

Did you buy Lithium Batteries (“LIBs”) or certain products containing LIBs (“LIB Products”) in Canada between January 1, 2000 and January 1, 2012?



If so, you could be affected by a class action settlement.

Subject of the Class Actions

Lithium batteries, or “Lithium-ion batteries” or “LIBs” (an “LIB” or “LIBs”), are cylindrical, prismatic or polymer type of rechargeable batteries. These LIBs are sold separately or within consumer electronic products (“LIB Products”).

Class actions were commenced on behalf of residents of Canada, alleging that certain LIB manufacturers and their related entities conspired to fix the prices of LIBs, and that this resulted in consumers, businesses, and other purchasers paying too much for LIBs and certain LIB Products purchased in Canada.

The Settlements

A settlement has been reached with Panasonic Corporation, Panasonic Corporation of North America, Panasonic Canada Inc., and Sanyo Electric Co., Ltd. (collectively, “Panasonic”) for USD\$6,295,000 (converted to approximately CDN\$8,243,300).

The Panasonic settlement is subject to court approval in Ontario and Quebec. The Panasonic settlement is a compromise of disputed claims and not an admission of liability, fault, or wrongdoing.

Prior settlements were reached with LG, Samsung, Sony, NEC, Hitachi Maxell and Toshiba in the class actions, all approved by previous orders by the courts.

Certification/Authorization as Class Proceedings for Settlement Purposes

The courts in Ontario and Quebec have certified/authorized the class actions as class proceedings against Panasonic for settlement purposes only.

Settlement Class Members

You are a member of the settlement class if you purchased LIBs or certain LIB Products in Canada between January 1, 2000 and January 1, 2012. To know which LIB products are covered by these class actions, please visit www.siskinds.com/batteries/ or at www.recourscollectif.info/en/cases/batteries/.

Settlement, Distribution and Fee Approval Hearings

Hearings to consider approval of the Panasonic settlement and class counsels’ fee request of 25% of the Panasonic settlement, plus disbursements and applicable taxes, will be heard by the Ontario court in the city of Toronto on **January 15, 2021, 10:00 a.m.** and by the Quebec court in the city of Montreal on **January 26, 2021, 10:00 a.m.**

At the approval hearings, the courts will be asked to approve a process for distributing to settlement class members the Panasonic settlement funds and the previous settlement funds achieved in the class action.

Depending on the status of the Covid 19 situation, it is possible that the hearings will proceed by videoconference, teleconference or in writing.

You may express your views on the proposed settlement or class counsel’s fee request to the courts. If you wish to do so you must act by January 4, 2021.

More Information

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