

## LEGAL NOTICE

# If you bought XYZ Corp. stock in 1999, you could get a payment from a class action settlement.

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A settlement has been proposed in a class action lawsuit about the price of XYZ Corporation stock. The settlement will provide \$6.99 million to pay claims from XYZ investors who bought the company's stock during 1999. If you qualify, you may send in a claim form to get benefits, or you can exclude yourself from the settlement, or object to it.

The United States District Court for the District of State authorized this notice. Before any money is paid, the Court will have a hearing to decide whether to approve the settlement.

### **WHO'S INCLUDED?**

You are a Class Member and could get benefits if you bought shares of XYZ stock during 1999. You are a Class Member only if you bought shares of XYZ stock individually, not simply through a mutual fund. If you sold XYZ stock during 1999, you are a Class Member only if those shares you sold were purchased in 1999. XYZ officers and directors, as well as immediate family members of directors of XYZ during 1999, are not Class Members.

Contact your broker to see if you had shares of XYZ stock. If you're not sure you are included, you can get more information, including a detailed notice, at [www.XYZsettlement.com](http://www.XYZsettlement.com) or by calling toll free 1-800-000-0000.

### **WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?**

The lawsuit claimed that XYZ and its Chief Executive Officer, Anne Adams, misled investors by intentionally overstating the profits that the company expected to earn in the future. The lawsuit also claimed XYZ issued false and misleading information about income and earnings per share for 1999, and that XYZ executives sold their personal shares at inflated prices during that time. XYZ and Ms. Adams deny they did anything wrong. The Court did not decide which side was right. But both sides agreed to the settlement to resolve the case and get benefits to investors. The two sides disagree on how much money could have been won if the investors had won at a trial.

### **WHAT DOES THE SETTLEMENT PROVIDE?**

XYZ agreed to create a fund of \$6.99 million to be divided among all Class Members who send in valid claim forms. A Settlement Agreement, available at the website below, describes

all of the details about the proposed settlement.

Your share of the fund will depend on the number of valid claim forms that Class Members send in, how many shares of XYZ stock you bought, and when you bought and sold them. Generally, if you bought more shares and have more Net Recognized Losses (as explained in the detailed notice), you will get more money. If you bought fewer shares and have fewer Net Recognized Losses, you will get less. All of the \$6.99 million will be paid out.

If every eligible Class Member sends in a valid claim form, the average payment will be 17½ cents for each share of stock bought in 1999. The number of claimants who send in claims varies widely from case to case. If less than 100% of the Class sends in a claim form, you could get more money.

### **HOW DO YOU ASK FOR A PAYMENT?**

A detailed notice and claim form package contains everything you need. Just call or visit the website below to get one. To qualify for a payment, you must send in a claim form. **Claim forms are due by Month 00, 0000.**

### **WHAT ARE YOUR OTHER OPTIONS?**

If you don't want to be legally bound by the settlement, you must exclude yourself by **Month 00, 0000**, or you won't be able to sue, or continue to sue, XYZ about the legal claims in this case. If you exclude yourself, you can't get money from this settlement. If you stay in the settlement, you may object to it by **Month 00, 0000**. The detailed notice explains how to exclude yourself or object.

The Court will hold a hearing in this case (*North v. XYZ Corp.*, Case No. CV-00-5678) on **Month 00, 0000**, to consider whether to approve the settlement and a request by the lawyers representing all Class Members (Lawfirm LLP, of City, ST) for \$3,010,000 (7½ cents per share) in attorneys' fees and costs, for investigating the facts, litigating the case, and negotiating the settlement. The fees and costs won't reduce the settlement fund. You may ask to appear at the hearing, but you don't have to. For more information, call toll free 1-800-000-0000, visit the website [www.XYZsettlement.com](http://www.XYZsettlement.com), or write to XYZ Settlement, P.O. Box 000, City, ST 0000-0000.

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