone number of the beneficial owner may be used in verifying the claim. Failure to provide the foregoing information could delay verification of your claim or result in rejection of the claim.

This Proof of Claim and Release ("Proof of Claim") incorporates by reference the definitions in the Stipulation of Settlement ("Stipulation"), which can be obtained at www.CarboniteSecuritiesLitigation.com.

A claim should be submitted for each separate legal entity (e.g., a Proof of Claim of joint owners should not include separate transactions of just one of the joint owners, and an individual should not combine his or her IRA transactions with transactions made solely in the individual's name). Conversely, a single Proof of Claim should be submitted on behalf of one legal entity including all transactions made by that entity, no matter how many separate accounts that entity has (e.g., an institution with multiple brokerage accounts that entity has transacted in Carbonite common stock during the Class Period).

III. CLAIM FORM

Use Part II of this form entitled "Schedule of Transactions in Carbonite Common Stock" to supply all required details of your transaction(s). If you need more space or additional schedules, attach separate sheets giving all of the required information in substantially the same form. Sign and print or type your name on each additional sheet.

On the schedules, provide all of the requested information with respect to **all** of your purchases, acquisitions, and sales of Carbonite common stock that took place between October 18, 2018 and October 23, 2019, inclusive, whether such transactions resulted in a profit or a loss.² You must also provide all of the requested information with respect to the number of shares of Carbonite common stock you held at the close of trading on October 17, 2018, July 25, 2019, and October 23, 2019. Failure to report all such transactions may result in the rejection of your claim.

List each transaction separately and in chronological order, by trade date, beginning with the earliest. You must accurately provide the month, day, and year of each transaction you list.

The date of covering a "short sale" is deemed to be the date of purchase or other acquisition of Carbonite common stock. The date of a "short sale" is deemed to be the date of sale of Carbonite common stock.

COPIES OF BROKER CONFIRMATIONS OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION OF YOUR TRANSACTIONS IN CARBONITE COMMON STOCK SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO YOUR CLAIM. FAILURE TO PROVIDE THIS DOCUMENTATION COULD DELAY VERIFICATION OF YOUR CLAIM OR RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR CLAIM. THE PARTIES DO NOT HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR TRANSACTIONS IN CARBONITE COMMON STOCK.

PLEASE NOTE: As set forth in the Plan of Allocation, each Authorized Claimant shall receive his, her, its, or their *pro rata* share of the Net Settlement Fund. If the prorated payment to any Authorized Claimant calculates to less than \$10.00, it will not be included in the calculation and no distribution will be made to that Authorized Claimant.

NOTICE REGARDING ELECTRONIC FILES: Certain claimants with large numbers of transactions may request, or may be requested, to submit information regarding their transactions in electronic files. All such claimants MUST also submit a manually signed paper Proof of Claim whether or not they also submit electronic copies. If you wish to submit your claim electronically, you must contact the Claims Administrator at edata@gilardi.com to obtain the required file layout. Any file not in accordance with the required electronic filing format will be subject to rejection. Only one claim should be submitted for each separate legal entity and the complete name of the beneficial owner(s) of the securities must be entered where called for. Distribution payments must be made by check or electronic payment payable to the Authorized Claimant (beneficial account owner). The Third-Party Filer shall not be the payee of any distribution payment check or electronic distribution payment. No electronic files will be considered to have been properly submitted unless the Claims Administrator issues to the claimant a written acknowledgment of receipt and acceptance of electronically submitted data.

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Information requested about your purchases on July 26, 2019 through and including the close of trading on October 23, 2019 is needed only for the Claims Administrator to confirm that you have reported all relevant transactions. Purchases during this period are not eligible for a recovery because they are outside the Class Period.

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Please Type or Print in the Boxes Below
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If you require additional space, attach extra schedules in the same format as above. Sign and print your name on each additional page.

YOU MUST READ AND SIGN THE RELEASE ON PAGE 7. FAILURE TO SIGN THE RELEASE

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IV. SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION OF COURT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

I (We) submit this Proof of Claim under the terms of the Stipulation described in the Notice. I (We) also submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, with respect to my (our) claim as a Class Member and for purposes of enforcing the release set forth herein. I (We) further acknowledge that I am (we are) bound by and subject to the terms of any judgment that may be entered in the Litigation. I (We) agree to furnish additional information to the Claims Administrator to support this claim if requested to do so. I (We) have not submitted any other claim covering the same purchases, other acquisitions, or sales of Carbonite common stock during the relevant period and know of no other person having done so on my (our) behalf.

V. RELEASE

- 1. I (We) hereby acknowledge full and complete satisfaction of, and do hereby fully, finally, and forever settle, release, and discharge from the Released Claims each and all of the "Defendants' Released Persons," defined as any or all of Defendants and/or any or all of their related parties, including, without limitation, any and all of their current or former parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, predecessors, successors, divisions, funds, joint ventures, and general or limited partnerships, and each of their respective current or former officers, directors, trustees, partners, members, contractors, auditors, principals, agents, managing agents, employees, attorneys, accountants, investment bankers, commercial bankers, financial or investment advisors, consultants, advisors, underwriters, insurers in their capacities as such, as well as each of the Individual Defendants' immediate family members, heirs, executors, personal or legal representatives, estates, beneficiaries, predecessors, successors, legatees, devisees, administrators, spouses, receivers and trustees, settlors, auditors, accountants, and assigns, as well as any trust of which any of the Defendants is the settlor or which is for the benefit of any of the Defendants and/or member(s) of his or her family, and any person, firm, trust, corporation, officer, director or other individual or entity in which any of the Defendants has a controlling interest or which is related to or affiliated with any of the Defendants.
- "Released Claims" means any and all claims, rights, controversies, duties, obligations, demands, allegations, arguments, losses, actions, debts, sums of money, suits, contracts, agreements, judgments, matters, issues, promises, damages, liabilities, and causes of action of very nature and description, whether known or unknown, contingent or non-contingent, suspected or unsuspected, discoverable or undiscoverable, concealed or hidden, liquidated or unliquidated, accrued or unaccrued, at law or in equity, whether direct, representative, class or individual in nature, whether arising under federal or state statutory or common law or any other law, rule or regulation, ordinance or administrative provision, whether foreign or domestic, that have been asserted, could have been asserted, or could be asserted in the future, against any or all of Defendants' Released Persons that arise out of or are based upon or relate in any way to, directly or indirectly, any of the allegations, acts, transactions, facts, events, matters, occurrences, representations or omissions involved, set forth, alleged or referred to in the Litigation, or which could have been alleged in the Litigation, and which arise out of, are based upon, or relate in any way, directly or indirectly, to the purchase or acquisition of Carbonite common stock, by any Member of the Class and any disclosures, public filings, registration statements, or other statements by Defendants based upon or arising out of any facts, matters, allegations, transactions, events, disclosures, statements, acts or omissions that were asserted or could have been asserted in this Litigation or in any other action or forum. "Released Claims" does not include claims to enforce the Settlement, or any derivative or ERISA claims, or the claims of any Person who submits a request for exclusion in connection with this Settlement that is accepted by the Court. "Released Claims" includes "Unknown Claims" as defined below.
- 3. "Unknown Claims" means (a) any and all Released Claims which any of the Releasing Plaintiff Parties do not know or suspect to exist in his, her, or its favor at the time of the release of the Released Defendant Parties, which, if known by him, her, or it, might have affected his, her, or its settlement with and release of the Released Defendant Parties, or might have affected his, her, or its decision(s) with respect to the Settlement, including, but not limited to, whether or not to object to this Settlement or seek exclusion from the Class; and (b) any and all Released Defendants' Claims that any of the Released Defendant Parties do not know or suspect to exist in his, her, or its favor at the time of the release of Lead Plaintiff, the Class, and Lead Plaintiff's Counsel, which, if known by him, her, or it, might have affected his, her, or its settlement and release of Lead Plaintiff, the Class, and Lead Plaintiff's Counsel. With respect to (a) any and all Released Claims against the Released Defendant Parties, and (b) any and all Released Defendants' Claims against Lead Plaintiff, the Class, and Lead Plaintiff's Counsel, the Settling Parties stipulate and agree that, upon the Effective Date, the Settling Parties shall expressly waive, and each Releasing Plaintiff Party and Released Defendant Party shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have expressly waived, the provisions, rights, and benefits of California Civil Code §1542, which provides:

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.

The Settling Parties shall expressly waive, and each Releasing Plaintiff Party and Released Defendant Party shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, expressly waived 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. The Releasing Plaintiff Parties and Released Defendant Parties acknowledge that they may hereafter discover facts, legal theories, or authorities in addition to or different from those which he, she, it, or their counsel now knows or believes to be



true with respect to the subject matter of the Released Claims or Released Defendants' Claims, but (a) the Releasing Plaintiff Parties shall expressly fully, finally, and forever waive, compromise, settle, discharge, extinguish, and release, and each Releasing Plaintiff Party shall be deemed to have waived, compromised, settled, discharged, extinguished, and released, and upon the Effective Date, and by operation of the Judgment shall have waived, compromised, settled, discharged, extinguished, and released, fully, finally, and forever, any and all Released Claims against the Released Defendant Parties, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, contingent or non-contingent, accrued or unaccrued, whether or not concealed or hidden, which now exist, or heretofore have existed, or may hereafter exist, upon any theory of law or equity now existing or coming into existence in the future, including, but not limited to, conduct which is negligent, intentional, with or without malice, or a breach of any duty, law, or rule, without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of such different or additional facts, legal theories, or authorities, and (b) the Released Defendant Parties shall expressly fully, finally, and forever waive, compromise, settle, discharge, extinguish, and release, and each Released Defendant Party shall be deemed to have waived, compromised, settled, discharged, extinguished, and released, and upon the Effective Date, and by operation of the Judgment shall have waived, compromised, settled, discharged, extinguished, and released, fully, finally, and forever, any and all Released Defendants' Claims against Lead Plaintiff, the Class, and Lead Plaintiff's Counsel, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, contingent or non-contingent, whether or not concealed or hidden, which now exist, or heretofore have existed, upon any theory of law or equity now existing or coming into existence in the future, including, but not limited to, conduct which is negligent, intentional, with or without malice, or a breach of any duty, law or rule, without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of such different or additional facts, legal theories, or authorities. The Settling Parties acknowledge, and the Releasing Plaintiff Parties and Released Defendant Parties shall be deemed by operation of the Judgment to have acknowledged, that the foregoing waiver was separately bargained for and is an essential element of the Settlement of which this release is a part.

- 4. These releases shall be of no force or effect unless and until the Court approves the Stipulation and the Settlement becomes effective on the Effective Date.
- 5. I (We) hereby warrant and represent that I (we) have not assigned or transferred or purported to assign or transfer, voluntarily or involuntarily, any matter released pursuant to this release or any other part or portion thereof.
- 6. I (We) hereby warrant and represent that I (we) have included information about all of my (our) transactions in Carbonite common stock that occurred during the relevant period as well as the number of shares held by me (us) at the close of trading on October 17, 2018, July 25, 2019, and October 23, 2019.



I (We) declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that all of the foregoing information

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ACCURATE CLAIMS PROCESSING TAKES A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TIME. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.

Reminder Checklist:

- 1. Please sign the above release and acknowledgment.
- 2. Remember to attach copies of supporting documentation.

supplied on this Proof of Claim by the undersigned is true and correct.

- 3. **Do not send** originals of certificates or other documentation as they will not be returned.
- 4. Keep a copy of your Proof of Claim and all supporting documentation for your records.
- If you desire an acknowledgment of receipt of your Proof of Claim, please send it Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested.
- 6. If you move, please send your new address to the address below.
- 7. **Do not use red pen or highlighter** on the Proof of Claim or supporting documentation. Must use Black or Blue Ink or your claim may be deemed deficient.

THIS PROOF OF CLAIM MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE OR MAILED NO LATER THAN JUNE 21, 2024, ADDRESSED AS FOLLOWS:

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EXHIBIT C

1 McInnis Parkway Suite 250 San Rafael, CA 94903

P: (415) 458-3015

February 22, 2024

«FirstName» «LastName» «Company» «Addr1» «Addr2» South Bend, IN 46601 «FCountry»

Re: Carbonite Securities Litigation

Dear «GENDER» «LastName»:

Please find enclosed the Summary Postcard Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement for the above referenced litigation. Please note both the class period and the designated eligible securities described on page one of the full Notice, specifically the inclusion of all persons and entities who purchased or otherwise acquired the common stock of Carbonite, Inc. ("Carbonite" or the "Company") between October 18, 2018 and July 25, 2019, inclusive (the "Class Period"). In addition, the Notice provides that the Exclusion Deadline is April 24, 2024 and the Claim Filing Deadline is June 21, 2024.

Please pay particular attention to the "Special Notice to Securities Brokers and Other Nominees" on page twelve of the full Notice which states, in part: Nominees who purchased or otherwise acquired Carbonite common stock during the Class Period for beneficial owners who are Class Members are directed to: (i) request within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the Postcard Notice sufficient copies of the Postcard Notice from the Claims Administrator to forward to all such beneficial owners; or (ii) send a list of the names and addresses (including email addresses if available) of such beneficial owners to the Claims Administrator within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the Postcard Notice at notifications@gilardi.com or: Carbonite Securities Litigation, Claims Administrator, c/o Gilardi & Co. LLC, P.O. Box 301171, Los Angeles, CA 90030-1171. If a nominee elects to send the Postcard Notice to beneficial owners, such nominee is directed to email or mail (where an email is unavailable) the Postcard Notice within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of those documents from the Claims Administrator, and upon such emailing or mailing, the nominee shall send a statement to the Claims Administrator confirming that the emailing or mailing was made as directed, and the nominee shall retain the list of names and addresses for use in connection with any possible future notice to the Class.

Please do not make your own copies of the Proof of Claim Form, as copies may not be accepted for processing. Additional copies of the appropriate documents may be requested by contacting us at the above address and/or phone number. If we conduct the necessary mailing on your behalf, please submit names and addresses either via email to Notifications@Gilardi.com, via CD Rom to the above address or contact us to obtain secure FTP transmission instructions. Mailing labels will be accepted, but you may be requested to provide an additional copy of the address information you send. Do not include any confidential information that should not appear on a mailing label.

The data provided must be in one of the following formats:

- ASCII Fixed Length file
- ASCII Tab Delimited file
- Microsoft Excel spreadsheet

Your request must also specify the case name and Control Total(s) (for example, the total number of name and address records provided) for each file submission. Please email Motifications@Gilardi.com with any questions.

Sincerely,

Gilardi and Company, LLC

EXHIBIT D



Apple Gets Hard Lesson in Making Cars

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he Car Guys warned Apple that the metal-bashing business could be a tough, low-margin game. But nobody wanted to listen to a bunch of dinosaurs from Detroit.

Instead, Apple joined the hoopla in Silicon Valley around the idea that a new era of the automobile was emerging, one that would seamlessly marry software and hardware and make the old guard obsolete.

In the end, for Apple, it seems making its own car turned out to be as difficult as doing its own television set. The TV dream died years ago while Apple executives just told their team this week that the work to bring out an electric vehicle was canceled, too.

The latest retreat underscores just how unlikely Elon Musk's success with **Tesla** has been. To take an electricvehicle startup founded 20 years ago and turn it into a proper car company on pace to sell almost as many vehicles annually as **BMW** would have been hard to imagine when Apple began its own car project a decade ago.

But Apple engineers looked jealously at the Tesla Model S, and probably thought to themselves: "We can top that!"

Just a few years into his role as Apple chief executive, Tim Cook greenlighted a secret, ambitious plan—dubbed Project Titan—for the company to build its own car. When word of the project became public in 2015, it was greeted by a mixture of hysteria and disbelief.

"I think somebody is kind of trying to cough up a hairball here," General Motors' then-retired Chief Executive Dan Akerson told me around that time, echoing the same sort of sentiment entrenched players had when Apple was first getting into cellphones. He thought Apple's investors should have second thoughts about the escapade, saying a lot of people underestimate how challenging building and selling cars can be.

or all of the buzz around Tesla in 2015, the young company's ultimate success didn't look so certain as it continued to struggle with the basics of building cars, and some questioned if the company could survive.

As news of Project Titan reverberated, it quickly made so much sense to so many. It wasn't a hairball idea but an obvious next step for Cook and a company coming off a remarkable stretch of reimag-



The ill-fated project seemed a natural next step for CEO Cook.

ining and evolving the business first with the iPod, then iPhone followed by iPad as well as digital services such as music and its App Store. Apple would do to cars what it did to phones. And it would win, of course. Plus, Apple, thanks to the success of the fat margins on its iPhones, was then sitting on almost

\$200 billion in cash. At one point, Gene Munster, a longtime Apple analyst, projected that entering the car business could help ignite Apple's revenue growth, suggesting if the company captured 10% of the

autos market, it could boost revenue by 60%

That was an exciting prospect for a company facing the law of large numbers and for another evolution.

In the years that followed, an arms race exploded among automakers, tech companies and others rushing to invest in technologies to compete in driverless and electric cars. Billions of dollars poured in while bold predictions were made about robot cars crawling through cities sometime

Except, in the end, Apple's success wasn't as inevitable

as so many thought.

Leaks in the press painted unusual uncertainty at Apple as timelines kept slipping, project leaders kept departing and remits kept evolving. Project Titan's ambitions became diminished, less compelling-from an electric, robot car, then just about perfecting autonomy, then just about an EV.

For a company so accustomed to winning, Apple seemed more and more like a lumbering giant.

Outsider skepticism began to build. Maybe, just maybe, that Akerson guy was right after all—making cars is hard.

usk would agree. In the subsequent years V after the Model S, Tesla narrowly avoided its own death before hitting on eventual success with the Model 3, a cheaper sedan that helped remake Tesla into a mainstream automaker and further ignited a rush of investment into EV rivals in the U.S. and, more importantly, in China where a price war has broken out.

Amid his darkest moments, in this period, Musk has said he even considered selling Tesla to Apple, but Cook eschewed his advances.

With all of its riches, Apple could afford to be a dilettante

in the car business, spending billions of dollars only to change course because things weren't working out as hoped. For Tesla and others, such spending bets were life or death.

Apple's shifting car strategies mimicked the overall state of confusion in the automotive industry.

Driverless cars, which had appeared so imminent a decade ago, have proved a much tougher challenge than many anticipated. And EV sales in the U.S. aren't growing at the same rate as they once were, leading several companies to slow their plans. Even Tesla, which once had industry-defying margins, has seen its profitability narrow.

"Looks like Apple finally came to the conclusion that although they could not get an acceptable profit margin, they weren't going to make that up with volume!" former Ford Motor Chief Executive Mark Fields said by email.

The latest shift by Apple reminded Akerson of GM's own history of trying to broaden its footprint into industries it knew nothing about only to be haunted by those decisions years later.

"The lesson," he told me late Tuesday, "reaffirmed in many instances: stick to your knitting."

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CLASS ACTION

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

RUBEN A. LUNA, Individually and on Behalf of All

Plaintiff.

CARBONITE, INC., et al.,

Defendants

No. 1:19-cv-11662-LTS CLASS ACTION

SUMMARY NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

TO: ALL PERSONS AND ENTITIES WHO PURCHASED OR OTHERWISE ACQUIRED THE COMMON STOCK OF CARBONITE, INC. ("CARBONITE") DURING THE PERIOD BETWEEN OCTOBER 18, 2018 AND JULY 25, 2019, INCLUSIVE ("CLASS" OR "CLASS MEMBERS") THIS NOTICE WAS AUTHORIZED BY THE COURT. IT IS NOT A LAWYER SOLICITATION. PLEASE

READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY AND IN ITS ENTIRETY. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a hearing will be held on May 15, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., before the Honorable Leo T. Sorokin at the United States District Court, District of Massachusetts, John Joseph Moakley U.S. Courthouse,

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Tesla Car To Arrive Next Year

Continued from page B1 their presence around the globe in recent years. Chinese electric-vehicle

maker BYD, which overtook Tesla for the first time as the world's largest EV seller in the fourth quarter of last year, has been scouting locations in Mexico for a factory, from which it would consider exporting cars to the U.S.

Musk's focus on the Roadster comes days after BYD unveiled a \$233,000 sports car known as the U9, part of plans to expand from the company's budget-car origins in hopes of higher returns under its premium brand Yangwang.

The Warren Buffett-backed company plans to start deliveries of the Lamborghiniesque two-door coupe in mid-2024.

Musk has said that the Chinese companies are the "most competitive" challengers he faces in the industry. "If there are not trade barriers established, they will pretty much demolish most other car companies in the world," Musk said during Tesla's earnings call in January.

With five models, Tesla's retail lineup is still relatively limited compared with other automakers. It only recently started selling the Cybertruck, a pickup that starts at roughly \$61,000. Musk said he expects



Tesla's Elon Musk previously hyped Roadster's new version.

to eventually produce about started making the Model S 250,000 Cybertrucks a year. But he has cautioned that the ramp-up will be slow due to the difficulty of the design and has said Tesla is unlikely to hit that rate of output before 2025.

The Cybertruck's launch also has been marked by concerns from some owners about rust possibly forming on its stainless-steel exterior. A Tesla engineer said earlier this month that the spotting is 'surface contamination" that can be cleaned easily.

While the Roadster is likely to be a niche model for the carmaker, competing in an already-crowded luxury EV market, the vehicle has a significant place in Tesla's history.

The first Roadster, a modified version of a Lotus sports car, sold for more than \$100,000 and could get about 245 miles on a single charge. At the time of the company's initial public offering in 2010. it was the only vehicle Tesla sold.

The automaker eventually

sedan and Model X SUV, before introducing a cheaper car, the Model 3, in 2017. That same year, Musk

promised a revamped version of the Roadster that he said would be the quickest production car ever made, with a top speed of 250 mph. At the time, Tesla said a base version would sell for \$200,000 and debut in 2020.

Tesla in 2021 delayed the launch, citing supply-chain shortages. Still, it has been taking reservations for the new Roadster. According to its website, potential buyers can secure one with a \$50,000 de-

Musk has previously hyped the new model on social media. In 2018, he tweeted that the new Roadster will come with a "SpaceX option," including rocket engines that will "dramatically improve acceleration, top speed, braking & cornering.'

"You will love the new Roadster more than your house," he said.

Essence Is in Talks to Purchase Site Refinery29 From Vice Media

By Alexandra Bruell

Essence Magazine's parent company is in talks to acquire Vice Media's women's lifestyle site Refinery29, a deal that could help the Black-owned media brand expand its digital profile and reach more young women. The price being discussed

couldn't be learned but Essence would likely pay a fraction of the \$400 million Vice paid when it bought Refinery29 in 2019, according to people familiar with the situation.

News of the discussions, which could still fall apart, comes just days after Vice's largest shareholder, Fortress Investment Group, said it would stop publishing content on the company's namesake site, Vice.com, and was laying off hundreds of staffers.

Refinery29, founded in 2005, was one of the early digitalmedia players to gain relevance among millennial women, with

revenue generated through ads, events and licensing deals. Vice was drawn to Refinery29 as a way to complement its maleheavy audience and draw in new advertisers.

Refinery29 has struggled with the same challenges other online publishers have, including a volatile ad market and a decline in traf-

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Google from and social-media sites. Refinery29 saw a decrease in revenue to \$30 million last year from around \$50 million in 2022, The Wall Street Journal

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previously reported.

Essence Ventures, which is owned by Richelieu Dennis and is the magazine's parent, is among the companies marketers are targeting as they try to increase spending on Black-owned media. Adding Refinery29 to its stable would substantially increase the inventory Essence can sell to those advertisers.

Dennis is chairman and cofounder of the Group Black consortium, which aims to help advertisers more efficiently spend greater sums of money with Black-owned media. Group

Black in recent years has ex-The price would likely be a fraction of the \$400 million Vice paid.

pressed interest in acquiring various digital publishers, including Vice. Vice Media was once valued at \$5.7 billion

and was among the most promising digital-media ventures,

but has struggled to stay afloat. Fortress, which took over Vice in bankruptcy last year, is now focusing on its remaining assets, which include its production studio, TV network and ad agency Virtue.

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Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP Announces Proposed Settlement in the Carbonite Securities Litigation

February 29, 2024 08:00 AM Eastern Standard Time

SAN DIEGO--(<u>BUSINESS WIRE</u>)--The following statement is being issued by Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP regarding the Carbonite Securities Litigation:

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RUBEN A. LUNA, Individually and on Behalf of

No. 1:19-cv-11662-LTS

All Others Similarly Situated,

(Consolidated)

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VS.

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