

Class Action Summary

Optical Disk Drive Canada
Antitrust Class Action Settlements

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If you purchased optical disk drives and/or products containing optical disk drives in Canada from **January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2010**, you may be entitled to participate in the **\$24,643,940 (CDN) and \$2,150,000 (USD)** recovered **thus far** in class action settlements.

Filing Deadline: No Claim Forms are available at this time.

Eligible Class Members: All individuals and/or entities residing in Canada, who, at any time from January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2010, purchased an optical disk drive ("ODD", as defined below) and/or products containing an ODD ("ODD Product", as defined below). This includes purchases of ODDs manufactured and/or supplied by the "Defendants" (listed below) as well as ODDs that were not manufactured or supplied by the Defendants.

Definition of "ODD" and "ODD Products": An "ODD" is any device which reads and/or writes data from and to an optical disk, including but not limited to, CD-ROMs, CD-recordable/rewritable, DVD-ROM, DVD recordable/rewritable, Blu-Ray, Blu-Ray-recordable/rewritable, and HD DVD, as well as Super Multi-Drives, other combination drives, and optical disk drives designed to be attached externally to computers or other devices. An "ODD Product" is a product incorporating ODD, including but not limited to desktop computers, mobile or laptop computers, video game consoles, CD players or recorders, DVD Players or recorders and Blu-Ray disc players or recorders.

Defendants: The Defendants include 1) TEAC Corporation, TEAC America, Inc., TEAC Canada, Ltd. (collectively, "TEAC"); 2) NEC Corporation and NEC Canada Inc. (collectively, "NEC"); 3) Hitachi-LG Data Storage, Inc., Hitachi-LG Data Storage Korea, Inc. (collectively, "HLDS"); 4) Sony Corporation, Sony Optiarc, Inc., Sony Optiarc America Inc., Sony of Canada Ltd. and Sony Electronics, Inc. (collectively, "Sony"); 5) Toshiba Corporation, Toshiba Samsung Storage Technology Corporation, Toshiba Samsung Storage Technology Korea Corporation, Toshiba of Canada Limited, Toshiba America Consumer Products, LLC, Toshiba America Information Systems, Inc., Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd., Samsung Electronics Canada Inc. and Samsung Electronics America, Inc. (collectively, "TSST"); 6) Hitachi Ltd., Hitachi Canada, Ltd., Hitachi America, Ltd., LG Electronics Inc., LG Electronics Canada, Inc. and LG Electronics USA, Inc. (collectively, the "HLDS Released Parties"); 7) Philips & Lite-On Digital Solutions Corporation and Philips & Lite-On Digital Solutions USA, Inc. (collectively, "PLDS"); 8) Koninklijke Philips N.V. (formerly known as Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V.), Lite-On IT Corporation of Taiwan, Lite-On IT Corporation, Philips Canada Ltd., Philips Electronics North America Corporation and Philips Electronics Ltd. (collectively, "PLDS Released Parties"); 9) Quanta Storage, Inc., Quanta Storage America, Inc.; 10) Panasonic Corporation, Panasonic Corporation of North America and Panasonic Canada Inc. (collectively, "Panasonic"); 11) BenQ Corporation, BenQ America Corporation and BenQ Canada Corp.; and 12) Pioneer Corporation, Pioneer North America, Inc., Pioneer Electronics (USA) Inc., Pioneer High Fidelity Taiwan Co., Ltd. and Pioneer Electronics of Canada Inc.

Case History: Commencing in 2010, civil claims were filed in Canada alleging the Defendants participated in a conspiracy to fix, maintain or increase the prices of ODDs and ODD Products sold in Canada. At this time, the class has entered into settlements with Panasonic (\$1,650,000 USD), TSST (\$5.695 million CDN), TEAC (\$500,000 USD), NEC (\$730,000 CDN), HLDS (\$8,123,940 CDN and this settlement also discharges the claims against the HLDS Released Parties noted above), Sony (\$4,400,000 CDN) and PLDS (\$5,695,000 CDN and this settlement also discharges the claims against the PLDS Released Parties noted above). The TEAC, NEC and HLDS settlements received Court approval and a distribution protocol will be filed for approval with the Courts at a future date. Approval of the Panasonic, TSST, Sony and PLDS settlements are pending. These settlement funds (less expenses, noticing costs and fees or government taxes) will be distributed to the class if the distribution protocol is granted Court approval and a claims filing process is completed. The litigation is currently ongoing against the Non-Settling Defendants and it is possible that additional funds may become available to the class if any additional settlements are reached.

Class Counsel or the Settlement Administrator may be contacted for additional settlement information. You also may visit the Court-approved website. Please understand that you have the right to file on your own. To learn more about our services, visit www.FRSCO.com.

The Services FRS Provides: Financial Recovery Strategies (FRS) is a class action claims management consultant; we are not a court appointed claims administrator or class counsel. If you hire FRS, FRS will work within your guidelines to manage the claims process. The services that FRS provides include the following: (i) notifying you when we believe that you may be eligible to participate in settlements likely to be valuable to you; (ii) endeavoring to enhance the likelihood that all of your eligible business units (e.g., subsidiaries, divisions, acquisitions and divestitures) are included in the claims process; (iii) to reduce the support needed from your in-house staff, providing advice on what, if any, documents need to be collected and maintained, and, when requested, assisting in that effort; (iv) when required documents are not available or are too burdensome to collect, attempting to develop innovative alternatives to satisfy documentation requirements and striving to obtain approval of those alternatives; (v) preparing, assembling and submitting your claim package, and managing it throughout the claims processing phase, including working with you to address any concerns or questions claims administrators may have; (vi) providing regular updates on the recovery process; (vii) reviewing your payment to assure that it has not been under calculated; and (viii) following up with you to assure that your recovery check is deposited. FRS's recovery specialists are always available to answer any questions you may have.

How to Retain FRS: If you wish to hire FRS to file and manage a claim on your behalf, you must return a signed Claims Management Agreement and a signed Authority to File and Manage Claims. Before doing so, it is important that you understand their terms and make sure that all information about you is correct.