

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF VICTORIA AT MELBOURNE  
COMMERCIAL & EQUITY DIVISION  
COMMERCIAL COURT

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LIST B

No 8870 of 2009

BETWEEN

**TIMBERCORP LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)**  
**ACN 055 185 067**

First Plaintiff

and

**TIMBERCORP SECURITIES LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)**  
**ACN 092 311 469**

Second Plaintiff

**PLANTATION LAND LIMITED**  
**ACN 090 443 333**

Defendant

**WRIT**

Date of document: 11 September 2009  
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**TO THE DEFENDANT**

**TAKE NOTICE** that this proceeding has been brought against you by the plaintiffs for the claim set out in this writ.

**IF YOU INTEND TO DEFEND** the proceeding or if you have a claim against the plaintiffs which you wish to have taken into account at the trial, **YOU MUST GIVE NOTICE** of your intention by filing an appearance within the proper time for appearance stated below.

**YOU OR YOUR SOLICITOR** may file the appearance. An appearance is filed by:

Arnold Bloch Leibler

- (a) filing a "Notice of Appearance" in the Prothonotary's office, 436 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, or, where the writ has been filed in the office of a Deputy Prothonotary, in the office of that Deputy Prothonotary; and
- (b) on the day you file the Notice, serving a copy, sealed by the Court, at the plaintiffs' address for service, which is set out at the end of this writ.

**IF YOU FAIL** to file an appearance within the proper time, the plaintiff may **OBTAIN JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU** on the claim without further notice.

An order has not been made fixing time for appearance.

**THE PROPER TIME TO FILE AN APPEARANCE** is as follows:

- (a) where you are served with the writ in Victoria, within 10 days after service;
- (b) where you are served with the writ out of Victoria and in another part of Australia, within 21 days after service;
- (c) where you are served with the writ in New Zealand or in Papua New Guinea, within 28 days after service;
- (d) where you are served with the writ in any other place, within 42 days after service.

~~IF the plaintiff claims a debt only and you pay that debt, namely, \$ ——— for legal costs to the plaintiff or its solicitor within the proper time for appearance, this proceeding will come to an end. Notwithstanding the payment you may have the costs taxed by the Court.~~

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 Prothonotary

THIS WRIT is to be served within one year from the date it is filed or within such further period as the Court orders.

## STATEMENT OF CLAIM

- 1 The plaintiffs bring this proceeding as a group proceeding pursuant to Part 4A of the *Supreme Court Act (Victoria)* 1986.
- 2 This proceeding is commenced by the first plaintiff (**Timbercorp**) and the second plaintiff (**TSL**) on their own behalf and on behalf of the sub-lessees under the sub-leases set out in schedule 2 to this statement of claim. Timbercorp, TSL and the Growers are collectively the "**Group Members**".
- 3 Timbercorp and TSL are and were at all material times both companies duly incorporated in accordance with the laws of Victoria.
- 4 Timbercorp and TSL are in liquidation and the liquidators are Mark Anthony Korda and Leanne Kylie Chesser of KordaMentha Pty Ltd ACN 100 169 391 (**Liquidators**).
- 5 The Growers are members of managed investment schemes registered pursuant to Part 5C of the *Corporations Act (Cth)* 2001 for the cultivation of eucalyptus trees (**Forestry Schemes**).
- 6 TSL is the responsible entity of the Forestry Schemes.
- 7 The Defendant (**PLL**) is and was at all material times a company duly incorporated in accordance with the laws of Victoria.

### The Leases

- 8 On or about the dates specified in Schedule 1, PLL leased to Timbercorp or TSL, the land as described in Schedule 1 (**Premises**) for the terms commencing on the dates specified in Schedule 1 (**Leases**).
- 9 All of the Premises are located in the State of Victoria.
- 10 Each of the Leases for each of the Premises contain the same substantive terms. An example of one of the Leases is attached as schedule 3 to this statement of claim.
- 11 The Premises are leased for the purpose of growing, tending and harvesting a plantation or plantations of eucalyptus trees (**Plantations**).

- 12 The Leases include the following covenants regarding the ownership and use of the Plantations relevant to these proceedings: clause 2, clause 4.1, clause 6.2, clause 10 and clause 11.
- 13 The Leases include the following covenants on the part of Timbercorp or TSL, regarding payment of rent, relevant to these proceedings:
- (a) That the Timbercorp or TSL will pay PLL the annual rent in advance in equal successive quarterly instalments on or before 30 June, 30 September, 31 December and 31 March (Clause 3.1);
  - (b) That PLL may terminate the Leases with immediate effect if Timbercorp or TSL are in arrears in respect of one quarterly instalment of annual rent and such arrears are not paid in full within one month after PLL has served a written notice on Timbercorp or TSL requesting payment (Clause 8.1).
- 14 The Leases include the covenant on the part of Timbercorp, TSL and PLL that except as expressly provided in clause 8, neither TSL, Timbercorp or PLL are entitled to terminate or rescind the Lease and PLL is not entitled to re-enter the Premises or forfeit the Lease at any time prior to the expiration of the term (as extended or renewed) (Clause 8.5).

#### **Sub-Leases**

- 15 On or about the dates specified in Schedule 2, as part of the Forestry Schemes, Timbercorp or TSL sub-let each of the Premises to each of the several Growers, for terms commencing on the dates as specified in Schedule 2 (**Sub-Leases**).
- 16 Each of the Sub-Leases for each of the Premises contain the same substantive terms. An example of one of the Sub-Leases is attached as schedule 4 to this statement of claim.
- 17 The Premises are sub-leased for the purpose of growing, tending and harvesting the Plantations.
- 18 The Leases include the following covenants regarding the ownership and use of the Plantations, including reference to the Growers' proprietary rights in the Plantations that are relevant to these proceedings: clause 6.1, clause 8 and clause 13.

### **Non-Payment of the July Quarter Instalment**

- 19 On or about 23 April 2009, the Liquidators were appointed as voluntary administrators of Timbercorp and TSL.
- 20 On or about 29 June 2009 the creditors of Timbercorp and TSL resolved to liquidate Timbercorp and TSL.
- 21 On or before 30 June 2009, Timbercorp and TSL failed to pay the annual rental instalments of \$341,098.53 due on that date as pleaded at paragraph 13(a) above (**July Quarter Instalment**).
- 22 On or about 21 July 2009, PLL issued notices to Timbercorp and TSL requiring payment of the July Quarter Instalment within one month from service of the notices for each of the Premises (**Notices**).
- 23 On or about 31 July 2009 the Liquidators sought expressions of interest in the sale or recapitalisation of the Forestry Schemes' assets, including the Leases (**Timbercorp Sale Process**).
- 24 Final bids for the Timbercorp Sale Process close on 18 September 2009.
- 25 The Timbercorp Sale Process will be completed on or before 30 September 2009.
- 26 It is a condition of sale that the purchaser of Timbercorp's and TSL's interests under the Leases pay:
- (a) the July Quarter Instalment; and
  - (b) the quarterly instalment due on or before 30 September 2009 (**October Quarter Instalment**).
- 27 The Timbercorp Sale Process relies on the Leases and the Sub-Leases remaining in force.
- 28 From on or before 17 July 2009, TSL and Timbercorp had multiple communications with PLL in respect of the Leases.

### **PARTICULARS**

- (a) The communications were both written and oral and included telephone messages, e-mail correspondence and letters.

- (b) The communications were between Bryan Webster, Executive Director of KordaMentha (Liquidators) on behalf of Timbercorp and TSL and Alan Fisher (Director of PLL), Mark Pryn (Company Secretary of PLL), Philip Jones and Jonathan Ambler (Solicitors for PLL).
- (c) One of the purposes of the communications was to inform PLL of the Timbercorp Sale Process, including the requirement that the purchaser pay the July and October Quarter Instalments.
- (d) On or about 30 July 2009, Alan Fisher Director of PLL said to Bryan Webster words to the effect that Timbercorp and TSL should not panic and that PLL would let Timbercorp and TSL know before PLL did anything.

#### **Purported Termination of the Leases**

- 29 Between about 6 August 2009 and 24 August 2009, PLL did not advise Timbercorp and TSL that PLL intended to terminate the Leases.
- 30 On or about 24 August 2009, PLL served notices purporting to terminate the Leases.

#### **PARTICULARS**

The purported termination was communicated by way of written notices addressed to Timbercorp and TSL dated 24 August 2009 and sent under cover of letter from PLL's solicitors to the Liquidators on, or about 24 August 2009.

#### **Payment of Rent**

- 31 Timbercorp and TSL undertake to tender payment of the July Quarter Instalment during the week beginning 14 September 2009.

#### **Relief From Forfeiture**

- 32 Prior to 1 July 2009, Timbercorp and TSL paid the annual rent by quarterly instalments in accordance with the terms of the Leases and PLL accepted the same.
- 33 The failure of Timbercorp and TSL to pay the July Quarter Instalment was due to the insolvency of Timbercorp and TSL.

- 34 Timbercorp and TSL have undertaken to tender payment of the July Quarter Instalment.
- 35 If the Timbercorp Sale Process results in a sale, the October Quarter Instalment will be paid by the assignee of the Timbercorp and TSL leasehold interests.
- 36 By reason of the foregoing the plaintiff denies that it has repudiated the Leases and intends and at all material times has intended that the Lease and all Sub-Leases remain on foot and that any agreement therefore is fully enforceable.
- 37 Further, in so far as the acts of the defendant amount to forfeiture or attempted forfeiture of the Lease or any process analogous thereto, Timbercorp and TSL say that the same is in all the circumstances inequitable and unconscionable and claims relief from the said forfeiture.

#### **Independent Proprietary Right**

- 38 Further or alternatively, the plaintiffs seek declarations pursuant to s 36 of the *Supreme Court Act 1986* that the Leases convey upon Timbercorp and TSL, and the Sub-Leases convey upon the Growers, an independent and severable proprietary interest in the Plantations that will survive termination of the Leases and which includes a right to enter onto the Premises as and when necessary to tend, manage, harvest and remove the Plantations.

#### **COMMON ISSUES OF FACT AND LAW**

- 39 The issues of law or fact common to the claims of the first and second plaintiff and the Group Members are:
- (a) whether the notices PLL served on TSL and Timbercorp to terminate the Leases were effective;
  - (b) whether Timbercorp, TSL and/or the Growers are entitled to relief from forfeiture; and
  - (c) whether Timbercorp and/or TSL or the Growers are entitled to the declarations sought in paragraph 38.

**AND THE PLAINTIFFS CLAIM ON THEIR OWN BEHALF AND ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP MEMBERS:**

**Relief From Forfeiture**

1       Declarations:

(a)       that the defendant's notice dated 24 August 2009 is not effective to terminate the Leases on any grounds;

(b)       that the Leases and Sub-Leases are valid and enforceable.

2       An injunction restraining PLL from taking any steps to terminate the Leases on the grounds that Timbercorp and TSL failed to pay the July Quarter Instalment or to take possession of the premises or otherwise from interfering with the plaintiffs' quiet enjoyment thereof.

3       The plaintiffs further or in the alternative be relieved from forfeiture by PLL of the Leases.

**Declaratory Relief**

4       Declarations as sought in paragraph 38.

**General**

5       Costs.

6       Such further or other order as the Court considers appropriate

DATED: 11 September 2009

*Arnold Bloch Leibler*

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## SCHEDULE 1 - LEASES

Land Description	Date of lease	Commencement date	Timbercorp entity	Rent owing on 30 June 2009	Scheme
Branton 47	15/04/00	25/02/00	TL	\$23,205.28	1999
Broers 51	31/05/00	8/05/00	TL	\$19,157.30	2000
Broers 52 *	31/05/00	8/05/00	TL	**	1999
Calvert 65	30/06/02	30/06/02	TSL	\$10,564.17	2002
Chick 79	31/05/00	30/03/00	TL	\$5,477.05	2000
Fridays 184	30/03/01	30/03/00	TSL	\$15,345.39	2001
Fullertons 518	31/05/00	18/04/00	TL	\$13,112.48	2000
Hawker 214	15/04/00	14/01/00	TL	\$59,572.43	1999
Laurie 272	31/05/00	14/03/00	TL	\$34,155.39	2000
Merna 311	30/03/01	21/03/00	TSL	\$20,783.54	2001
Milltown 314	30/06/02	30/06/02	TSL	\$37,706.67	2002
Nigel 339	31/05/00	6/04/00	TL	\$23,317.06	2000
Settlers 401	31/05/00	31/03/00	TL	\$10,821.17	2000
Sharrock 405	31/05/00	12/04/00	TL	\$8,612.73	2000
Stribling 430	30/06/02	30/06/02	TSL	\$7,735.01	2002
Warrabkook 474	31/05/00	27/03/00	TL	\$6,776.96	2000
Zum Park 516	10/03/08	12/03/02	TL	\$4,757.75	(Not allocated)
Stephens 429	10/03/08	12/03/02	TL	\$15,423.05	(Not allocated)
Merna 312	10/03/08	12/03/02	TL	\$547.18	(Not allocated)
Caulfield 72	10/03/08	12/03/02	TL	\$24,027.92	(Not allocated)
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$341,098.53</b>	

\* Broers 51 and 52 are under the same lease, subdivided and subject to variation of lease

\*\* PLL served one default notice for "Broers", covers both 51 and 52

## SCHEDULE 2 - SUBLEASES

### Growers' Subleases deriving from PLL Leases

Property	Project Reference	Sublease number or reference	Date of Sublease	Sublessor Entity	Reference Number
Arrandoovong 12 <sup>1</sup>	1999 SR	Sub-Lease Victoria 1999 Timbercorp Eucalypts Project 2000 Plantings  Property included in variation of Victorian Single Rotation Sub-Lease (1999 Project - 2000 Plantings)	Original Sublease dated 30 June 1999  Variation effective date 8 December 1999  Commencement date 15 April 2000	Timbercorp Limited  (called Timbercorp Eucalypts Limited at time of original Sub-lease)	E 1999 136  E 1999 123  Listed as Arrandoovong 2000 in Sublease
Branton 47	1999 SR	Sub-Lease Victoria 1999 Timbercorp Eucalypts Project 2000 Plantings  Property included in variation of Victorian Single Rotation Sub-Lease (1999 Project - 2000 Plantings)	Original Sublease dated 30 June 1999  Variation effective date 8 December 1999  Commencement date 15 April 2000	Timbercorp Limited  (called Timbercorp Eucalypts Limited at time of original Sub-lease)	E 1999 136  E 1999 123  Listed as Branton 2000 in Sublease
Broers 51	2000 Eucalypts	Sub-lease - Victoria 2000 Timbercorp Eucalypts Project	Sublease dated 31 May 2000  Commencement date means in respect of a relevant Grower, the date on which an application for Woodlots under the Prospectus is accepted by the Project Manager	Timbercorp Limited	E 2000 093  Listed as Broers 2000 in Sublease
Broers 52	1999 SR	Sub-lease - Victoria 2000 Timbercorp Eucalypts Project	Sublease dated 31 May 2000  Commencement date means in respect of a relevant Grower,	Timbercorp Limited	E 2000 093  Listed as Broers 2000 in Sublease

<sup>1</sup> Under Nigel 339 Head Lease.

			the date on which an application for Woodlots under the Prospectus is accepted by the Project Manager		
Calvert 65	2002 Eucalypts Early	Sub-Lease Victoria 2002 Timbercorp Eucalypts Project	Sublease dated 30 June 2002  Commencement date 30 June 2002	Timbercorp Securities Limited	E 2002 007  Listed as Calvert 2002 in Sublease
Chick 79	2000 Eucalypts	Sub-lease - Victoria 2000 Timbercorp Eucalypts Project	Sublease dated 31 May 2000  Commencement date means in respect of a relevant Grower, the date on which an application for Woodlots under the Prospectus is accepted by the Project Manager	Timbercorp Limited	E 2000 093  Listed as Chick 2000 in Sublease
Fridays 184	2001 Eucalypts	Sub-Lease - Victoria 2001 Timbercorp Eucalypts Project	Sublease dated 30 June 2001  Commencement Date means in respect of a relevant Grower, the date on which an application for Woodlots under the Prospectus is accepted by the Responsible Entity	Timbercorp Securities Limited	E 2001 010  Listed as Down 2001 in Sublease
Fullertons 518	2000 Eucalypts	Sub-lease - Victoria 2000 Timbercorp Eucalypts Project	Sublease dated 31 May 2000  Commencement date means in respect of a relevant Grower, the date on which an application for Woodlots under the Prospectus is accepted by the Project Manager	Timbercorp Limited	E 2000 093  Listed as Fullertons 2000 in Sublease
Hawker 214	1999 SR	Sub-lease - Victoria 1999 Timbercorp Eucalypts Project 2000 Plantings - Post June 1999 Growers	Sublease dated 15 April 2000  Commencement date 15 April 2000	Timbercorp Limited	E 1999 132  Listed as Hawker 2000 in Sublease

Laurie 272	2000 Eucalypts	Sub-lease - Victoria 2000 Timbercorp Eucalypts Project	Sublease dated 31 May 2000  Commencement date means in respect of a relevant Grower, the date on which an application for Woodlots under the Prospectus is accepted by the Project Manager	Timbercorp Limited	E 2000 093  Listed as Laurie 2000 in Sublease
Merna 311	2001 Eucalypts	Sub-Lease - Victoria 2001 Timbercorp Eucalypts Project	Sublease dated 30 June 2001  Commencement Date means in respect of a relevant Grower, the date on which an application for Woodlots under the Prospectus is accepted by the Responsible Entity	Timbercorp Securities Limited	E 2001 010  Listed as Merna 2001 in Sublease
Milltown 314	2002 Eucalypts Early	Sub-Lease Victoria 2002 Timbercorp Eucalypts Project	Sublease dated 30 June 2002  Commencement date 30 June 2002	Timbercorp Securities Limited	E 2002 007  Listed as Milton 2002 in Sublease
Nigel 339	2000 Eucalypts	Sub-lease - Victoria 2000 Timbercorp Eucalypts Project	Sublease dated 31 May 2000  Commencement date means in respect of a relevant Grower, the date on which an application for Woodlots under the Prospectus is accepted by the Project Manager	Timbercorp Limited	E 2000 093  Listed as Nigel 2000 in Sublease
Settlers 401	2000 Eucalypts	Sub-lease - Victoria 2000 Timbercorp Eucalypts Project	Sublease dated 31 May 2000  Commencement date means in respect of a relevant Grower, the date on which an application for Woodlots under the Prospectus is accepted by the Project Manager	Timbercorp Limited	E 2000 093  Listed as Settlers 2000 in Sublease

Sharrock 405	2000 Eucalypts	Sub-lease - Victoria 2000 Timbercorp Eucalypts Project	Sublease dated 31 May 2000  Commencement date means in respect of a relevant Grower, the date on which an application for Woodlots under the Prospectus is accepted by the Project Manager	Timbercorp Limited	E 2000 093  Listed as Sharrock 2000 in Sublease
Stribling 430	2002 Eucalypts Early	Sub-Lease Victoria 2002 Timbercorp Eucalypts Project	Sublease dated 30 June 2002  Commencement date 30 June 2002	Timbercorp Securities Limited	E 2002 007  Listed as Stribling in Sublease
Warrabkook 474	2000 Eucalypts	Sub-lease - Victoria 2000 Timbercorp Eucalypts Project	Sublease dated 31 May 2000  Commencement date means in respect of a relevant Grower, the date on which an application for Woodlots under the Prospectus is accepted by the Project Manager	Timbercorp Limited	E 2000 093  Listed as Warrabkook 2000 in Sublease

### **SCHEDULE 3 - SAMPLE LEASE**

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**LEASE**  
**and**  
**FOREST PROPERTY AGREEMENT**  
**Timbercorp Eucalypts Project**

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**BETWEEN**

**Owner: PLANTATION LAND LIMITED (ACN 090 443 333)**

**Owner's address: Level 5, 95 Queen Street, Melbourne 3000**

**AND**

**Lessee: TIMBERCORP LIMITED (A.C.N. 055 185 067)**  
**of Level 5, 95 Queen Street, Melbourne**

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**THIS LEASE** is (in respect of each Leased Area) made on the date specified in the attached Schedules (as defined):

**BETWEEN:**

**PLANTATION LAND LIMITED (A.C.N. 090 443 333)** of 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, 95 Queen Street, Melbourne, Victoria

("Owner")

**AND**

**TIMBERCORP LIMITED (A.C.N. 055 185 067)** of 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, 95 Queen Street, Melbourne, Victoria

("Lessee")

**RECITALS:**

- A** The Owner is the proprietor of each piece of land described in each Schedule to this lease (each referred to as a "Leased Area").
- B** The Owner has agreed to lease each Leased Area described in each Schedule to the Lessee for the Annual Rent and Term described in that Schedule on the terms and conditions contained in this Lease.
- C** This document is intended to operate as a master lease containing the terms and conditions that are to apply in respect of each Leased Area that the Lessor has agreed and will in future agree to lease to the Lessee from time to time. A new Schedule is to be prepared and annexed to this lease in respect of each new Leased Area and the parties must initial the Schedule.

**OPERATIVE PROVISIONS:**

**1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION**

**1.1. Definitions**

In this Lease, the following words and expressions have the following meanings:

**"Annual Rent"** means the rent specified in item 2 of the Schedule as reviewed from time to time in accordance with clause 3.2.

**"Carbon Credits"** means any tradeable credits or rights associated with the trees resulting from the ability of the trees to absorb green house gases.

**"Commencement Date"** means the date set out in item 3 of the Schedule.

**"Further Term"** means the period for which this Lease may be extended pursuant to clause 7.1.

**"GST"** means GST within the meaning of A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999 (as amended)

**"Leased Area"** means the land described in Item 1 of the Schedule.

**"month"** means calendar month.

**"Plantation Crop"** means the crop or crops of eucalyptus trees planted and tended or to be planted and tended on the Leased Area by the Lessee.

**"Rent Payment Dates"** means each 30 June, 30 September, 31 December and 31 March during the Term.

**"Review Dates"** means the dates referred to in clause 3.2.



"Schedule" means each several schedule attached at the back of this Lease from time to time.

"Term" means the term specified in Item 3 of the Schedule and, where the context permits, includes any extension or renewal of that term, but subject to any variation or termination of the Term in accordance with this Lease.

**1.2. Interpretation**

In this Lease unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) the singular number includes the plural and vice versa and a word denoting one gender includes each of the other genders;
- (b) "person" includes a firm, a corporation and any incorporated body;
- (c) headings are for convenience only and do not affect the interpretation of this Lease;
- (d) a reference to an Act of Parliament shall be read as a reference to that Act as amended, modified or replaced from time to time and includes any regulations, by-laws, orders, ordinances or rules made under that Act;
- (e) a reference to a party to this Lease includes that party's successors and permitted assigns;
- (f) if any party comprises more than one person, the provisions of this Lease binds all of them jointly and each of them severally;
- (g) if the Lessee or any of the persons comprising the Lessee is a trustee, this Lease binds that person in its capacity as trustee and personally; and
- (h) where the word "include" or "includes" is used, it is to be read as if the expression "(but is not limited to)" immediately followed such word and where the word "including" is used, it is to be read as if the expression "(but not limited to)" immediately followed such word.

**2. GRANT OF LEASE**

The Owner leases to the Lessee the Leased Area for the Term for the purpose of growing, tending and harvesting a plantation or plantations of eucalyptus trees.

**3. RENT**

**3.1. Payment of rent**

The Lessee will pay to the Owner the Annual Rent in advance in equal successive quarterly instalments on or before the Rent Payment Dates with the first instalment of rent being due on the Commencement Date. If the Commencement Date is not a Rent Payment Date, the Lessee will pay proportionate instalments of rent on the Commencement Date (for the period from the Commencement Date until the next Rent Payment Date) and on the last Rent Payment Date.

**3.2. Rent reviews**

The Annual Rent will be reviewed on 30 June 2008 and each subsequent 30 June during the Term (as extended or renewed) ("Review Dates"). Subject to clause 7.2, the Annual Rent payable from any Review Date can not be less than the Annual Rent payable immediately prior to that Review Date and will be calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$NR = R \times \frac{NCPI}{CPI}$$

Where:

NR is the Annual Rent payable from the relevant Review Date.

R is the Annual Rent payable immediately prior to the relevant Review Date.

**NCPI** is the Consumer Price Index (All Groups) for the Weighted Average of Eight Capital Cities as last published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics prior to the relevant Review Date.

**CPI** is the Consumer Price Index (All Groups) for the Weighted Average of Eight Capital Cities as last published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics prior to the immediately preceding Review Date or, in the case of the first review, as last published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics prior to the date of execution of this Lease.

**3.3. Discontinuation or suspension of CPI**

If the Consumer Price Index (All Groups) for the Weighted Average of Eight Capital Cities is discontinued or suspended, the method of review set out in clause 3.2 will cease to apply and will be replaced with such alternative method as is mutually agreed between the Owner and the Lessee or, if the parties fail to agree, such alternative method, as in the opinion of an expert appointed by the President for the time being of the Institute of Chartered Accountants (Victorian Division) at the request of either party most, closely reflects changes in the cost of living for the Weighted Average of Eight Capital Cities. The cost of any expert determination carried out under this clause will be borne equally between the parties.

**4. THE LESSEE'S OBLIGATIONS**

The Lessee agrees with the Owner that the Lessee will at the Lessee's expense during the Term:

**4.1. Permitted use**

Use the Leased Area for the purpose of growing, tending and harvesting a plantation or plantations of eucalyptus trees and deal with the Plantation Crop as the Lessee sees fit.

**4.2. Forestry practice**

Comply with sound silvicultural and environmental practices adopted within the forestry industry.

**4.3. Comply with laws**

Comply with all laws, by-laws and regulations relating to the use and occupancy of the Leased Area.

**4.4. Repairs**

Promptly repair any damage caused by the Lessee to any roads, tracks or fences on the Leased Area.

**4.5. Chemicals and dangerous substances**

Not store or use any chemical, inflammable, noxious or dangerous substances in a manner which is likely to result in damage to vegetation, livestock, crops or water reserves on any neighbouring land owned or occupied by the Owner.

**4.6. Native vegetation**

Not cut down, damage or destroy any native vegetation on the Leased Area without the prior written consent of the Owner.

**4.7. Buildings**

Not erect any buildings, structures or dwellings or use any caravans on the Leased Area for accommodation purposes.

**4.8. Permit Owner to enter**

Permit the Owner to enter upon the Leased Area from time to time with or without equipment for the purpose of performing the Owner's obligations under this Lease and for accessing neighbouring land owned or occupied by the Owner.

**4.9. Indemnity**

Indemnify the Owner from and against all claims, demands, proceedings, judgments, damages, costs and losses of any nature which the Owner may suffer or incur in connection with the loss of life and/or personal injury to any person or damage to any property whatsoever occurring arising from an occurrence at the Leased Area or the use by the Lessee of the Leased Area during the Term except where the loss of life and/or personal injury or damage to property is the result of an act of default or neglect by the Owner or the Owner's invitees.

**5. OWNER'S OBLIGATIONS**

The Owner agrees with the Lessee that the Owner will at the Owner's expense during the Term:

- (a) **Quiet enjoyment**  
Allow the Lessee to peaceably and quietly hold and enjoy the Leased Area without any interruption by the Owner or any person claiming through or under the Owner.
- (b) **Rates and taxes**  
Duly and punctually pay or cause to be paid all rates, taxes and other charges levied by any government or other authority in respect of the Leased Area.
- (c) **Comply with laws**  
Comply with all laws, by-laws and regulations relating to the use and occupancy of any neighbouring land occupied by the Owner.
- (d) **Comply with mortgages, etc**  
Comply with the provisions of all mortgages, leases, licenses and charges relating to the Leased Area.
- (e) **Chemicals and dangerous substances**  
Not store or use any chemical, inflammable, noxious or dangerous substances in a manner which is likely to result in damage to the Plantation Crop.
- (f) **Control of fires**  
Take all necessary measures to ensure that any fires which may occur or be lit on any neighbouring land owned or occupied by the Owner are properly controlled and supervised.
- (g) **Lighting of fires**  
Not without the prior written approval of the Lessee light any fires on the Leased Area.
- (h) **Notification of fires**  
Where reasonably practical, promptly notify the Lessee or its named contractor (if any) named on the entrance to the Leased Area of:
  - (i) any fire in the vicinity of the Leased Area which may threaten the Plantation Crop; and
  - (ii) any notice or notification received by the Owner from the owner or occupier of any adjoining land pursuant to any Act of Parliament or regulation relating to bush fires.

**6. THE LESSEE'S RIGHTS**

**6.1. General**

The Owner hereby grants to the Lessee the rights set out in this part to be exercised by the Lessee during the Term.

**6.2. Harvest**

The Lessee will be entitled to harvest the Plantation Crop and to remove and sell or otherwise deal in the products and any rights, benefits and credits derived from the Plantation Crop and to retain all income from such sale or dealing.

**6.3. Access**

The Lessee will be entitled to full and free access with or without vehicles to the Leased Area along any road or track on any neighbouring land in respect of which the Owner has similar rights and which gives access to the Leased Area from a public road.

**6.4. Construct roads and tracks**

The Lessee may with the prior written consent of the Owner (which consent must not be unreasonably withheld) construct and maintain such roads and tracks (including, if necessary, bridges and culverts) on the Leased Area or on any neighbouring land in respect of which the Owner has similar rights, as are reasonably required by the Lessee to provide access to the Leased Area from a public road.

**6.5. Use of sand and gravel**

For the purposes of constructing and maintaining the roads and tracks referred to in clause 6.4 the Lessee may take and use sand, gravel and other material available from a place approved by the Owner (which approval must not be unreasonably withheld) on either the Leased Area, or any neighbouring land in respect of which the Owner has similar rights, in such quantities as the Lessee reasonably requires. If the Lessee exercises its rights under this clause, the Lessee must rehabilitate the surface of the land to an appearance as near as possible to the appearance of the surface of the surrounding land.

**6.6. Graze livestock**

The Owner may graze livestock on the Leased Area at such times and under such conditions as are acceptable to the Lessee. If the Owner does not wish to graze livestock under those conditions, the Lessee may do so and retain any income derived therefrom.

**6.7. Security**

Subject to clause 4.8, the Lessee may at its own expense padlock any gates on roads or tracks entering the Leased Area and take such other measures to exclude trespassers as the Lessee reasonably considers appropriate.

**6.8. Signs**

The Lessee may at its own expense erect and maintain a sign or signs on the Leased Area detailing such matters as the Lessee reasonably considers appropriate.

**7. EXTENSION OF TERM**

**7.1. Lessee may extend Term**

The Lessee may by giving written notice to the Owner not less than three (3) months prior to the expiration of the Term, elect to extend the Term for the purpose of growing, tending and harvesting a further rotation of the Plantation Crop (whether by way of coppice or replant) in respect of the whole or any part of the Leased Area (as nominated by the Lessee in such notice) for the period commencing immediately upon expiry of the Term and expiring on the earliest of:

- (a) 12 years after the commencement of the Further Term; and
- (b) the date harvesting of the Plantation Crop is completed for the second time.

**7.2. Extension for late harvesting**

If the Lessee is prevented from:

- (a) harvesting the Plantation Crop;

- (b) removing from the Leased Area the products derived from the Plantation Crop; or
- (c) processing the products derived from the Plantation Crop,

due to an event of Force Majeure, but continues to pay instalments of Annual Rent, the Lessee may by giving written notice to the Owner elect to extend the Term (on the terms and conditions of this Lease) for a period of time equal to the duration of the event of Force Majeure.

**7.3. Definition of Force Majeure**

In clause 7.2, "Force Majeure" means:

- (a) Act of God, fire, explosion, earthquake, landslide, flood, wash-out, lightning, storm or tempest;
- (b) strikes, lockouts, stoppages, restraints of labour or other industrial disturbances;
- (c) war, acts of public enemies, riot, civil commotion or sabotage;
- (d) breakdown of or accident to plant, machinery or equipment (excluding a breakdown caused by any failure of the Lessee to maintain plant, machinery or equipment in a proper manner);
- (e) restraints, embargoes or other unforeseeable actions by the government of Victoria or the government of the Commonwealth of Australia; or
- (f) any Act of Parliament, regulation, by-law, order, ordinance or rule.

**8. TERMINATION**

**8.1. Non payment of Annual Rent**

The Owner may terminate this Lease with immediate effect if the Lessee is in arrears in respect of one quarterly instalment of Annual Rent and such arrears are not paid in full within one month after the Owner has served a written notice on the Lessee requesting payment.

**8.2. Termination upon Harvest**

- (a) Until such time as the Term is extended under clause 7.1, the Lessee may terminate this Lease at any time after completion of the first harvest of the Plantation Crop by giving not less than three (3) months prior notice in writing to the Owner.
- (b) In the event that the Term is extended under clause 7.1 for the purpose of growing, tending and harvesting a further rotation of the Plantation Crop, the Lessee may terminate this Lease at any time after completion of the second harvest of the Plantation Crop by giving not less than three (3) months prior notice in writing to the Owner.

**8.3. Material breach**

The Lessee may terminate this Lease with immediate effect if the Owner commits a material breach of this Lease and fails to remedy the breach or make reasonable compensation in money within one month after the Lessee has served a written notice on the Owner requiring the Owner to remedy the breach.

**8.4. Effect of termination**

Termination of the whole or any part of this Lease under this Part 8 will be without prejudice to any rights or obligations which may have accrued prior to the date of termination.

**8.5. Limited right of termination**

Except as expressly provided in this Part 8, neither Party is entitled to terminate or rescind this Lease and the Owner will is not entitled to re-enter the Leased Area or forfeit this Lease at any time prior to the expiration of the Term (as extended or renewed).

**9. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS ON EXPIRATION OR TERMINATION**

**9.1. Removal of stumps, roads and tracks**

The Lessee acknowledges and agrees with the Owner that at the expiration or earlier termination of this Lease, the Lessee will not (subject to this lease) remove or authorise the removal of:

- (a) any stumps or debris from the Leased Area; or
- (b) any roads or tracks constructed on the Leased Area or on any neighbouring land under clause 6.4,

and that any crop which subsequently grows from the stumps will be the property of the Owner.

**9.2. Removal of products and equipment**

The Lessee will remove all plant, equipment, implements or other things brought onto the Leased Area by or on behalf of the Lessee during the Term within three (3) months after the expiration or earlier termination of this Lease.

**9.3. Products and equipment left by the Lessee**

Subject to Part 11, any plant, equipment, implements or other things brought onto the Leased Area by or on behalf of the Lessee, which are not removed by the Lessee within the three (3) month period referred to in clause 9.2 and any part of the Plantation Crop not harvested by the Lessee during the Term (as extended) will be the property of the Owner.

**10. OWNERSHIP OF THE PLANTATION CROP AND CARBON CREDITS**

**10.1. Ownership**

The Owner acknowledges and agrees with the Lessee that for so long as this Lease has not been terminated for non-payment of Annual Rent under clause 8.1 and the Lessee continues to pay the instalments of Annual Rent, the Plantation Crop and any Carbon Credits will be and will remain the property of the Lessee (or any other person or entity deriving title to the Plantation Crop through the Lessee) for the period referred to in clause 10.3.

**10.2. Additional rights**

The Owner hereby transfers and grants to the Lessee the following rights in addition to the other rights granted to the Lessee under this Lease:

- (a) to establish, tend and manage the Plantation Crop;
- (b) to enter upon the Leased Area with or without vehicles and, to the exclusion of the Owner and all other persons, to harvest the Plantation Crop and remove and sell the products and any rights, benefits and credits derived from the Plantation Crop; and
- (c) to exercise and enjoy such of the rights and powers granted to the Lessee under this Lease as may be necessary to enable the Lessee to exercise the rights referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) above.

**10.3. Independent proprietary interest**

- (a) The rights and interests granted to the Lessee under clauses 10.1 and 10.2 constitute an independent and severable grant of a proprietary interest in the Leased Area by the Owner to the Lessee.
- (b) In the event that the Term or the leasehold interest of the Lessee under this Lease:
  - (i) ends; or
  - (ii) is terminated (other than by effluxion of time or other than by the operation of Parts 7 or 8); or
  - (iii) becomes void whether by reason of some act or default of the Owner or of the trustee in bankruptcy, receiver, receiver and manager, controller, administrator or liquidator of the Owner, or for any other reason whatsoever,

the rights and interests granted to the Lessee under clauses 10.1 and 10.2, unless expressly surrendered by the Lessee, continue in full force and effect and may be exercised and enjoyed by the Lessee until the date on which the Term (as extended) would have ended by effluxion of time.

**10.4. Forest Property Agreement**

For the purposes of the Forestry Rights Act 1996, each clause of this document, including this clause 10 is deemed to be repeated and separately constitutes a forest property agreement in addition to a lease in respect of the Leased Area ("Forest Property Agreement").

**11. DEALINGS**

**11.1. By the Owner**

(a) The Owner may sell, transfer, assign, lease, licence, charge or otherwise dispose of or part with possession of or encumber the whole or any part of the Leased Area or the Owner's interest in the Leased Area or agree to do the same PROVIDED THAT in respect of any such sale, transfer, assignment, lease or licence by the Owner, the Owner first arranges (at the Owner's cost) for the other party or parties to the transaction to enter into a deed of covenant with the Lessee under which such party or parties agree to comply with and be bound by the provisions of this Lease as if such party or parties were named in this Lease in place of the Owner.

(b) Encumbrances

The Owner agrees with the Lessee that the Owner will not create any encumbrances over the Leased Area or any part thereof ranking in priority to the interests of the Lessee under this Lease.

**11.2. By the Lessee**

(a) Grants of sub-lease or licence

The Lessee may:

- (i) sub-lease or grant a licence to occupy the whole or any part of the Leased Area; or
- (ii) assign, transfer or deal with all or part of the Plantation Crop and all products, rights, benefits and credits derived from the Plantation Crop or its rights under the Forest Property Agreement constituted under clause 10.4,

on such terms and conditions as the Lessee deems fit without having to obtain the consent of the Owner but no such sub-lease, licence or other dealing relieves the Lessee from any obligations under this Lease.

(b) Assignment or transfer

Subject to clauses 11.2(a) and 11.2(c), the Lessee may with the consent of the Owner (which consent must not be unreasonably withheld) assign or transfer this Lease upon the Lessee arranging (at the Lessee's cost) for the assignee to enter into a deed of covenant with the Owner under which the assignee agrees to comply with and be bound by the provisions of this Lease as if the assignee were named in this Lease in the place of the Lessee.

(c) Ceasing to be project manager

The Owner covenants and agrees that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary express or implied in this Lease, if for any reason whatsoever the Lessee ceases to be the project manager under the Project Deed constituting any of the Timbercorp Eucalypts Projects (as amended from time to time) ("the Project Deed") the Owner will consent to the assignment of this Lease to any person fulfilling the position of project manager under the Project Deed for the time being, subject to the proposed assignee assuming all of the obligations of the Lessee under this Lease.

## **12. MINING AND PETROLEUM ACTIVITIES**

### **12.1. Definitions**

In this part, the following expressions have the following meanings:

"Mining Activities" means all activities that may be carried out pursuant to a Mining Tenement.

"Mining Tenement" means any right or title available under the Mineral Resources Development Act 1990 and includes a permit to enter on private land.

"Petroleum Activities" means all activities that may be carried out pursuant to a Petroleum Title.

"Petroleum Title" means any right or title available under the Petroleum Act 1958 and includes a permit to enter on private land.

### **12.2. Application for Mining Tenement or Petroleum Title**

If any person applies for a Mining Tenement or a Petroleum Title over any part of the Leased Area, then the following provisions apply:

- (a) The Owner must promptly notify the Lessee.
- (b) Neither the Owner nor the Lessee may consent to the application or do any act or thing that may assist the grant of the application without the prior written consent of the other Party.
- (c) The Lessee will be entitled to object to or resist the application or to restrict the scope of the rights to be obtained by virtue of the grant of the application, to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- (d) For the purpose of giving full effect to paragraph (c) above, the Owner must sign such documents as the Lessee may require, and the Lessee will be entitled to take such proceedings in the name of the Owner as the Lessee considers appropriate.
- (e) The Owner appoints the Lessee its lawful attorney to execute the documents and to do the things referred to in paragraph (d) above.

### **12.3. Grant of Mining Tenement or Petroleum Title**

If a Mining Tenement or a Petroleum Title is granted over any part of the Leased Area, then the following provisions apply:

- (a) The Owner must keep the Lessee informed as to the Mining Activities or Petroleum Activities carried out upon the Leased Area, and must forward copies of all communications with the persons carrying out or proposing to carry out such activities.
- (b) The Owner must not consent to any use of water, felling of trees, stripping of bark or cutting of timber on the Leased Area.
- (c) If any compensation becomes payable by virtue of or in respect of Mining Activities or Petroleum Activities on the Leased Area, then the Owner and the Lessee will be entitled to compensation according to their respective interests in the area affected by those activities. The Owner and the Lessee will each be responsible for negotiating and recovering such compensation.

## **13. GENERAL**

### **13.1. Warranties**

The Owner represents and warrants that it is the registered proprietor of the Leased Area and that it is entitled to grant this Lease to the Lessee.

### **13.2. Costs**

- (a) Each party must pay its own costs of and incidental to the preparation and service of any notice requiring the other party to remedy a default under this Lease.
- (b) The Lessee agrees to pay all stamp duty and registration fees payable on this Lease.



**13.3. Caveats**

- (a) The Lessee may lodge a caveat in respect of its interest under this Lease.
- (b) The Owner agrees to provide to the Lessee any plans and other details as are reasonably necessary to enable the Lessee to lodge a caveat.
- (c) Upon the expiration or earlier termination of this Lease, the Lessee must promptly withdraw at its own expense any caveat lodged under this clause.

**13.4. Further assurances**

Each party agrees to sign such documents and do all such acts, matters and things as may be reasonably required by the other party to give effect to this Lease.

**13.5. Voiding insurances**

Each party agrees that it will not do or permit or suffer to be done any act, matter or thing which it knows or reasonably should know may prejudice or render void or voidable any insurances in respect of the Leased Area or the Plantation Crop or result in the premiums for such insurances being increased.

**13.6. Transfer of Land Act**

To the extent permitted by law, all provisions implied in leases by the Transfer of Land Act 1958 are expressly excluded from this Lease.

**13.7. Property Law Act**

The provisions of section 144(1) of the Property Law Act 1958 do not apply to this lease.

**13.8. No partnership**

Nothing contained in this Lease constitutes any party the partner or agent of any other party and each party agrees that it will not hold itself out as the partner or agent of the other party. Subject to clause 11.2, this Lease is not for the benefit of any person not a party to this Lease and will not be deemed to give any right or remedy to any such person.

**13.9. Waivers**

No waiver by a party of any breach of this Lease will be deemed a waiver of any preceding or succeeding breach of this Lease.

**13.10. Proper law**

This Lease is governed by and is to be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Victoria and the parties submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of that State.

**13.11. Severability**

If any provision or part of a provision of this Lease is or becomes void or unenforceable, that provision or part of a provision will be severed from this Lease to the intent that the remaining provisions of this Lease will continue in full force and effect.

**13.12. Parties may act through agents**

All rights granted to a party and all obligations imposed on a party under this Lease may be enjoyed or performed (as the case may be) by that party's employees, agents and contractors.

**13.13. Goods and Services Tax**

- (a) If any supply made by a party ('Supplier') to the other ('Recipient') under this Agreement is a taxable supply (according to GST law) so that the Supplier is liable to GST, the parties agree that the consideration payable for that taxable supply represents the value of the taxable supply (that is, the GST exclusive amount) and not the price for that taxable supply.
- (b) The price for any taxable supply made by the Supplier under this Agreement is the GST inclusive amount which is determined by increasing the consideration payable by an

amount equal to the GST exclusive amount multiplied by the GST rate in force from time to time.

- (c) GST payable under paragraph (b) will be payable by the Recipient without deduction or set-off of any other amount, at the same time and on the same basis as the GST exclusive amount is payable by the Recipient.
- (d) The Supplier must, in respect of a taxable supply made by it under this Agreement, issue to the Recipient a valid tax invoice in the prescribed form for the amount of GST referable to that taxable supply, before the due date of payment for the taxable supply by the Recipient.
- (e) The Recipient's obligation to make payment in respect of a taxable supply under this Agreement is subject to the Supplier complying with its obligation in paragraph (d) above and the Recipient may defer payment of that amount until the Supplier has discharged its obligation to the Recipient's reasonable satisfaction.

#### 14. NOTICES

All notices, consents, approvals and other communications required or authorised to be given under this Lease ("Notices") must be in writing and may be personally delivered or sent by pre-paid post or facsimile to the addressee's address specified in this Lease or such other address as the addressee may have notified from time to time. A notice will be deemed to be received:

- (a) if personally delivered, upon receipt;
- (b) if sent by pre-paid post within Australia, on the third day after posting;
- (c) if sent by pre-paid post outside Australia, on the seventh day after posting; and
- (d) if sent by facsimile, upon production of a successful transmission report by the sender's facsimile machine.

#### **SCHEDULE 4 - SAMPLE SUB-LEASE**

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**SUB-LEASE – VICTORIA**  
**2000 TIMBERCORP EUCALYPTS PROJECT**

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**BETWEEN**

**TIMBERCORP LIMITED**

**ACN. 055 185 067**

**(the "Project Manager")**

**- and -**

**EACH SEVERAL GROWER**

**(the "Grower")**

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THIS SUB-LEASE is made on

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May 2000.

BETWEEN:

**FIRST PARTY:** TIMBERCORP LIMITED, ACN. 055 185 067 of 5th Floor, 95 Queen Street, Melbourne, Victoria (the "Project Manager"); and

**SECOND PARTY:** Each several person who is named or otherwise described in Part 2 of the Schedule and his transferees and assigns (as permitted under the Project Deed) (each of whom is called a "Grower"; whichever relevant Grower is of concern in any particular circumstances is called "the relevant Grower"; and all of whom are called "the relevant Growers").

RECITALS:

- A. The Project Manager holds leases or sub-leases over the pieces of land described in Part 1 of the Schedule (each such piece of land being called in this Sub-Lease a "Plantation").
- B. The Project Manager has agreed to sub-let to each relevant Grower one or more separate Woodlots as set out in Part 2 of the Schedule, each Woodlot comprising part of one of the Plantations, for the purpose of planting, tending and harvesting a plantation of eucalyptus trees on the basis that the relevant Grower will pay rent and upon the further terms and conditions set out in this Sub-Lease.
- C. Pursuant to the provisions of the Project Deed each relevant Grower (or its predecessor in title) has engaged the Project Manager to provide certain plantation services for the Grower.

Counterpart Lease  
Signed with 151 10-20  
Tmt 83680 01-SEP-2000  
Stamp Date Victoria LACB

OPERATIVE PROVISIONS:

1. DEFINITIONS

In this Sub-Lease unless the context otherwise requires:

"Commencement Date" means in respect of a relevant Grower, the date on which an application for Woodlots under the Prospectus is accepted by the Project Manager.

"Debris" means all those parts of Trees which are not Wood (including branches and treetops), but excluding stumps and roots, wire, rope and miscellaneous rubbish.

"Force Majeure" has the meaning set out in clause 10.2.

"GST" means GST within the meaning of A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999 (as amended)

"Head Lease" means the agreement set out adjacent to the description of the Plantation in Part 1 of the Schedule and made between the Project Manager (as lessee or sub-lessee as the case may be) and the person listed as the proprietor (as lessor or sub-lessor as the case may be) whereby the Project Manager has been granted a lease or sub-lease over the Plantation.

**"Management Agreement"** means the agreement of even date for the carrying out of certain plantation services on the relevant Woodlots and on the relevant Plantation between each several Grower and the Project Manager.

**"Management Plan"** means the plan for the management of a Plantation (as varied by the Project Manager) which plans are annexed to the Management Agreement.

**"month"** means calendar month.

**"Party"** means a party to this Sub-Lease and includes the transferees, successors and permitted assigns of that party.

**"Plantation"** has the meaning set out in Recital A. The "relevant Plantation" is the Plantation which contains a relevant Woodlot.

**"Proceeds"** has the same meaning as in sub-clause 1.1 of the Project Deed.

**"Project Deed"** means the deed made on 11 January 1999 between the Project Manager as responsible entity and each several Grower constituting managed investment scheme called the 2000 Timbercorp Eucalypts Project.

**"Prospectus"** means the 2000 Timbercorp Eucalypts Project Prospectus issued by the Project Manager.

**"Schedule"** means the schedule appearing at the back of this Sub-Lease.

**"Term"** means the term of this Sub-Lease as specified in Part 3 of the Schedule plus any extension thereof under clause 10.1.

**"Trees"** means the crop of eucalyptus trees the subject of the Management Plan planted and tended or to be planted and tended on the relevant Woodlots, or on the relevant Plantation, whichever is applicable.

**"Wood"** means any saleable wood derived from Trees grown pursuant to this Sub-Lease and the Management Agreement on the relevant Woodlots, or on the relevant Plantation, whichever is applicable, whether in the form of trees, logs, timber or otherwise.

**"relevant Woodlots"** means the Woodlot or Woodlots to which the relevant Grower is entitled under the provisions of this Sub-Lease as specified in Part 2 of the Schedule and more particularly delineated on the maps in Part 1 of the Schedule.

## 2. INTERPRETATION

In this Sub-Lease, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) The singular number includes the plural and vice versa and a word denoting one gender includes each of the other genders.
- (b) "person" includes a firm, corporation and any incorporated body.
- (c) Headings are for convenience only and do not affect the interpretation of this Sub-Lease.

- (d) A reference to an Act of Parliament will be read as a reference to that Act as amended, modified or replaced from time to time and includes any regulations, by-laws, orders, ordinances or rules made under that Act.
- (e) A reference to a Party to this Sub-Lease includes that Party's transferees, successors and permitted assigns.
- (f) If the relevant Grower comprises more than one person, this Sub-Lease binds all of them jointly and each of them severally. If any of the persons comprising the relevant Grower is a trustee, this Sub-Lease binds that person in its capacity as a trustee and personally.
- (g) Where the word "include" or "includes" is used, it is to be read as if the expression "(but is not limited to)" immediately followed such word and where the word "including" is used, it is to be read as if the expression "(but not limited to)" immediately followed such word.
- (h) Words and expressions used in this Sub-Lease have the same meaning as in the Project Deed unless the contrary requires.

### **3. GRANT OF SUB-LEASE**

The Project Manager sub-leases to the relevant Grower the Woodlot or Woodlots described against the name of the relevant Grower in Part 2 of the Schedule for the Term for the purpose of growing, tending and harvesting a plantation or plantations of eucalyptus trees.

### **4. CONDITIONS**

#### **4.1 Consents and approvals**

This Sub-Lease is subject to and conditional upon the obtaining of all local, State and Commonwealth government approvals, licences or permission required for the establishment of the Trees within twelve (12) months after the date of execution of this Sub-Lease. This condition is deemed to be a condition subsequent.

#### **4.2 Other agreements**

This Sub-Lease is subject to and conditional upon:

- (a) the relevant Grower entering into the relevant Management Agreement;  
and
- (b) the Project Manager entering into the Head Lease,

in respect of the Trees on or prior to the Commencement Date.

#### **4.3 Use all reasonable endeavours to ensure conditions satisfied**

Each of the Project Manager and the relevant Grower will use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that the conditions specified in clause 4.1 are satisfied as



soon as is reasonably practicable, and where required will keep each other fully informed as to progress towards satisfaction of the conditions.

#### 4.4 Failure of conditions

If any of the conditions referred to in clauses 4.1 or 4.2 of this Sub-Lease or any like conditions referred to in the Head Lease are not obtained within the time limited in those clauses:

- (a) this Sub-Lease will be at an end; and
- (b) the Project Manager must immediately repay to the relevant Grower any instalments of Annual Rent or other moneys paid by the relevant Grower to the Project Manager under this Sub-Lease.

### 5. RENT

#### 5.1 Annual Rent

The relevant Grower must duly and punctually pay to the Project Manager during the Term the rent specified in Part 4 of the Schedule as reviewed from time to time in accordance with clause 5.2 ("Annual Rent").

#### 5.2 Rent reviews

The Annual Rent shall be reviewed on 31 October 2001 and each 31 October thereafter during the Term (as extended or renewed) ("Review Dates"). The Annual Rent payable on and from each review Date shall be the greater of:

- (a) the Annual Rent payable immediately prior to the relevant Review Date; and
- (b) the amount calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$NR = R \times \frac{NCPI}{CPI}$$

Where:

NR is the Annual Rent payable on and from the relevant Review Date.

R is the Annual Rent payable immediately prior to the relevant Review Date.

NCPI is the Consumer Price Index (All Groups) Weighted average of eight capital cities (or any substitute accepted by the government of the Commonwealth of Australia) as last published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics prior to the relevant Review Date.

CPI is the Consumer Price Index (All Groups) Weighted average of eight capital cities (or any substitute accepted by the government of the Commonwealth of Australia) as last published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics prior to the immediately preceding Review Date or, in the case of the first review, as last published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics prior to the date of execution of this Lease.

### **5.3 Discontinuation or suspension of CPI**

If the Consumer Price Index (All Groups) Weighted average of eight capital cities is discontinued or suspended, the method of review set out in clause 5.2(b) will cease to apply and will be replaced with such alternative method as is mutually agreed between the Project Manager and the relevant Grower or, if they fail to agree, such alternative method as in the opinion of an expert appointed by the President for the time being of the Institute of Chartered Accountants (Victorian Division) at the request of either of them most closely reflects changes in the cost of living for the eight capital cities of Australia. The cost of any expert determination carried out under this clause shall be borne equally between the Project Manager and the relevant Grower.

## **6. RELEVANT GROWER'S OBLIGATIONS**

The relevant Grower agrees with the Project Manager that the relevant Grower will at the relevant Grower's expense during the Term:

### **6.1 Permitted use**

Use the relevant Woodlots solely for the purpose of growing, tending and harvesting a plantation or plantations of eucalyptus trees.

### **6.2 Forestry practice**

Comply with sound silvicultural and environmental practices adopted within the forestry industry.

### **6.3 Comply with laws**

Comply with all laws and regulations relating to the use and occupancy of the relevant Woodlots.

### **6.4 Repairs**

Promptly repair any damage caused by the relevant Grower or its employees, agents or contractors to any roads, tracks or fences on the relevant Woodlots or on any neighbouring land.

### **6.5 Interference with activities**

Take all reasonable steps to avoid interfering with the activities carried out on any neighbouring land by the owner or occupier of that land.

### **6.6 Chemicals and dangerous substances**

Not store or use any chemical, inflammable, noxious or dangerous substances in a manner which is likely to result in damage to vegetation, livestock, crops or water reserves on any neighbouring land.

### **6.7 Buildings**

Not erect any buildings, structures or dwellings or use any caravans on the relevant Woodlots for accommodation purposes.

**6.8 Permit Project Manager to enter**

Permit the Project Manager to enter upon the relevant Woodlots from time to time with or without equipment for the purpose of performing the Project Manager's obligations under this Sub-Lease.

**6.9 Comply with other agreements**

Comply or procure compliance with the provisions of the agreement referred to in paragraph 4.2(a).

**6.10 Give access to owners of adjoining Woodlots**

Give such rights of way and free access to the owners or occupiers of any Woodlot adjoining the relevant Woodlots as are necessary for their proper use and enjoyment of their Woodlots, but such rights of access shall be limited to the unimpeded use of any existing access roads, pathways or fire-breaks on or about their Woodlot.

**7. PROJECT MANAGER'S OBLIGATIONS****7.1 Construction of Boundary Fence prior to Commencement Date**

The Project Manager agrees with the relevant Grower that the Project Manager will at the Project Manager's expense prior to the Commencement Date (or such later date as the relevant Grower may agree) construct or cause to be constructed a fence along the external boundary of the relevant Plantation, or in such other location as the Project Manager deems fit, suitable to restrain livestock from straying onto the relevant Woodlots.

**7.2 During the Term**

The Project Manager agrees with the relevant Grower that the Project Manager will at the Project Manager's expense during the Term:

**(a) Quiet enjoyment**

Allow the relevant Grower to peaceably and quietly hold and enjoy the relevant Woodlots without any interruption by the Project Manager or any person claiming through or under the Project Manager.

**(b) Maintain boundary fence**

Maintain or cause to be maintained the fence constructed pursuant to clause 7.1 in good and substantial repair and condition.

**(c) Rates and taxes**

Duly and punctually pay or cause to be paid all rates, taxes and other charges levied by any government or other authority in respect of the relevant Woodlots.

**(d) Comply with laws**

Comply with all laws and regulations relating to the use and occupancy of any neighbouring land occupied by the Project Manager.

(e) Chemicals and dangerous substances

Not store or use any chemical, inflammable, noxious or dangerous substances in a manner which is likely to result in damage to vegetation, livestock, crops or water reserves on the relevant Woodlots.

(f) Comply with Head Lease

Comply with the provisions of the Head Lease.

(g) Control of fires

Take all necessary measures to ensure that any fires which may occur or be lit on any neighbouring land owned or occupied by the Project Manager are properly controlled and supervised.

(h) Not create any encumbrances

Not create any encumbrances over the relevant Plantation or the relevant Woodlots or any part thereof ranking in priority to the interests of the relevant Growers under this Sub-Lease other than the agreement referred to in paragraph 4.2(a).

**8. RELEVANT GROWER'S RIGHTS**

**8.1 General**

The Project Manager hereby grants to the relevant Grower the rights set out in this part to be exercised by the relevant Grower during the Term.

**8.2 Harvest**

The relevant Grower shall be entitled to harvest the Trees and to remove and sell the products derived from the Trees and to retain all income from such sale.

**8.3 Trees are property of the relevant Grower**

The parties acknowledge and agree that the Trees are and will remain the property of the relevant Grower until the end of the Term.

**8.4 Access**

The relevant Grower shall be entitled to full and free access for any purpose whatsoever to the relevant Woodlots along any road or track on any neighbouring land in respect of which the Project Manager has similar rights and which gives access to the relevant Woodlots from a public road.

**8.5 Construct roads and tracks**

The relevant Grower may with the prior written consent of the Project Manager, which consent must not be unreasonably withheld, construct and maintain such roads and

tracks (including, if necessary, bridges and culverts) on the relevant Woodlots or on any neighbouring land in respect of which the Project Manager has similar rights, as are reasonably required by the relevant Grower to provide access to the relevant Woodlots from a public road for log haulage.

#### **8.6 Use of sand and gravel**

For the purposes of constructing and maintaining the roads and tracks referred to in clause 8.5 the relevant Grower may take and use sand, gravel and other material available from a place approved by the Project Manager on the relevant Woodlots or on any neighbouring land in respect of which the Project Manager has similar rights, in such quantities as the relevant Grower reasonably requires. If the relevant Grower exercises its rights under this clause, the relevant Grower must rehabilitate the surface of the land to an appearance as near as possible to the appearance of the surface of the surrounding land.

#### **8.7 Security**

The relevant Grower may at its own expense padlock any gates on roads or tracks entering the relevant Woodlots and take such other measures to exclude trespassers as the relevant Grower reasonably considers appropriate. Upon request, the relevant Grower must provide the Project Manager with a key to any padlocks, or if the relevant Grower has taken any other measures under this clause, such other means of entry, to the relevant Woodlots.

### **9. Project Manager's rights**

#### **9.1 General**

The Grower hereby grants to the Project Manager the rights set out in this part to be exercised by the Project Manager during the Term.

#### **9.2 Graze livestock**

The Project Manager or its invitees may graze livestock on the relevant Woodlots and retain all income derived therefrom.

#### **9.3 Bees**

The Project Manager or its invitees may keep bees on the relevant Woodlots and retain all income derived therefrom.

#### **9.4 Access**

The Project Manager shall be entitled to full and free access for the purposes of carrying out its rights and obligations with or without vehicles to the relevant Woodlots along any road or track or any neighbouring land owned or occupied by the Project Manager which gives access to the relevant Woodlots from a public road.

#### **9.5 Further access**

The Project Manager shall be entitled to full and free access with or without vehicles to the relevant Woodlots for the purpose of accessing neighbouring land owned or occupied by the Project Manager.

## 9.6 Use of sand and gravel

The Project Manager may with the approval of the Grower take and use sand, gravel and other material from a place on the relevant Woodlots which does not derogate from the productivity of the Trees. The Grower may withhold the approval in the event that it believes that the removal of the sand, gravel and other material will derogate from the productivity of the Trees.

## 9.7 Signs

The Project Manager may at its own expense erect and maintain a sign on the relevant Woodlots detailing such matters as the Project Manager reasonably considers appropriate.

# 10. FORCE MAJEURE

## 10.1 Extension for late harvesting

If the relevant Grower is prevented from:

- (a) harvesting the Trees;
- (b) removing from the relevant Woodlots the products derived from the Trees;  
or
- (c) processing the products derived from the Trees,

due to an event of Force Majeure, but continues to pay the Annual Rent, the Grower may by giving written notice to the Project Manager elect to extend the Term for a period of time equal to the duration of the event of Force Majeure.

## 10.2 Definition of Force Majeure

In this part "Force Majeure" means:

- (a) Act of God, fire, explosion, earthquake, landslide, flood, wash-out, lightning, storm or tempest;
- (b) strikes, lockouts, stoppages, restraints of labour or other industrial disturbances;
- (c) war, acts of public enemies, riot, civil commotion or sabotage;
- (d) breakdown of or accident to plant, machinery or equipment (excluding a breakdown caused by any failure of the person claiming Force Majeure to maintain plant, machinery or equipment in a proper manner);
- (e) restraints, embargoes or other unforeseeable actions by the government of Victoria or the government of the Commonwealth of Australia; or
- (f) any Act of Parliament, regulation, by-law, order, ordinance or rule.

## **11. EARLY TERMINATION AND REDUCTION OF THE RELEVANT WOODLOTS**

### **11.1 Termination for default**

- (a) The relevant Grower may terminate this Sub-Lease in respect of the relevant Woodlots with immediate effect if the Project Manager commits a material breach of this Sub-Lease and fails to remedy the breach or make reasonable compensation in money within thirty (30) days after the relevant Grower has served a written notice on the Project Manager requiring the Project Manager to remedy the breach.
- (b) The Project Manager may terminate this Sub-Lease in respect of the relevant woodlots with immediate effect if:
  - (i) the relevant Grower fails to pay any instalment of annual rent by the due date for payment and such amount is not paid in full within three months after the Project Manager has served a written notice on the relevant Grower requesting payment; or
  - (ii) the relevant Grower commits a material breach of this Sub-Lease and fails to remedy the breach or make reasonable compensation in money within thirty (30) days after the Project Manager has served a written notice on the relevant Grower requiring the relevant Grower to remedy the breach.

### **11.2 Loss of Trees**

- (a) If, in respect of any of the relevant Woodlots:
  - (i) the whole or a substantial part of the Trees is damaged or destroyed whether by fire or any other cause whatsoever; or
  - (ii) an independent forestry consultant commissioned by the relevant Grower reasonably determines that the whole or a substantial part of the Trees is no longer commercially viable,

the relevant Grower may terminate this Sub-Lease in respect of the relevant Woodlots by giving not less than four (4) months' prior written notice of such termination to the Project Manager. Termination under this clause shall take effect on and from the 30 June next following the expiration of the period of notice.
- (b) If so directed by the Project Manager in writing within two (2) months after receipt of the relevant Grower's notice of termination, the relevant Grower must, subject to clause 18.11, at the relevant Grower's expense forthwith remove from the relevant Woodlots all trees, logs, stumps and debris forming part of or derived from the Trees and re-seed pasture on the relevant Woodlots.

### **11.3 Reduction of the relevant Woodlots**

- (a) If in respect of any of the relevant Woodlots:

- (i) part of the Trees is damaged or destroyed whether by fire or any other cause whatsoever; or
- (ii) an independent forestry consultant commissioned by the relevant Grower reasonably determines that part of the Trees is no longer commercially viable,

the relevant Grower may terminate this Sub-Lease in respect of that portion of the relevant Woodlots on which the affected part of the Trees is or was growing ("the surrendered area"), by giving not less than four months prior written notice of such termination to the Project Manager. Termination under this clause shall take effect on and from the later of:

- (i) the 30 June next following the expiration of the period of notice; and
  - (ii) the date on which the relevant Grower has met all of its obligations under clause 11.3(b).
- (b) If so directed by the Project Manager in writing within two (2) months after receipt of the relevant Grower's notice of termination, the relevant Grower must, subject to clause 18.11, at the relevant Grower's expense forthwith remove from the surrendered area all trees, logs, stumps and debris forming part of or derived from the Trees and, provided it is reasonably practicable to do so, fence off the surrendered area from the remainder of the relevant Woodlots, re-seed pasture on the surrendered area and provide the Project Manager and the lessor or sub-lessor under the Head Lease with reasonable access to the surrendered area.

#### 11.4 Effect of termination

- (a) Termination of this Sub-Lease under clauses 11.1 or 11.2 or reduction of the relevant Woodlots under clause 11.3 shall be without prejudice to any rights or obligations which may have accrued prior to the date of termination.
- (b) Termination of this Sub-Lease in respect of a relevant Woodlot or part of a relevant Woodlot under this part 11 shall not affect the rights or obligations of the Parties in respect of any other relevant Woodlot or other part of the relevant Woodlot.

#### 11.5 Limited right of termination

Except as expressly provided in this Part, neither the Project Manager nor the relevant Grower shall be entitled to terminate or rescind this Sub-Lease and the Project Manager shall not be entitled to re-enter the relevant Woodlots or forfeit this Lease, at any time prior to the expiration of the Term.

### 12. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS ON EXPIRATION OR TERMINATION

#### 12.1 Removal of stumps, roads and tracks



The Project Manager acknowledges and agrees with the relevant Grower that, except to the extent that clauses 11.2(b) and 11.3(b) apply, the relevant Grower will not be liable to remove or to pay for the removal of:

- (a) any stumps from the relevant Woodlots; or
- (b) any roads or tracks constructed on the relevant Woodlots or on any neighbouring land under clause 8.5,

at the expiration or earlier termination of this Sub-Lease.

## **12.2 Removal of products and equipment**

During the three (3) month period following the expiration of this Sub-Lease, the relevant Grower may enter upon the relevant Woodlots and remove any products derived from the Trees and any plant, equipment, implements or other things brought onto the relevant Woodlots by or on behalf of the relevant Grower during the Term.

## **12.3 Products and equipment left by the relevant Grower**

- (a) Any plant, equipment, implements or other things brought onto the relevant Woodlots by or on behalf of the relevant Grower, which are not removed by the relevant Grower within the three (3) month period referred to in clause 12.2; and
- (b) any part of the Trees not harvested by the relevant Grower during the Term (as extended or renewed),

will be the property of the Project Manager.

## **13. Ownership of the Trees**

### **13.1 Ownership**

The Project Manager acknowledges and agrees with the relevant Grower that for so long as this Sub-Lease has not been terminated for non-payment of Annual Rent under clause 11.1(b) and the relevant Grower continues to pay the Annual Rent the Trees will be and shall remain the property of the relevant Grower for the period referred to in paragraph 13.3(b).

### **13.2 Additional Rights**

The Project Manager hereby transfers and grants to the relevant Grower the following rights in addition to the other rights granted to the relevant Grower under this Sub-Lease:

- (a) to establish, tend and manage the Trees and to cultivate and plant seedling trees as part of the Trees;
- (b) to enter upon the relevant Woodlots with or without vehicles and, to the exclusion of the Project Manager and all other persons, to harvest the Trees and remove and sell the products derived from the Trees; and
- (c) to exercise and enjoy such of the rights and powers granted to the relevant Grower under this Lease as may be necessary to enable the relevant Grower to exercise the rights referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) above.

### 13.3 Independent Proprietary Interest

- (a) The rights and interests granted to the relevant Grower under clauses 13.1 and 13.2 constitute an independent and severable grant of a proprietary interest in the relevant Woodlots by the Project Manager to the relevant Grower.
- (b) In the event that the Term or the leasehold interest of the relevant Grower under this Sub-Lease:
  - (i) ends; or
  - (ii) is terminated (other than by effluxion of time or by the operation of Parts 4 or 11); or
  - (iii) becomes void whether by reason of some act or default of the Project Manager or of the trustee in bankruptcy, receiver, receiver and manager, controller, administrator or liquidator of the Project Manager, or for any other reason whatsoever,
 the rights and interests granted to the relevant Grower under clauses 13.1 and 13.2 shall, unless expressly surrendered by the relevant Grower, continue in full force and effect and may be exercised and enjoyed by the relevant Grower until the date on which the Term would have ended by effluxion of time.

## 14. MINING AND PETROLEUM ACTIVITIES

### 14.1 Definitions

In this part, the following expressions have the following meanings:

"Mining Activities" means all activities that may be carried out pursuant to a Mining Tenement.

"Mining Tenement" means any right or title available under the Mineral Resources Development Act 1990 and includes a permit to enter on private land.

"Petroleum Activities" means all activities that may be carried out pursuant to a Petroleum Title.

"Petroleum Title" means any right or title available under the Petroleum Act 1958 and includes a permit to enter on private land.

### 14.2 Application for Mining Tenement or Petroleum Title

If any person applies for a Mining Tenement or a Petroleum Title over any part of the relevant Woodlots, then the following provisions will apply:

- (a) The Project Manager must promptly notify the relevant Grower.
- (b) Neither the Project Manager nor the Grower shall consent to the application or do any act or thing that may assist the grant of the application.
- (c) The relevant Grower will be entitled to object to or resist the application or to restrict the scope of the rights to be obtained by virtue of the grant of the application, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

- (d) For the purpose of giving full effect to paragraph (c) above, the Project Manager must sign such documents as the relevant Grower may require, and the relevant Grower will be entitled to take such proceedings in the name of the Project Manager as the relevant Grower considers appropriate. The relevant Grower hereby indemnifies the Project Manager for any loss suffered by the Project Manager as a direct consequence of the relevant Grower exercising its rights under this paragraph (d).
- (e) The Project Manager hereby appoints the relevant Grower its lawful attorney to execute the documents and to do the things referred to in paragraph (d).

#### **14.3 Grant of Mining Tenement or Petroleum Title**

If a Mining Tenement or a Petroleum Title is granted over any part of the relevant Woodlots, then the following provisions will apply:

- (a) The Project Manager must keep the relevant Grower informed as to the Mining Activities or Petroleum Activities carried out upon the relevant Woodlots, and must forward copies of all communications with the persons carrying out or proposing to carry out such activities.
- (b) The Project Manager must not consent to any use of water, felling of trees, stripping of bark or cutting of timber on the relevant Woodlots.
- (c) If any compensation becomes payable by virtue of or in respect of Mining Activities or Petroleum Activities on the relevant Woodlots, then the Project Manager and the relevant Grower will be entitled to compensation according to their respective interests in the area affected by those activities. The Project Manager and the relevant Grower will each be responsible for negotiating and recovering such compensation.
- (d) If this Sub-Lease is terminated under clause 11.2 or area of the relevant Woodlots is reduced under clause 11.3 as a result of Mining Activities or Petroleum Activities being carried out on the relevant Woodlots, the provisions of clauses 11.2(b) and 11.3(b) will not apply in respect of such termination or reduction.

#### **15. Warranties**

The Project Manager represents and warrants that:

- 15.1 as at the date of execution of this Sub-Lease, the Head Lease is valid and subsisting;
- 15.2 the Project Manager is entitled under the Head Lease to grant this Sub-Lease to the relevant Grower; and
- 15.3 any consents which may be required to the granting of this Sub-Lease (other than those referred to in clause 4.1) have been obtained.

#### **16. Notices**

All notices, consents, approvals and other communications required or authorised to be given under this Sub-Lease ("Notices") must be in writing and may be personally delivered or sent by pre-paid post or facsimile to the addressee's address specified in this Sub-Lease or such other address as the addressee may have notified from time to time. A Notice shall be deemed to be received:

- (a) if personally delivered, upon receipt;
- (b) if sent by pre-paid post within Australia, on the third day after posting;
- (c) if sent by pre-paid post outside Australia, on the seventh day after posting; and
- (d) if sent by facsimile, upon production of a successful transmission report by the sender's facsimile machine.

## 17. Caveat

- 17.1 The relevant Grower may at its own expense lodge a subject to claim caveat at the Land Titles Office in respect of its interest under this Sub-Lease.
- 17.2 The Project Manager agrees to provide to the relevant Grower all plans and other details reasonably necessary to enable the relevant Grower to lodge a subject to claim caveat.
- 17.3 Upon the expiration or earlier termination of this Sub-Lease, the relevant Grower must promptly withdraw at its own expense any caveat lodged under this clause.
- 17.4 The relevant Grower irrevocably appoints the Project Manager its attorney to execute a withdrawal of any caveat required to be withdrawn by the Grower pursuant to clause 17.3 in the event of the relevant Grower failing promptly to do so.
- 17.5 The relevant Grower agrees to ratify anything done by the attorney in accordance with clause 17.4.

## 18. GENERAL

### 18.1 Further assurances

Each Party agrees to sign such documents and do all such acts, matters and things as may be reasonably required by any other Party to give effect to this Sub-Lease.

### 18.2 Voiding insurances

Each Party agrees that it will not do or permit or suffer to be done any act, manner or thing which may prejudice or render void or voidable any insurances in respect of the relevant Woodlots or the Trees or result in the premiums for such insurances being increased.

### 18.3 Transfer of Land Act

To the extent permitted by law, all provisions implied by the Transfer of Land Act 1958 are expressly excluded from this Sub-Lease.

**18.4 Property Law Act**

The provisions of section 144(1) of the Property Law Act 1958 do not apply to this Sub-Lease.

**18.5 Proper law**

This Sub-Lease shall be governed by and construed in accordance with laws of the State of Victoria and the parties agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of that State.

**18.6 Severability**

If any provision of this Sub-Lease is or becomes void or unforeseeable, that provision shall be severed from this Sub-Lease to the intent that the remaining provisions of this Sub-Lease shall continue in full force and effect.

**18.7 Parties may act through agents**

All rights granted to a Party and all obligations imposed on a Party under this Sub-Lease may be enjoyed or performed (as the case may be) by that Party's employees, agents and contractors.

**18.8 No Partnership**

Nothing contained in this Sub-Lease shall constitute a partnership between the Parties to this Sub-Lease. No Party shall hold itself out as the partner of the other of them. This Sub-Lease is not for the benefit of any person not a party to this Sub-Lease and shall not be deemed to give any right or remedy to any such party whether referred to in this Sub-Lease or not.

**18.9 Waivers**

No waiver by any Party of any breach of this Sub-Lease shall be deemed a waiver of any preceding or succeeding breach of this Sub-Lease.

**18.10 Assignment**

- (a) The relevant Grower covenants that the Project Manager shall have the full and free right to deal with any of its rights and interests hereunder to such other parties and on such terms and conditions as the Project Manager sees fit, providing at all times that the Project Manager shall not transfer, lease, mortgage, charge, assign, part with possession or otherwise dispose of its interest in the relevant Woodlots without first obtaining a deed of covenant by the proposed transferee, lessee, mortgagee, chargee, assignee, person who acquires possession or person who receives the disposal (the "Grantee") containing a covenant by the Grantee in favour of the relevant Grower that the Grantee will at all times during the Term observe and perform all or any of the covenants contained or implied in this Sub-Lease to be observed or performed by the Project Manager.

- (b) All costs associated with the preparation, completion and stamping of any deed of covenant required by the immediately preceding subclause shall be paid by the Project Manager or Grantee, and the relevant Grower shall not be required to contribute in any way to such costs.
- (c) The relevant Grower may only transfer, mortgage, assign or otherwise dispose of this SubLease or any of its rights or interests hereunder in accordance with the provisions of the Project Deed and otherwise may not assign sub-let or part with possession of the relevant Woodlots or any part thereof or otherwise by any act or deed to procure or allow or suffer (either voluntarily or involuntarily) the relevant Woodlots or any part thereof to be assigned transferred or sub-let or the possession thereof parted with and for all or any part of the term AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that nothing contained or implied in sections 80 and 82 of the Property Law Act 1969 shall apply to this Sub-Lease and both sections are hereby expressly excluded.

#### **18.11 Limitation of liability of relevant Grower**

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement (other than clause 18.13), in no circumstances shall the relevant Grower be obliged to contribute any money or incur any other liability under this Agreement in excess of the aggregate of annual rent, the amount of the fees set out in parts 1(i) to (iii) of the schedule to the Management Agreement and Proceeds.
- (b) Once a transmission, transfer, mortgage, assignment or other disposal of the entire interest of the relevant Grower has been perfected in accordance with the provisions of the Project Deed, then the relevant Grower no longer remains liable under this Sub-Lease.

#### **18.12 Delegation**

The relevant Grower may, for the better performance of its obligations under this Sub-Lease, employ any person as an agent and all rights granted and obligations imposed upon the relevant Grower (except the grant to the relevant Grower of the leasehold estate) may be enjoyed and performed by the relevant Grower's agent, contractors and their employees, but delegation of any of the relevant Grower's obligations under this Sub-Lease shall not release it from liability under this Sub-Lease.

#### **18.13 Goods and Services Tax**

- (a) If any supply made by the Project Manager to the Grower under this Agreement is a taxable supply (according to GST law) so that the Project Manager is liable to pay GST, the parties agree that the consideration payable for that supply represents the value of the supply (that is, the GST exclusive amount) and not the price for that supply.

- (b) The price for any taxable supply made by the Project Manager under this Agreement is the GST inclusive amount which is determined by increasing the consideration payable by an amount equal to the GST exclusive amount multiplied by the GST rate in force from time to time.
- (c) The GST referable to any taxable supply is payable by the Grower without deduction or set-off of any other amount, at the same time and on the same basis as the GST exclusive amount is payable by the Grower and the Project Manager must issue a tax invoice to the Grower no later than 28 days after being requested to do so by the Grower.
- (d) The Grower must also pay to the Project Manager any other taxes imposed or assessed in respect of this Lease or any transaction contemplated by this Lease from time to time other than stamp duty and land tax.

- 1 Place of trial: Melbourne.
- 2 Mode of trial: Judge of the Court sitting alone.
- 3 This writ was filed for the plaintiff by Arnold Bloch Leibler, Lawyers and Advisers of Level 21, 333 Collins Street, Melbourne 3000.
- 4 The address of the plaintiffs is Level 8, 461 Bourke Street, Melbourne Vic 3000.
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- 6 The address of the defendant is Fisher Corporate Advisory Pty Ltd Level 6 90 William Street Melbourne Vic 3000



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First Plaintiff

**TIMBERCORP SECURITIES LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION) ACN 092 311 469**

Second Plaintiff

and

**PLANTATION LAND LIMITED ACN 090 443 333**

Defendant

Dated: 11 September 2009