

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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**IN RE WORLDCOM, INC. SECURITIES** : **02 Civ. 3288 (DLC)**  
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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS OF CLASS ACTION  
WITH FORMER WORLDCOM EXECUTIVE DEFENDANTS**

**TO: All persons or entities who purchased or acquired publicly traded securities of WorldCom, Inc. during the period from April 29, 1999 through and including June 25, 2002 (the “Class Period”), and who were injured thereby**

This Notice describes the settlements reached in the WorldCom securities class action litigation (the “Litigation”) with four former WorldCom executives (the “Executive Defendants”). It also describes how you can obtain further information about these settlements and, if you wish, object to the settlements. As described below, any objection must be made in writing and received by August 26, 2005.

**I. Background**

On November 12, 2004, United States District Judge Denise Cote granted final approval to a settlement in the amount of \$2,575,000,000 between Lead Plaintiff Alan G. Hevesi, Comptroller of the State of New York and the sole Trustee of the New York State Common Retirement Fund on behalf of the Class, and four defendants associated with Citigroup, Inc. (the “Citigroup Settlement”). That settlement was described in a Notice of Proposed Settlement of Class Action Against the Citigroup Defendants, dated August 2, 2004, that was mailed to Class Members.

Between March 3 and April 25, 2005, Lead Plaintiff achieved settlements in a combined amount of \$3,553,056,840 with all remaining defendants against whom the Litigation was not stayed. Those settlements were described in a Notice of Proposed Settlements of Class Action with Settling Defendants and Bar Order Notice, dated July 1, 2005, that was mailed to Class Members. The total amount previously recovered for the benefit of the Class, including the Citigroup Settlement, is \$6,128,056,840, plus interest.

Lead Plaintiff has now reached settlements with the four remaining defendants in the Litigation – the Executive Defendants. The Litigation had been stayed against the Executive Defendants as a result of the criminal charges filed against them. The four Executive Defendants are: former WorldCom chief executive officer Bernard Ebbers; former WorldCom chief financial officer Scott Sullivan; former WorldCom controller David Myers; and former WorldCom director of accounting Buford Yates.

This is the Court-approved Notice of the proposed settlements with the WorldCom Executive Defendants. This Notice is being issued by sending it for publication in *The Wall Street Journal*

and *The New York Times*, and over the PR Newswire and Bloomberg News, posting it on the website established for this Litigation, [www.worldcomlitigation.com](http://www.worldcomlitigation.com), and sending it by mail to each Class Member who by August 12, 2005 requests a hard copy of the Notice from the Claims Administrator, identified in Part IX below. There will be no other mailing of this Notice to Class Members.

## **II. The Class**

As set forth in the Notice of Class Action, which was mailed to Class Members pursuant to a December 11, 2003 Order of the Court, the above-captioned lawsuit has been certified by the Court as a Class Action on behalf of a class (the “Class”) consisting of all individuals or entities who purchased or acquired publicly traded securities of WorldCom, Inc. (“WorldCom”) during the period from April 29, 1999 through and including June 25, 2002, and who were injured thereby. The Class includes persons or entities who acquired shares of WorldCom common stock by any method, including but not limited to in the secondary market, in exchange for shares of acquired companies pursuant to a registration statement, or through the exercise of options including options acquired pursuant to employee stock plans, and persons or entities who acquired debt securities or other preferred securities of WorldCom in the secondary market or pursuant to a registration statement, and who were injured thereby.

Excluded from the Class are: the defendants in the Litigation, members of the families of the individual defendants in the Litigation, any entity in which any defendant in the Litigation has a controlling interest, officers and directors of WorldCom and its subsidiaries and affiliates, and the legal representatives, heirs, successors or assigns of any such excluded party. Also excluded from the Class are all persons who opted out of the Class on a timely basis, *i.e.*, by the September 1, 2004 opt out deadline, and did not submit a signed request for revocation of a prior request for exclusion that was deemed effective by the Court. A more detailed description of the Class is contained in the Notice of Settlements of Class Action With Settling Defendants and Bar Order Notice, which can be obtained from the sources identified in Part IX of this Notice.

## **III. The Settlements with the Executive Defendants**

Between June 30, 2005 and July 26, 2005, after negotiations with the Executive Defendants that included their disclosure of their financial condition, Lead Plaintiff entered into Stipulations of Settlement on behalf of the Class with each of the Executive Defendants. The settlements reached with the Executive Defendants are as follows:

**Bernard Ebbers** – June 30, 2005, for \$5,636,543.69 in cash (paid to the Class on July 14 and July 29, 2005), plus approximately 75% of the net proceeds from the sales of certain of Ebbers’ assets and approximately 66.7% of the net proceeds from sales relating to another Ebbers’ asset, the Joshua Timberlands. (The balance of the net proceeds will go to MCI, Inc. in satisfaction of debts owed to it by Ebbers.) Conservatively estimated, the additional consideration to be paid to the Class pursuant to the prospective liquidation of these assets is between \$18 million and \$28 million.

**Scott Sullivan** – July 26, 2005, for 90% of Sullivan’s MCI 401(k) account, or approximately \$200,000 (to be paid to the Class before Sullivan is sentenced in his

criminal case on August 11, 2005), plus approximately 90% of the net proceeds from the sale of the house presently under construction in the Le Lac Estate section of Boca Raton, Florida. (The balance of the net proceeds will be distributed to the class of former WorldCom employees in the WorldCom ERISA Litigation.) The consideration to be paid to the Class pursuant to the prospective sale of this property is estimated to be between \$4 million and \$5 million.

**David Myers and Buford Yates** - July 26, 2005, for no monetary consideration, after ~~Plaintiffs'~~Lead Plaintiff's examination of the sworn financial statements of these Defendants confirmed their impecunious financial condition.

The settlements with Ebbers and Sullivan will result in the surrender of substantially all of their assets, and include confidential protections for the Class in the event of a bankruptcy proceeding involving Ebbers or Sullivan. If the settlements are approved, bar orders will be entered preventing Class Members from asserting any claims against the Executive Defendants.

#### **IV. The Plans of Allocation**

Lead Plaintiff and the Additional Named Plaintiffs have proposed to the Court that the proceeds of the settlements with the WorldCom Executive Defendants be allocated to members of the Class, as follows: (i) 4.774% of the Net Settlement Funds to claims asserted under the Securities Act by purchasers of debt securities offered by WorldCom in May 2000; (ii) 15.226% of the Net Settlement Funds to claims asserted under the Securities Act of 1933 by purchasers of debt securities offered by WorldCom in May 2001; and (iii) 80% of the Net Settlement Funds to claims asserted under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 by Class Members who, during the Class Period, purchased (a) WorldCom stock and/or (b) publicly-traded debt securities issued by WorldCom prior to the beginning of the Class Period. These are the same percentages utilized for the proposed allocation of the proceeds from the settlement reached by Plaintiffs with the former WorldCom Director Defendants and Arthur Andersen LLP, as more fully described in the Notice of Proposed Settlements, dated July 1, 2005.

#### **V. Lead Plaintiff's Recommendation to the Class**

The Lead Plaintiff recommends these settlements with the Executive Defendants to the Class because of the inability of the Class to recover the damages it seeks from these defendants given their limited financial resources. Each of the Executive Defendants has provided a statement of financial condition to the Lead Plaintiff. In the event that they have failed to disclose assets, each of the Executive Defendants has agreed that, subject to whatever rights the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission may have and choose to exercise, the undisclosed assets will be transferred to the Class. Based on their evaluation of these settlements with Ebbers and Sullivan, the Government agreed to forego seeking restitution at the sentencing of Ebbers and Sullivan.

#### **VI. Attorney's Fees**

Lead Counsel has agreed with Lead Plaintiff that counsel will not seek any attorney's fees from these recoveries.

## **VII. The Settlement Hearing**

A hearing will be held on September 9, 2005, at 2:30 p.m., before the Honorable Denise Cote in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse, 500 Pearl Street, Courtroom 11-B, New York, New York 10007. At the Hearing, the Court will consider, among other matters: (i) the fairness, reasonableness and adequacy of the proposed settlements with the WorldCom Executive Defendants; and (ii) the fairness and reasonableness of the proposed Plans of Allocation for the settlements.

## **VIII. Submitting an Objection to the Settlements or Plans of Allocation**

Any Class Member may appear at the Settlement Hearing and be heard on any of the foregoing matters. No such person shall be heard to object to the settlements or plans of allocation, however, unless his, her or its objection or opposition is made in writing and, together with copies of all other papers and briefs to be submitted to the Court at the Settlement Hearing, by him, her or it (including proof of all purchases or acquisitions of WorldCom publicly-traded securities during the Class Period), is filed with the Court and served for *receipt* by either of the Lead Counsel, identified in Part IX, below, no later than August 26, 2005, and showing due proof of such service on one of the Lead Counsel. (The deadline for submitting an objection to the previously reached settlements described in a Notice of Proposed Settlements of Class Action with Settling Defendants and Bar Order Notice, dated July 1, 2005, is August 12, 2005.)

Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, any Class Member who does not make and serve his, her or its objection or opposition in the manner provided shall be deemed to have waived all objections and opposition to the issues described in this Notice.

## **IX. Obtaining Notices, Supplemental Plan of Allocation, or a Proof of Claim Form**

If you believe that you are a member of the Class identified above, you may obtain copies of any of the Notices identified above; the proposed Supplemental Plan of Allocation; the settlement agreements with the Executive Defendants; the transcript of the July 11, 2005 court hearing at which the Court preliminarily approved the Ebbers settlement; the transcript of the July 28, 2005 court hearing at which the Court preliminarily approved the Sullivan, Myers and Yates settlements; or a Proof of Claim form, by downloading them from [www.worldcomlitigation.com](http://www.worldcomlitigation.com), or by writing to the Court-approved Administrator, as follows:

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**Note: To receive money from the Settlements, you must be a member of the Class, satisfy the conditions of the Supplemental Plan of Allocation, as approved by the Court, and you must submit a valid Proof of Claim form by August 26, 2005. IF YOU HAVE ALREADY SUBMITTED A PROOF OF CLAIM FORM, NO FURTHER PROOF OF CLAIM FORM IS REQUIRED.**

**PLEASE DO NOT CALL OR WRITE THE COURT OR THE OFFICE OF THE  
CLERK OF COURT FOR INFORMATION OR ADVICE.**

Dated: July 29, 2005

By Order of the United States District Court  
~~Fer~~[for](#) the Southern District of New York

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HONORABLE DENISE COTE  
United States District Judge

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