

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

IN RE ELECTRIC LAST MILE SOLUTIONS,
INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION

CASE NO. 2:22-cv-00545-MEF-LDW

CLASS ACTION

STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

This Stipulation of Settlement (“Stipulation”) dated February 21, 2025, in the above-captioned Action¹ is entered into among Lead Plaintiff Jun Zheng and named plaintiff Scott T. Hacker (together, “Plaintiffs”) on behalf of themselves and each of the Settlement Class Members, and Defendant BDO USA, P.C.² (“BDO,” together with Plaintiffs, the “Settling Parties”), by and through their respective counsel of record in this Action. The Stipulation is intended to fully, finally, and forever resolve, discharge, and settle with prejudice the Released Claims against the Released Parties, subject to the approval of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey (the “Court”), and the terms and conditions set forth in this Stipulation.

I. THE LITIGATION

This is a putative class action alleging claims under the federal securities laws.

A. Procedural History of the Litigation

This Action began on February 3, 2022, when Scott T. Hacker filed a putative securities fraud class action complaint in this Court against Electric Last Mile Solutions, Inc. f/k/a Forum Merger III Corp. (“ELMS”), Jason Luo, James Taylor, Albert Li, Marshall Kiev, Davis Boris,

¹ All capitalized terms not otherwise defined shall have the meaning ascribed to them in Section II.B herein.

² BDO USA, P.C. was formerly known as BDO USA, LLP.

and Robert Song, alleging claims under Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”). Dkt. No. 1.

On April 4, 2022, Jun Zheng moved the Court for appointment as Lead Plaintiff pursuant to the Exchange Act and the Private Securities Reform Litigation Act of 1995 (“PSLRA”). Dkt. No. 5. In the same motion, Jun Zheng also sought approval of his selection of counsel, The Rosen Law Firm, P.A., as Lead Counsel. *Id.*

On April 22, 2022, the Court appointed Jun Zheng as Lead Plaintiff and The Rosen Law Firm, P.A. as Lead Counsel. Dkt. No. 12.

On May 9, 2022, the Court “so ordered” a proposed schedule setting deadlines for Plaintiffs to file their amended complaint and defendants to respond thereto. Dkt. No. 16

On July 8, 2022, ELMS filed a Suggestion of Bankruptcy with the Court, stating that ELMS had filed a petition for relief under chapter 7 of title 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code on June 14, 2022. Dkt. No. 21.

On October 18, 2022, following a series of letters and two telephonic conferences before U.S. Magistrate Judge Wettre concerning how this Action shall proceed in light of ELMS’ Suggestion of Bankruptcy, Judge Wettre ordered that Plaintiffs file their amended complaint on or before October 21, 2022. Dkt. No. 27.

On October 21, 2022, Plaintiffs filed the Amended Class Action Complaint For Violations of the Federal Securities Laws (“Complaint”). Dkt. No. 28. The Complaint alleged: (a) claims under Sections 10(b) of Exchange Act against the Individual Defendants and BDO; (b) claims under Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act against Marshall Kiev and David Boris; and (c) claims under Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act against the Individual Defendants.

On April 11, 2023, BDO filed its motion to dismiss the Complaint. Dkt. No. 57. On June 12, 2023, Plaintiffs filed their opposition to BDO's motion. Dkt. No. 59. BDO filed its reply in further support of its motion on July 24, 2023. Dkt. No. 65.

While BDO's motion to dismiss was pending, Plaintiffs and the Individual Defendants reached a settlement (the "Individual Defendants Settlement"). On June 28, 2023, Plaintiffs filed a motion for preliminary approval of the Individual Defendants Settlement (the "First Preliminary Approval Motion.") Dkt. No. 61. Following denial of the First Preliminary Approval Motion, Plaintiffs filed a renewed motion for preliminary approval of the Individual Defendants on August 9, 2023. Dkt. No. 68.

On August 15, 2023, the Court denied in part BDO's motion to dismiss, holding that the Complaint adequately alleged that BDO acted with scienter, but ordered additional briefing on the element of falsity. Dkt. Nos. 71-72.

On October 3, 2023, BDO filed its supplementary brief on falsity. Dkt. No. 80. Plaintiffs filed their response brief on October 24, 2023. Dkt. No. 89.

On April 2, 2024, the Court entered an order granting preliminary approval of the Individual Defendants Settlement. Dkt. No. 131.

On July 19, 2024, the Court denied BDO's motion to dismiss on the element of falsity, holding that BDO's "statements in play" are "statements of opinion under Omnicare, Inc. v. Laborers Dist. Council Const. Indus. Pension Fund, 575 U.S. 175 (2015)." Dkt. No. 137.

On August 16, 2024, BDO filed its Answer to the Complaint. Dkt. No. 141.

On August 23, 2024, Plaintiffs filed their motion for final approval of the Individual Defendants Settlement. Dkt. No. 142. On November 6, 2024, the Court entered a Findings of

Facts and Conclusions of Law, granting final approval of the Individual Defendants Settlement.
Dkt. No. 156.

B. Settlement Negotiations

Plaintiffs and BDO participated in three settlement conferences with Magistrate Judge Wettre: on September 26, 2023, on February 1, 2024, and on November 14, 2024. No agreement was reached after the third settlement conference. Plaintiffs and BDO, however, agreed to continue negotiating through Judge Wettre. On January 3, 2025, an agreement in principle was reached when Plaintiffs and BDO both accepted a “Mediator’s Proposal” from Judge Wettre.

C. Plaintiffs’ Assessment of the Claims and Benefits of Settlement

While Plaintiffs believe that the claims asserted in the Complaint have merit, Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel recognize the substantial risk that further litigation may result in little or no recovery. Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel are mindful of, among other things, inherent problems of proof, possible defenses to the violations asserted in the Complaint, possible limitations on damages, and possible obstacles to obtaining class certification. Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel, based upon their thorough evaluation, believe that the settlement set forth in the Stipulation is in the best interests of the Settlement Class Members. Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel shall use their best efforts to obtain final Court approval of the BDO Settlement.

D. BDO’s Denials of Wrongdoing and Liability

BDO has denied, and continues to deny, *inter alia*, that it engaged in any wrongdoing of any kind, including, without limitation, that it committed any act or omission giving rise to any liability or violation of the law. Specifically, BDO has denied, and continues to deny, each and all of the claims and contentions alleged in this Action and in the Complaint, along with all charges of wrongdoing or liability against it arising out of any of the conduct, statements, acts, or omissions alleged, or that could have been alleged, in this Action or in the Complaint. BDO

further has denied, and continues to deny, that it violated or breached any law, regulation or duty owed to Plaintiffs or the Settlement Class, acted in any deceitful or reckless manner, or that its public statements were false or misleading, or that Plaintiff and the Settlement Class suffered any damages or were harmed by the conduct alleged in the Action or in the Complaint. BDO has asserted, and continues to assert, that its conduct was at all times proper and in compliance with all applicable provisions of law. In addition, BDO maintains that it has meritorious defenses to all of the claims alleged in the Action and in the Complaint.

As set forth below, neither the BDO Settlement nor any of the terms of this Stipulation shall be construed as, deemed to be evidence of, or constitute an admission or finding of, any violation, fault, liability, wrongdoing, or damage whatsoever, or any infirmity in the defenses that BDO has, or could have, asserted in this Action. BDO is entering into this Stipulation solely to eliminate the burden and expense of further litigation. BDO has concluded that it is desirable and beneficial that the Released Claims be fully and finally settled and that the Action be terminated in the manner and upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Stipulation.

II. TERMS OF STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT OF SETTLEMENT

A. Introduction

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and among Plaintiffs (individually and on behalf of all Settlement Class Members), and each of them, and BDO, by and through their respective undersigned counsel or attorneys of record, that, subject to approval of the Court pursuant to Rule 23(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, in consideration of the benefits flowing to the Settling Parties from the settlement set forth herein, the Action and the Released Claims shall be finally and fully compromised, settled and released, and the Action shall be dismissed with prejudice, as to the Settling Parties, upon and subject to the terms and conditions of this Stipulation.

B. Definitions

As used in this Stipulation and its Exhibits, the following terms shall have the meanings specified below. Terms used in the singular shall be deemed to include the plural and vice versa:

1.0 “Action” means the case captioned *IN RE ELECTRIC LAST MILE SOLUTIONS, INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION.*, Civ. No. 2:22-cv-00545-MEF-LDW, pending in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, and including any and all complaints filed in this Action.

1.1 “Authorized Claimant” means any Settlement Class Member who submits a Proof of Claim to the Claims Administrator that is approved by the Court for payment from the Net Settlement Fund.

1.2 “BDO Claims” means any and all claims, demands, rights, causes of action, and liabilities, whether based in law or equity, arising under federal, state, local, statutory, or common law or any other law, rule, or regulation including both known and unknown claims, that arise out of or relate in any way to the institution, prosecution, or settlement of the claims in this Action against BDO, including under Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, or for any other fees or cost shifting, except for claims relating to the enforcement of this Stipulation or the BDO Settlement, provided that, “BDO Claims” shall not include, and nothing in this Stipulation or the bar order contemplated by paragraph 9.20 shall release or affect any claims, demands, rights, causes of action, liabilities, or defenses: (a) between BDO and the Individual Defendants; or (b) by BDO in connection with or arising out of the matter captioned *Levy v. Luo et al.*, No. 1:23-cv-00653 (D. Del.) (the “PIPE Action”).

1.3 “BDO’s Counsel” means McDermott Will & Emery LLP.

1.4 “BDO Settlement” or “Settlement” means the settlement contemplated by this stipulation.

1.5 “Claimant” means a Settlement Class Member who submits a Proof of Claim to the Claims Administrator seeking to be eligible to share in the proceeds of the Settlement Fund.

1.6 “Claims Administrator” means Strategic Claims Services, the firm retained by Lead Counsel to administer the BDO Settlement, including sending a mailed Notice to Settlement Class Members in the form of Exhibit A-4 hereto, or emailing Notice to Settlement Class Members, arranging for publication of Notice in the form of Exhibit A-3 hereto, processing claims, and performing such other administrative functions as are required under this Stipulation.

1.7 “Class Period” means the period from June 9, 2021 to February 1, 2022, both dates inclusive.

1.8 “Court” means the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

1.9 “Defendants” means the Individual Defendants and BDO.

1.10 “Effective Date” means the first date by which all of the events and conditions specified in ¶ 8.0 of the Stipulation have occurred and/or been met.

1.11 “Escrow Account” means an interest-bearing escrow account established by the Escrow Agent. The Escrow Account shall be managed by the Escrow Agent, subject to the Court’s supervisory authority, for the benefit of Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class in accordance with the terms of the Stipulation and any order of the Court.

1.12 “Escrow Agent” means Strategic Claims Services or its appointed agents. The Escrow Agent shall perform the duties as set forth in this Stipulation and any order of the Court.

1.13 “Fee and Expense Application” shall have the definition as set forth herein in § II.H., *infra*.

1.14 “Fee and Expense Award” shall have the definition as set forth herein in § II.H., *infra*.

1.15 “Final” with respect to the BDO Settlement, has the meaning as set forth in paragraph 8(d) hereto.

1.16 “Individual Defendants” means former defendants Jason Luo, James Taylor, Albert Li, Marshall Kiev, and David Boris.

1.17 “Judgment” means the Order and Final Judgment to be entered by the Court approving the BDO Settlement, certifying the Settlement Class for settlement purposes only, approving the release of the Released Claims, and dismissing the Action with prejudice and without costs to any party, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B or in similar form adopted by the Court.

1.18 “Lead Counsel” means The Rosen Law Firm, P.A.

1.19 “Net Settlement Fund” means the Settlement Fund less any Taxes and Tax Expenses, any Fee and Expense Award to Lead Counsel, any compensatory award to Plaintiffs, and Notice & Administration Costs.

1.20 “Notice” means collectively, the Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Class Action (“Long Notice”), the Summary Notice of Pendency and Proposed Class Action Settlement (“Summary Notice”), and the Postcard Notice, which are to be made available to Settlement Class Members substantially in the forms attached hereto as Exhibits A-1, A-3, and A-4 on the Claims Administrator’s website and/or mailed or emailed to Settlement Class Members.

1.21 “Notice & Administration Costs” means the costs and expenses reasonably and actually incurred by, and the reasonable fees charged by, the Claims Administrator in connection with notice dissemination and claims administration upon presentation of customary invoices therefor, which invoices have been approved by Lead Counsel, including, without limitation: the

cost of identifying and locating members of the Settlement Class; mailing Postcard Notice and publishing the Summary Notice (such amounts shall include, without limitation, the actual costs of publication in national newswires, printing and mailing the Postcard Notice, and reimbursement to nominee owners for forwarding notice to their beneficial owners), soliciting claims from Settlement Class Members, assisting with the filing of claims, processing Proof of Claim and Release Forms, administering and distributing the Net Settlement Fund to Authorized Claimants, and paying escrow fees and costs, if any.

1.22 “Person” means an individual, corporation, partnership, limited partnership, association, joint stock company, estate, legal representative, trust, unincorporated association, government or any political subdivision or agency thereof, and any business or legal entity, and for each of them their respective heirs, successors-in-interest, or assigns.

1.23 “Plan of Allocation” means a plan or formula for allocating the Net Settlement Fund to Authorized Claimants, to be designed by Lead Counsel in its sole discretion, subject to the approval of the Court. Any Plan of Allocation is not part of this Stipulation and none of the Released Parties shall have any responsibility or liability with respect thereto.

1.24 “Postcard Notice” means the postcard notice to be sent to Settlement Class Members substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A-4, and which shall contain information relating to, among other things, how to access the Long Notice and Stipulation and to file a Proof of Claim.

1.25 “Preliminary Approval Order” means an order by the Court substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto that will, *inter alia*, (1) grant preliminary approval of the BDO Settlement; (2) certify the Settlement Class for settlement purposes only; (3) authorize dissemination of notice to the Settlement Class substantially in the form of Exhibits A-1, A-3,

and A-4 hereto, along with provision of a Proof of Claim and Release Form substantially in the form of Exhibit A-2; and (4) schedule the Settlement Fairness Hearing.

1.26 “Proof of Claim” means the Proof of Claim and Release Form to be submitted by Claimants, substantially in the form attached as Exhibit A-2.

1.27 “Released Claims” means the Settlement Class Claims and BDO Claims.

1.28 “Released Parties” means BDO and its current and former parents, affiliates, subsidiaries, successors, predecessors, officers, directors, employees, agents, servants, representatives, assigns, assignees, advisors, attorneys, members, and insurers.

1.29 “Releases” means the release of Released Claims against Released Parties pursuant to ¶¶ 5.0–5.2.

1.30 “Settlement Amount” means the consideration for a full and complete settlement of all Released Claims being paid or cause to be paid by BDO in the amount of eight hundred ninety-nine thousand dollars (\$899,000.00).³

1.31 “Settlement Class” means, for settlement purposes only, all Persons and entities who purchased the publicly traded common stock of ELMS between June 9, 2021 and February 1, 2022, inclusive. Excluded from the Settlement Class are: (a) Defendants, the officers and directors of ELMS (including its predecessor Forum Merger III Corporation), Electric Last Mile Inc., and BDO, members of the Individual Defendants’ immediate families and their legal representatives, heirs, and successors, and any entity in which any of the Defendants, or any person excluded under this subsection (a) has or had a majority ownership interest at any time; and (b) persons and entities who suffered no compensable losses as determined by the Plan of Allocation.

³ All dollar amounts are in U.S. dollars.

1.32 “Settlement Class Claims” means any and all claims, demands, losses, rights, and causes of action of every nature and description, whether known or unknown, whether arising under federal, state, common, or foreign law, that Plaintiffs or any other member of the Settlement Class (i) asserted in the Complaint, or (ii) could have asserted or could in the future assert in any court or forum that arise out of or relate to any of the allegations, transactions, facts, matters or occurrences, representations or omissions involved, set forth, or referred to in the Complaint and that relate in any way, directly or indirectly, to the purchase, acquisition, holding, sale or disposition of ELMS common stock, or that of ELMS’s predecessor, Forum Merger III Corporation, during the Class Period, provided that, “Settlement Class Claims” shall not include, and this release shall not cover, include, or release (i) any claims relating to the enforcement of the BDO Settlement; (ii) any claims of any person or entity that submits a request for exclusion from the Settlement Class that is accepted by the Court; or (iii) the claims as asserted in the complaint filed on November 14, 2023 in the PIPE Action. With respect to the claims in the PIPE Action, nothing in the BDO Settlement shall in any way prevent anyone, including BDO, from taking the position in the PIPE Action that any recovery to putative class members in that action should be reduced or offset by any recovery such putative class members receive, or are eligible to receive, as a result of the BDO Settlement. For the avoidance of doubt, such reduction or offset shall not apply to any shareholders who opt out of the Settlement Class.

1.33 “Settlement Class Member” means any Person who falls within the definition of the Settlement Class.

1.34 “Settlement Distribution Order” means the Order approving the Claims Administrators’ administrative determinations concerning the acceptance and rejection of the claims submitted by potential Settlement Class Members; approving of any fees and expenses

not previously applied for, including the fees and expenses of the Claims Administrator; and directing the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund to Authorized Claimants.

1.35 “Settlement Fairness Hearing” means a hearing to be held by the Court to determine whether the proposed BDO Settlement on the terms and conditions provided for in this Stipulation is fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Settlement Class and should be approved by the Court; to determine whether a Judgment as provided in the Stipulation should be entered; to determine whether the proposed Plan of Allocation should be approved; to determine any amount of fees, costs and expenses that should be awarded to Lead Counsel; to hear any objections by Settlement Class Members to the Stipulation, Plan of Allocation, or any award of fees and expenses to Lead Counsel; and to consider such other matters as the Court may deem appropriate.

1.36 “Settlement Fund” means the Settlement Amount before any of the expenditures authorized herein, the payment of which will reduce it as described in the Net Settlement Fund definition, *supra*.

1.37 “Summary Notice” means the Summary Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Class Action to be published on a national business newswire, substantially in the form attached as Exhibit A-3.

1.38 “Taxes” and “Tax Expenses” means: (i) all federal, state, and/or local taxes, fees, levies, duties, tariffs, imposts, and other charges of any kind imposed by any governmental authority arising with respect to any income earned by the Settlement Fund, together with any interest, penalties, or additions to tax imposed with respect to them; and (ii) the reasonable and necessary costs and expenses incurred in connection with the implementation of ¶ 2.8 of the

Stipulation, including, without limitation, the reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of tax attorneys and accountants.

1.39 “Unknown Claims” or “Unknown” in reference to Released Claims means and includes (i) any and all Settlement Class Claims that Plaintiffs or any Settlement Class Member do not know or suspect to exist in his, her or its favor at the time of the release of the Released Parties which, if known by him, her or it, might have affected his, her or its decision(s) with respect to the BDO Settlement, or might have affected his, her or its decision not to object to the BDO Settlement or seek exclusion from the Settlement Class; and (ii) any and all BDO Claims that BDO or any Released Party does not know or suspect to exist in his, her, or its favor, which if known by him, her, or it might have affected his, her, or its decision(s) with respect to the BDO Settlement. With respect to the Released Claims, the Parties stipulate and agree that upon the Effective Date, Plaintiffs and BDO shall expressly waive, and each Settlement Class Member and Released Party shall be deemed to have waived, and by operation of the Judgment shall have expressly waived any and all provisions, rights and benefits conferred by California Civil Code § 1542, or any law of any state or territory of the United States or principle of common law, that is similar, comparable, or equivalent to California Civil Code § 1542, which provides:

A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him or her must have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor.

Plaintiffs, BDO and Settlement Class Members may hereafter discover facts in addition to or different from those which he, she or it now knows or believes to be true with respect to the subject matter of the Released Claims, but Plaintiffs shall expressly, fully, finally, and forever settle and release, and each Settlement Class Member, upon the Effective Date, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever settled and

released, and the Released Parties shall expressly, fully, finally, and forever settle and release any and all Released Claims, in each case known or Unknown, suspected or unsuspected, contingent or non-contingent, disclosed or undisclosed, matured or unmatured, whether or not concealed or hidden, which now exist, or heretofore have existed, upon any theory of law or equity now existing or coming into existence in the future, including, but not limited to, conduct which is negligent, intentional, with or without malice, or a breach of any duty, law or rule, without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of such different or additional facts. The Settling Parties acknowledge, and the Settlement Class Members and the Released Parties by operation of the Judgment shall be deemed to have acknowledged, that the foregoing waiver and inclusion of “Unknown Claims” in the definition of Settlement Class Claims and BDO Claims was separately bargained for and is a material element of the BDO Settlement of which these releases are a part.

C. The Settlement

a. Settlement Amount

2.0 BDO shall cause the Settlement Amount to be paid to the Escrow Account within thirty (30) days of the later of: (a) the Court granting preliminary approval of the BDO Settlement; or (b) BDO’s receipt of all information necessary to issue payment, including a W-9, accurate wire instructions, and access to a person with whom it can obtain verbal confirmation of the wire instructions.

2.1 BDO’s sole financial obligation to Plaintiffs, the Settlement Class Members and Lead Counsel under this Stipulation shall be as set forth in § 2.0, and under no circumstances shall BDO have any obligation to make any other or greater payment to them for any purpose pursuant to the BDO Settlement. All payments made to Authorized Claimants pursuant to the Plan of Allocation as approved by the Court, the Fee and Expense Award by the Court to Lead

Counsel, and all administrative and other approved expenses of the BDO Settlement, including Taxes and Tax Expenses, shall be paid from the Settlement Fund.

b. The Escrow Agent

2.2 At the written direction of Lead Counsel, the Settlement Fund shall be invested exclusively in instruments or accounts backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Government or fully insured by the United States Government or an agency thereof, including a U.S. Treasury Fund or a bank account that is either (a) fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or (b) secured by instruments backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Government. At Lead Counsel's direction, the Escrow Agent shall reinvest the proceeds of these instruments as they mature in similar instruments at their then-current market rates. BDO, BDO's Counsel, and the Released Parties shall not bear any responsibility for or liability related to the investment of the Settlement Fund by the Escrow Agent.

c. Handling and Disbursement of Funds by the Escrow Agent

2.3 Subject to further order and/or direction as may be made by the Court, the Escrow Agent is authorized to execute such transactions on behalf of the Settlement Class as are consistent with the terms of this Stipulation. The Escrow Agent shall not disburse the Settlement Fund except as provided in this Stipulation, by an order of the Court, or with the written agreement of BDO's Counsel and Lead Counsel. BDO, BDO's Counsel, and the Released Parties have no responsibility for, interest in, or liability whatsoever with respect to the actions of the Escrow Agent, or any transaction executed by the Escrow Agent. The Escrow Agent, through the Settlement Fund, shall indemnify and hold BDO, BDO's Counsel and the Released Parties harmless for any transaction executed by the Escrow Agent.

2.4 No monies will be disbursed from the Settlement Fund until after the Effective Date except as provided in ¶¶ 2.6–2.7 regarding Notice & Administration Costs, ¶ 2.8 regarding Taxes, and ¶ 7.1 regarding Attorneys’ Fees and Expenses.

2.5 All funds held by the Escrow Agent shall be deemed and considered to be in *custodia legis* of the Court, and shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Court, until such time as such funds shall be distributed or returned to the parties who deposited such funds pursuant to this Stipulation and/or further order of the Court. Upon the Effective Date and thereafter, there shall be no reversion whatsoever of any of the Settlement Amount to any of the Released Parties.

d. Notice & Administration Costs

2.6 At any time after entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, Lead Counsel may, without further approval from the Court or Defendants, pay from the Escrow Account actual, reasonable, and necessary Notice and Administration Costs up to seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) prior to the Effective Date. After the Effective Date, additional amounts may be transferred from the Settlement Fund for Lead Counsel to pay any additional, actual, reasonable, and necessary additional Notice and Administration Costs without further order of the Court.

2.7 Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel, BDO and BDO’s Counsel, and the Released Parties shall not bear any responsibility or liability for Notice and Administration Costs.

e. Taxes

2.8 The following provisions shall govern the treatment of Taxes and Tax Expenses:

(a) The Escrow Agent will, to the extent possible, agree to treat the Settlement Fund as a “qualified settlement fund” within the meaning of Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-1. In addition, the Escrow Agent shall timely make such elections as necessary or advisable to carry

out the provisions of this ¶ 2.8, including the “relation-back election” (as defined in Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-1) back to the earliest permitted date. Such elections shall be made in compliance with the procedures and requirements contained in such regulations. It shall be the responsibility of the Escrow Agent to timely and properly prepare and deliver the necessary documentation for signature by all necessary parties, and thereafter to cause the appropriate filing to occur.

(b) The Escrow Agent shall timely and properly file all informational and other tax returns necessary or advisable with respect to the Settlement Fund (including without limitation the returns described in Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-2(k)). Such returns (as well as the election described in ¶ 2.8(a)) shall be consistent with this ¶ 2.8 and in all events shall reflect that all Taxes (including any estimated Taxes, interest or penalties on the income earned) shall be paid out of the Settlement Fund.

(c) All Taxes and Tax Expenses relating to the income earned by the Settlement Fund shall be paid out of the Settlement Fund.

(d) Taxes and Tax Expenses shall be treated as and considered to be a cost of administration of the BDO Settlement and shall be timely paid by the Escrow Agent out of the Settlement Fund without prior order from the Court but shall not be considered or treated as part of the Notice & Administration Costs.

(e) BDO, BDO’s Counsel, Released Parties, Plaintiffs, Settlement Class Members, and Lead Counsel shall have no liability or responsibility for Taxes and Tax Expenses. The Escrow Agent shall indemnify and hold BDO, BDO’s Counsel, Released Parties, Plaintiffs, the Settlement Class Members, and Lead Counsel harmless for Taxes and Tax Expenses (including, without limitation, Taxes payable by reason of any such indemnification).

(f) The Escrow Agent shall be obligated (notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary) to withhold from distribution to Authorized Claimants any funds necessary to pay expenses relating to the establishment of adequate reserves for any Taxes and Tax Expenses (as well as any amounts that may be required to be withheld under Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-2(1)(2)). Neither BDO, BDO's Counsel, Released Parties, Plaintiffs, the Settlement Class Members nor Lead Counsel are responsible therefor, nor shall they have any liability with respect thereto.

(g) The Settling Parties agree to cooperate with the Escrow Agent, each other, and their tax attorneys and accountants to the extent reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of this ¶ 2.8.

f. Termination of Settlement

2.9 BDO shall have the right to terminate the BDO Settlement and this Stipulation, notwithstanding preliminary approval that may be provided by the Court, by providing written notice of their election to do so to Lead Counsel within ten (10) business days of: (a) a decision by the Court declining to enter the Preliminary Approval Order in any material respect; (b) a decision by the Court refusing to approve this Stipulation in any material respect or any material part thereof; (c) a decision by the Court declining to enter the Judgment in any material respect; or (d) the date upon which the Judgment is modified or reversed in any material respect by the Court of Appeals or the Supreme Court. Any decision with respect to any Plan of Allocation, or Fee and Expense Award to Lead Counsel shall not be considered material to this Stipulation and shall not be grounds for termination.

2.10 Plaintiffs shall have the right to terminate the BDO Settlement and this Stipulation, notwithstanding preliminary approval that may be provided by the Court, by

providing written notice of their election to do so to BDO's Counsel within ten (10) business days of: (a) a decision by the Court declining to enter the Preliminary Approval Order in any material respect; (b) a decision by the Court refusing to approve this Stipulation in any material respect or any material part thereof; (c) a decision by the Court declining to enter the Judgment in any material respect; or (d) the date upon which the Judgment is modified or reversed in any material respect by the Court of Appeals or the Supreme Court. Any decision with respect to any Plan of Allocation, or Fee and Expense Award shall not be considered material to this Stipulation and shall not be grounds for termination.

2.11 If the Settlement Amount is not paid into the Escrow Account in accordance with ¶ 2.0 of this Stipulation, then Plaintiffs, on behalf of the Settlement Class, and not BDO, shall have the right to: (a) terminate the BDO Settlement; or (b) apply to the Court to enforce the terms of the BDO Settlement and this Stipulation, but only if (i) Lead Counsel has first notified BDO's Counsel in writing of Plaintiffs' intent to terminate or pursue a judgment pursuant to this paragraph, and (ii) the entire Settlement Amount is not deposited in the Escrow Account within ten (10) business days after Lead Counsel has provided such written notice.

2.12 If, before the Settlement Fairness Hearing, any persons who otherwise would be Settlement Class Members have timely filed for exclusion from the Settlement Class in accordance with the provisions of the Preliminary Approval Order and the notice given pursuant thereto, and such persons in the aggregate have purchased a number of ELMS common stock during the Class Period in an amount greater than the sum specified in a separate Supplemental Agreement between the Settling Parties, BDO shall have the option to terminate the BDO Settlement and this Stipulation in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Supplemental Agreement. The Supplemental Agreement shall not be filed with the Court and its terms shall not

be disclosed in any other manner (other than the statements herein and in the Notice, to the extent necessary, or as otherwise provided in the Supplemental Agreement) unless and until the Court otherwise directs or a dispute arises among the Settling Parties concerning its interpretation or application. If submission of the Supplemental Agreement is required for resolution of a dispute or is otherwise ordered by the Court, the Settling Parties will undertake to have the Supplemental Agreement submitted to the Court in camera or filed under seal.

2.13 If (i) BDO exercises its right to terminate the BDO Settlement as provided in this Stipulation; or (ii) Plaintiffs exercise their right to terminate the BDO Settlement as provided in this Stipulation, then:

(a) The BDO Settlement and the relevant portions of this Stipulation shall be canceled and terminated without prejudice, and this Stipulation shall be null and void and shall have no further force or effect (except for ¶¶ 2.9, 2.10, 2.11, 2.12, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 9.0, 9.16, 9.19);

(b) The Settlement Amount including any interest accrued thereon, less expenses actually incurred or due and owing for the Notice & Administration Costs pursuant to ¶ 2.6 above, shall be refunded by check or wire transfer within fifteen (15) calendar days in accordance with the instructions to be provided by BDO's Counsel; and

(c) The Settling Parties shall revert to their respective positions in the Action as of January 2, 2025.

D. Class Certification

3.0 For the sole purpose of the BDO Settlement, the Settling Parties hereby stipulate, agree, and consent to: (i) certification of the Action as a class action pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a) and 23(b)(3); (b) appointment of Plaintiffs as class representatives; and (c) appointment of Lead Counsel as class counsel pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(g). Following execution of this Stipulation, Plaintiffs, with consent of BDO, shall apply to the Court for entry of the Preliminary

Approval Order substantially in the form attached as Exhibit A hereto, which will certify the Action to proceed as a class action for settlement purposes only. The certification of the Settlement Class shall be binding only with respect to the BDO Settlement and only if the Judgment becomes Final.

3.1 The Settling Parties' agreement as to certification of the Action is solely for purposes of effectuating the BDO Settlement and for no other purpose. BDO retains all of its objections, arguments, and defenses with respect to class certification, and reserves all rights to contest class certification, if the BDO Settlement set forth in this Stipulation does not receive the Court's final approval, if the Court's approval is reversed or vacated on appeal, if this Stipulation is terminated as provided herein, or if the BDO Settlement set forth in this Stipulation otherwise fails to become effective. The Settling Parties acknowledge that there has been no stipulation to any classes or certification of any classes for any purpose other than for settlement purposes, and that if the BDO Settlement set forth in this Stipulation does not receive the Court's final approval, if the Court's approval is reversed or vacated on appeal, if this Stipulation is terminated as provided herein, or if the BDO Settlement set forth in this Stipulation otherwise fails to become effective, this agreement as to certification of the Action becomes null and void ab initio, and this Stipulation or any other settlement-related statement may not be cited regarding class certification, or in support of an argument for certifying a class for any purpose related to this or any other proceeding.

E. Preliminary Approval Order

4.0 By February 21, 2025, pursuant to Judge Wettre's January 13, 2025 Order, Lead Counsel shall submit this Stipulation together with its Exhibits to the Court and shall request entry of a Preliminary Approval Order.

4.1 The Notice shall describe the BDO Settlement; the proposed Plan of Allocation; the requests for a Fee and Expense Award for Lead Counsel; the date of the Settlement Fairness Hearing; Settlement Class Members' rights to opt out, object, or otherwise be heard with regard to these matters; and Settlement Class Members' opportunity to file claims upon the Settlement Fund. The Stipulation, Notice, Proof of Claim and Release Form, and all papers submitted in support thereof shall be posted on a website to be maintained by the Claims Administrator.

F. Releases

5.0 The obligations incurred pursuant to this Stipulation shall be in full and final settlement of the Action as to BDO, the Released Parties, and any and all Released Claims.

5.1 Upon the Effective Date of the BDO Settlement, Plaintiffs and all Settlement Class Members (whether or not they submit a Proof of Claim or share in the Settlement Fund) on behalf of themselves, their respective heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, assigns, representatives, attorneys, and agents in their capacities as such, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished, and discharged the Released Parties from each and every one of the Settlement Class Claims, and shall be deemed by the BDO Settlement to, and shall be forever barred and enjoined from commencing, instituting, assisting, prosecuting, or continuing to prosecute any action or other proceeding in any court of law or equity, arbitration tribunal, administrative forum, or any other forum, asserting any of the Settlement Class Claims.

5.2 Upon the Effective Date of the BDO Settlement, and as a material condition of the dismissal with prejudice of the Action, BDO, on behalf of itself, its respective heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, assigns, representatives, attorneys, and agents in their capacities as such, and all of the Released Parties shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished, and

discharged Plaintiffs, Lead Counsel, and Settlement Class Members from each and every one of BDO Claims, and shall be deemed by the BDO Settlement to, and shall be forever enjoined from prosecuting each and every one of BDO Claims.

G. Administration and Calculation of Claims, Plan of Allocation, and Distribution of the Settlement Fund

6.0 The Claims Administrator shall administer and calculate claims submitted by Settlement Class Members and shall oversee distribution of the Net Settlement Fund to Authorized Claimants. The distribution checks will be drawn upon the Net Settlement Fund.

6.1 The Released Parties, BDO and BDO's Counsel shall have no involvement in reviewing or challenging claims and shall have no responsibility or liability for the allocation of the Settlement Fund among the Settlement Class Members or the allocation of any Fee and Expense Award to Lead Counsel. Any such awards shall be paid solely by the Settlement Fund.

6.2 The Settlement Fund shall be applied as follows: to pay Taxes and Tax Expenses; to pay Notice and Administration Costs; to pay a Fee and Expense Award to Lead Counsel to the extent allowed by the Court; and, upon court approval, to distribute the Net Settlement Fund to the Authorized Claimants as allowed by this Stipulation, the Plan of Allocation or the Court.

6.3 After the Effective Date, Lead Counsel, on behalf of Plaintiffs, shall apply to the Court, on notice to BDO, for the Settlement Distribution Order. The Settlement Fund shall be distributed to the Authorized Claimants, pursuant to the Settlement Distribution Order, only after the Effective Date and after (a) all claims have been processed, (b) all matters with respect to the Fee and Expense Application, the Fee and Expense Award, and any settlement administration costs and expenses have been resolved by the Court and such resolution is Final; and (c) all costs of the settlement administration have been paid. The Net Settlement Fund shall be distributed to Authorized Claimants subject to and in accordance with the following:

(i) Settlement Class Members who previously submitted a timely and valid Proof of Claim in conjunction with the Individual Defendants Settlement will be deemed to have submitted a timely and valid Proof of Claim for the BDO Settlement and need not take further action, unless they wish to object to the BDO Settlement or be excluded from the BDO Settlement by timely filing a proper request for exclusion. Copies of all requests for exclusion received shall be sent to BDO's Counsel and to Lead Counsel within a reasonable time of receipt by the Claims Administrator and in no case later than three (3) calendar days after the deadline for submitting requests for exclusion. Copies of all written retractions of requests for exclusion received shall be sent to BDO's Counsel and to Lead Counsel within a reasonable time of receipt by the Claims Administrator and in any event not less than three (3) calendar days prior to the Settlement Fairness Hearing.

(ii) Settlement Class Members who did not already submit a timely and valid Proof of Claim in the Individual Defendants Settlement shall be required to submit a Proof of Claim, supported by such documents as designated therein, including proofs of loss, or other documents or proofs as the Claims Administrator or Lead counsel may deem acceptable. All new Proofs of Claim must be submitted by the date set in the Preliminary Approval Order and specified in the Notice. Any Settlement Class Member who did not previously submit a timely and valid Proof of Claim in the Individual Defendants Settlement and who fails to timely submit a Proof of Claim, or who file a Proof of Claim that is rejected, shall be forever barred from receiving any payments pursuant to this Stipulation and the BDO Settlement, but will in all other respects be subject to and bound by the provisions of this Stipulation, the Releases, and the Judgment and will be barred and enjoined from bringing any action against the Released Parties concerning the Released Claims. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Lead Counsel shall have the

discretion to accept late-submitted claims for processing by the Claims Administrator but shall not incur any liability for declining to do so.

6.4 Each Claimant shall be deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to the Claimant's claim, and the claim will be subject to investigation and discovery under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, provided that such investigation and discovery shall be limited to that Claimant's status as a Settlement Class Member and the validity of the amount of the Claimant's claim. No discovery shall be allowed of the Claimants in connection with this Action, whether on the merits of the Action or the BDO Settlement or otherwise, in conjunction with the processing of the Proofs of Claim. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Stipulation shall affect BDO's right to seek discovery of any Claimants in connection with other matters.

6.5 Payment pursuant to this Stipulation shall be deemed final and conclusive against all Claimants. No Person shall have any claim against Plaintiffs, Lead Counsel, BDO, BDO's Counsel, the Released Parties, the Claims Administrator, the Escrow Agent or any other agent designated by Lead Counsel based on distribution determinations or claim rejections made substantially in accordance with this Stipulation and the BDO Settlement contained therein, the Plan of Allocation, or further orders of the Court.

6.6 The Net Settlement Fund shall be distributed to the Authorized Claimants substantially in accordance with a Plan of Allocation designed by Lead Counsel, to be described in the Notice, and approved by the Court. However, if there is any balance remaining in the Net Settlement Fund after six (6) months from the date of distribution of the Net Settlement Fund (whether by reason of tax refunds, uncashed checks or otherwise), the Claims Administrator under the supervision of Lead Counsel shall, if feasible, reallocate such balance among

Authorized Claimants in an equitable and economic fashion. Thereafter, any balance that still remains in the Net Settlement Fund shall be donated to such not-for-profit as the Court may direct and approve.

6.7 This is not a claims-made settlement. If all conditions of the Stipulation are satisfied and the BDO Settlement becomes Final, no portion of the Settlement Fund will be returned to the Released Parties.

6.8 BDO, BDO's Counsel, and the Released Parties shall have no responsibility for, interest in, or liability whatsoever with respect to: (i) any act, omission or determination of Lead Counsel, the Escrow Agent or the Claims Administrator, or any of their respective designees or agents, in connection with the administration of the BDO Settlement or otherwise; (ii) the administration, management, investment, allocation or distribution of the Settlement Fund; (iii) the Plan of Allocation; (iv) the determination, administration, calculation or payment of any claims asserted against the Settlement Fund; (v) any losses suffered by, or fluctuations in the value of, the Settlement Fund; (vi) the payment or withholding of any Taxes and Tax Expenses or (vii) any failure of Notice or failure to identify Settlement Class Members, or any losses incurred in connection therewith. No Person shall have any claim of any kind against BDO, BDO's Counsel, or any other Released Parties with respect to the matters set forth in ¶¶ 6.1-6.8 herein.

6.9 It is understood and agreed by the Settling Parties that any proposed Plan of Allocation of the Net Settlement Fund including, but not limited to, any adjustments to an Authorized Claimant's claim set forth therein, is not a part of this Stipulation and is to be considered by the Court separately from the Court's consideration of the fairness, reasonableness and adequacy of the BDO Settlement set forth in this Stipulation, and any order or proceedings

relating to the Plan of Allocation shall not operate to terminate or cancel this Stipulation or affect the finality of the Court's Judgment approving this Stipulation and the BDO Settlement set forth therein, or any other orders entered pursuant to this Stipulation.

H. Attorneys' Fees and Expenses

7.0 Lead Counsel may submit an application or applications (the "Fee and Expense Application") for payments to Lead Counsel from the Settlement Fund for: (a) an award of attorneys' fees; plus (b) reimbursement of actual costs and expenses, including without limitation the fees and expenses of experts, consultants, and investigators incurred in connection with prosecuting the Action. Lead Counsel reserves the right to make additional applications for fees and expenses incurred, if necessary.

7.1 Any award of attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses approved by the Court ("Fee and Expense Award") shall be payable to Lead Counsel, solely from the Settlement Fund within three (3) business days after the entry of the Court's order awarding such fees and expenses, notwithstanding any timely filed objections thereto, or potential for appeal therefrom, or collateral attack on the BDO Settlement or any part thereof, subject to the joint and several obligation of all counsel who receive any award of attorneys' fees and costs to refund such award to the Settlement Fund, plus interest earned thereon if, as a result of any appeal and/or further proceedings on remand or successful collateral attack, the award is lowered or the BDO Settlement is disapproved by a final order. BDO and the Released Parties shall have no responsibility for any payment of attorneys' fees or expenses.

7.2 If the Fee and Expense Award is reduced or reversed on appeal, Lead Counsel shall be jointly and severally obligated to repay all such attorneys' fees and expenses awarded and shall make all necessary refunds and repayments into the Settlement Fund no later than thirty (30) calendar days after Lead Counsel's receipt from the Court of notice of any order that

reverses or reduces any award of attorneys' fees or expenses, which shall be distributed by the Escrow Agent to the Settlement Class pursuant to the manner directed in the Final order.

7.3 The Fee and Expense Application is to be considered by the Court separately from the Court's consideration of the fairness, reasonableness and adequacy of the BDO Settlement set forth in this Stipulation. Any order or proceedings relating to the Fee and Expense Application, or any appeal from any order relating thereto or reversal or modification thereof, shall not operate to modify, terminate or cancel this Stipulation, or affect or delay the finality of the Judgment approving this Stipulation and the BDO Settlement. It is understood that whatever amount is awarded by the Court is within the sole discretion of the Court, and if the award is less than the amount sought, it will not be a basis for either party to set aside the BDO Settlement.

I. Effect of Disapproval, Cancellation or Termination

8.0 The Effective Date of the Stipulation means the business day after all of the following conditions have been met and occurred:

- (a) The Court has entered the Preliminary Approval Order;
- (b) The Settlement Amount has been deposited into the Escrow Account;
- (c) BDO has not exercised their option to terminate the Stipulation pursuant to the Supplemental Agreement; and
- (d) Entry by the Court of the Judgment, which has become Final, which is when the last of the following with respect to the Judgment approving the Stipulation shall occur: (i) the expiration of the time to file any motion to alter or amend the Judgment under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 59(e) without any such motion having been filed; (ii) the expiration of the time to appeal from the Judgment without any such appeal having been filed; and (iii) if a motion to alter or amend is filed or if an appeal is filed, immediately after the determination of that motion

or appeal so that the Judgment is no longer subject to any further judicial review or appeal whatsoever, whether by reason of affirmance by a court of last resort, lapse of time, voluntary dismissal of appeal, or otherwise, and in such a manner as to permit the consummation of the BDO Settlement substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Stipulation. For purposes of this paragraph, an “appeal” shall include any petition for a writ of *certiorari* or other writ that may be filed in connection with the approval or disapproval of the BDO Settlement, but shall not include any appeal which concerns only the issue of Lead Counsel’s attorneys’ fees and expenses, the Plan of Allocation of the Settlement Fund or the procedures for determining Authorized Claimants’ recognized claims.

8.1 Upon the occurrence of the Effective Date, any and all interest or right of BDO in or to the Settlement Fund, if any, shall be absolutely and forever extinguished, except as set forth in this Stipulation. The Settlement Fund shall be distributed in accordance with ¶ 6.3 hereof. If all of the conditions specified in ¶ 8.0 herein are not met, then this Stipulation shall be canceled and terminated subject to ¶ 8.2 herein, unless Lead Counsel and BDO’s Counsel mutually agree in writing to proceed with the BDO Settlement.

8.2 Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, in the event the Stipulation is terminated, or is canceled, or fails to become effective for any reason, no later than ten (10) business days after written notification of such event is sent by BDO’s Counsel or Lead Counsel to the Escrow Agent, subject to the terms of ¶¶ 2.9 or 2.10 hereof, the Settlement Amount (including accrued interest), less any expenses and any costs which have either been properly disbursed pursuant to ¶ 2.6 hereof, or are determined to be chargeable to the Settlement Fund or the notice and administration of the BDO Settlement pursuant to ¶ 2.6 hereof, shall be refunded by the Escrow Agent to the appropriate sources of the funds in proportion to their contribution to the Settlement

Fund, plus accrued interest attributable to that amount, by check or wire transfer pursuant to written instructions from BDO's Counsel.

8.3 In the event the BDO Settlement is terminated as provided in ¶¶ 2.9 or 2.10, then the terms and provisions of the Stipulation, with the exception of ¶¶ 2.9, 2.10, 2.11, 2.12, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 9.0, 9.16 or 9.19 hereof, shall have no further force and effect and shall not be used in this Action or in any other proceeding for any purpose, and any judgment or order entered by the Court in accordance with the terms of this Stipulation shall be treated as vacated, *nunc pro tunc*. No order of the Court or modification or reversal on appeal of any order of the Court concerning the Plan of Allocation or the amount of any attorneys' fees, costs, expenses and interest awarded by the Court to Lead Counsel shall constitute grounds for cancellation or termination of the Stipulation.

8.4 In the event the BDO Settlement is terminated as provided in ¶¶ 2.9 or 2.10, Plaintiffs, Settlement Class Members, Lead Counsel, the Claims Administrator, and the Escrow Agent shall not have any obligation to repay any Notice and Administration Costs actually and properly disbursed from the Settlement Fund. In addition, any expenses already incurred and properly chargeable to Notice and Administration Costs pursuant to this Stipulation at the time of such termination or cancellation, but which have not been paid, shall be paid by the Escrow Agent in accordance with the terms of the Stipulation before the balance is refunded in accordance with ¶ 8.2.

J. Miscellaneous Provisions

9.0 This Stipulation, whether or not consummated, and any proceedings taken pursuant to it, shall not be deemed to be, and may not be, argued to be offered or received:

(a) Against BDO as evidence of, or construed as evidence of, any presumption, concession, or admission by BDO with respect to the truth of any fact alleged by Plaintiffs in this

Action or in the Complaint or the validity of any claim that has been or could have been asserted against BDO in this Action or in the Complaint, or the deficiency of any defense that has been or could have been asserted in the Action, or of any wrongdoing or liability by BDO.

(b) Against BDO as evidence of, or construed as evidence of, any presumption, concession, or admission of any fault, misrepresentation, or omission with respect to any statement or written document approved or made by BDO.

(c) Against BDO, Plaintiffs, or any Settlement Class Member as evidence of, or construed as evidence of any presumption, concession, or admission by BDO, Plaintiffs, or any Settlement Class Member with respect to any liability, negligence, fault, or wrongdoing against BDO, Plaintiffs, or any Settlement Class Member in any other civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceeding, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Stipulation, provided, however, that if this Stipulation is approved by the Court, BDO, Plaintiffs, and any Settlement Class Member may refer to it to effectuate the liability protection granted them hereunder;

(d) Against BDO as evidence of, or construed as evidence of, any presumption, concession, or admission by any of them that the Settlement Amount represents the amount which could or would have been received after trial of the Action;

(e) Against Plaintiffs or any Settlement Class Member as evidence of, or construed as evidence of, any presumption, concession, or admission by Plaintiffs or any Settlement Class Member that any of their claims are without merit, or that any defenses asserted by BDO has any merit, or that damages recoverable in the Action would not have exceeded the Settlement Amount;

(f) Against Plaintiffs or any Settlement Class Member or Lead Counsel as evidence of, or construed as evidence of, any infirmity of the claims alleged by Plaintiffs in the Complaint or the Action or of any lack of merit to the claims or the Action or of any bad faith, dilatory motive, or inadequate prosecution of the claims or the Action; and

(g) As evidence of, or construed as evidence of, any presumption, concession, or admission that class certification is appropriate in this Action, except for purposes of the BDO Settlement. BDO and/or other Released Parties may file this Stipulation and/or the Judgment in any other action that may be brought against them in order to support a defense or counterclaim based on principles of res judicata, collateral estoppel, release, good faith settlement, judgment bar, offset or reduction, or any theory of claim preclusion or issue preclusion or similar defense or counterclaim.

9.1 The Settling Parties intend the BDO Settlement to be a final and complete resolution of all disputes which have been asserted, could have been asserted, or could be asserted by Plaintiffs or the Settlement Class Members against BDO and all Released Parties concerning the Settlement Class Claims, and against Plaintiff and Settlement Class Members and their counsel by BDO concerning BDO Claims. Accordingly, the Settling Parties agree not to assert in any forum that the litigation was brought by Plaintiffs or defended by BDO in bad faith or without a reasonable basis. The Settling Parties, and each of them, shall not assert or pursue any action, claim or rights that any party hereto violated any provision of Fed. R. Civ. P. 11 or otherwise seek reimbursement or shifting of attorneys' fees or other costs associated with this litigation. The Settling Parties, and each of them, and their respective counsel agree that the Action was resolved in good faith, following arm's length bargaining, and reflect a settlement that was reached voluntarily after consultation with experienced legal counsel.

9.2 The Settling Parties (a) acknowledge that it is their intent to consummate this BDO Settlement; and (b) agree, subject to their fiduciary and other legal obligations, to cooperate to the extent reasonably necessary to effectuate and implement all terms and conditions of this Stipulation and to exercise their reasonable best efforts to accomplish the foregoing terms and conditions of this Stipulation. Subject to their fiduciary and legal obligations to their clients, Lead Counsel and BDO's Counsel agree to cooperate with one another in seeking Court approval of the Preliminary Approval Order, the Stipulation, and the BDO Settlement, and to use reasonable best efforts to promptly agree upon and execute all such other documentation as may be reasonably required to obtain final approval of the BDO Settlement.

9.3 Neither Plaintiffs, Settlement Class Members, nor BDO shall be bound by the Stipulation if the Court modifies material terms thereof, provided, however, that it shall not be a basis for Settlement Class Members to terminate the BDO Settlement if the Court modifies any proposed Plan of Allocation or criteria for allocation of the Net Settlement Fund amongst Settlement Class Members or if the Plan of Allocation is modified on appeal. Nor shall it be a basis to terminate the Stipulation if the Court disapproves of or modifies the terms of this Stipulation with respect to the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund. Nor shall it be a basis to terminate the Stipulation if the Court denies, in whole or in part, Lead Counsel's Fee and Expense Application.

9.4 The administration and consummation of the BDO Settlement as embodied in this Stipulation shall be under the authority of the Court, and the Court shall retain jurisdiction for the purpose of entering orders providing the Fee and Expense Award to Lead Counsel and enforcing the terms of this Stipulation.

9.5 The headings used herein are used for the purpose of convenience only and are not meant to have legal effect.

9.6 All of the Exhibits to this Stipulation are material and integral parts hereof and are fully incorporated herein by this reference. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event of a conflict or inconsistency between the terms of this Stipulation and the terms of any Exhibit attached hereto, the terms of this Stipulation shall prevail.

9.7 This Stipulation may be amended or modified only by a written instrument signed by or on behalf of all Settling Parties or their respective successors-in-interest.

9.8 This Stipulation, the Exhibits attached hereto, and the Supplemental Agreement (as described in ¶ 2.12, *supra*) constitute the entire agreement among the Settling Parties and no representations, warranties, or inducements have been made to any party concerning this Stipulation, its Exhibits, or the Supplemental Agreement other than the representations, warranties and covenants contained and memorialized in such documents.

9.9 Each counsel or other Person executing this Stipulation, any of its Exhibits, or any related settlement documents on behalf of any party hereto hereby warrants and represents that such Person has the full authority to do so and that they have the authority to take appropriate action required or permitted to be taken pursuant to the Stipulation to effectuate its terms.

9.10 This Stipulation may be executed in one or more counterparts. All executed counterparts and each of them shall be deemed to be one and the same instrument. Signatures sent by facsimile or email shall be deemed originals.

9.11 This Stipulation shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors, heirs, and assigns of the Settling Parties.

9.12 The Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to enforcement of the terms of this Stipulation, and the Settling Parties agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the Court for purposes of enforcing the BDO Settlement embodied in this Stipulation.

9.13 This Stipulation and the Exhibits hereto shall be considered to have been negotiated, executed and delivered, and to be wholly performed, in the State of New Jersey and the rights and obligations of the parties to this Stipulation shall be construed and enforced in accordance with, and governed by, the internal, substantive laws of the State of New Jersey without giving effect to that State's choice of law principles.

9.14 This Stipulation is deemed to have been prepared by Lead Counsel and BDO's Counsel, as a result of arm's length negotiations among the Settling Parties. Whereas all Settling Parties have contributed substantially and materially to the preparation of this Stipulation, it shall not be construed more strictly against one party than another.

9.15 Whenever this Stipulation requires or contemplates that a Settling Party shall or may give notice to the other, notice shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given upon receipt of an emailed PDF, or similar-format electronic document. Notice shall be provided as follows:

If to Plaintiffs or Lead Counsel,
then to:

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9.16 All time periods set forth herein shall be computed in calendar days unless otherwise expressly provided. In computing any period of time prescribed or allowed by this Stipulation or by order of the Court, the day of the act, event, or default from which the designated period of time begins to run shall not be included.

9.17 The Settling Parties reserve the right, subject to the Court's approval, to make any reasonable extensions of time that might be necessary to carry out any of the provisions of this Stipulation.

9.18 Pending approval of the Court of the Stipulation and its Exhibits, other than by agreement of the Settling Parties, all proceedings in this Action shall be stayed as to BDO.

9.19 BDO shall provide notice under the provisions of the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, 28 U.S.C. § 1715, as appropriate, at its own expense, and may engage the Claims Administrator for that purpose.

9.20 In addition to any bar order required under the PSLRA, the Judgment shall include a bar order that shall, upon the Effective Date, to the maximum extent allowed by law, bar all claims against the Released Parties, including without limitation claims for contribution and indemnification, by any Person, whether arising under state, federal, or common law, based upon, arising out of, or relating to the Released Claims. The bar order shall also include a judgment reduction provision whereby, in the event any Settlement Class Member (including any Plaintiff) seeks to recover damages or any other form of monetary relief ("Damages") from any Person based upon claims that arise out of, or relate in any way to, the Released Claims, the Settlement Class Member shall give such person or entity the benefit of judgment reduction or offset equal to the greater of: (1) the amount of recovery obtained by the Settlement Class Member in connection

with the BDO Settlement; (2) the amount of recovery the Settlement Class Member was eligible to obtain in connection with the BDO Settlement; or (3) the amount that corresponds to the percentage of responsibility of the Released Parties for the Damages. For the avoidance of doubt and notwithstanding any language set forth in this Section 9.20, the bar order shall not release or bar: (a) claims relating to the enforcement of the BDO Settlement; (b) the claims of any Settlement Class Member who or which submits a request for exclusion from the Settlement Class that is accepted by the Court; or (c) the claims as asserted in the complaint filed on November 14, 2023 in the PIPE Action. With respect to the PIPE Action, nothing in the BDO Settlement shall in any way prevent anyone, including BDO, from taking the position in the PIPE Action that any recovery to putative class members in that should be reduced or offset by any recovery such putative class members receive in this Action, or are or were ever eligible to recover as a result of the BDO Settlement.

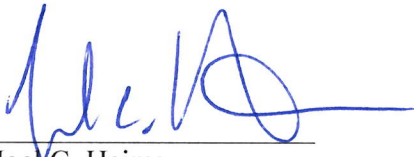
9.21 Nothing in this Stipulation, or the negotiations relating thereto, is intended to or shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of any applicable privilege or immunity, including, without limitation, the attorney-client privilege, the work product doctrine, or the joint defense or common interest doctrine.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Settling Parties hereto have caused this agreement to be executed, by their duly authorized attorneys, as of February 21, 2025:



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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

IN RE ELECTRIC LAST MILE SOLUTIONS,
INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION

CASE NO. 2:22-cv-00545-MEF-LDW

CLASS ACTION

**[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY
APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT**

WHEREAS, Lead Plaintiff Jun Zheng and named plaintiff Scott T. Hacker (“Plaintiffs”) and Defendant BDO USA, P.C. (“BDO,” and together with Plaintiffs, the “Settling Parties”), through their respective counsel of record relating to the above-captioned litigation, have entered into the Stipulation of Settlement, dated February 21, 2025 (the “Stipulation”), which is subject to review under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and which, together with the exhibits annexed thereto, sets forth the terms and conditions for the proposed settlement and dismissal of all claims against BDO in the case captioned *IN RE ELECTRIC LAST MILE SOLUTIONS, INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION*, Case No. 2:22-cv-00545-MEF-LDW (the “Action”); and the Court having read and considered the Stipulation and the exhibits thereto and submissions made relating thereto, and finding that substantial and sufficient grounds exist for entering this Order; and the Settling Parties having consented to the entry of this Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that:

1. Capitalized terms used herein have the meanings defined in the Stipulation.
2. Pursuant to Rule 23(a) and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and for the purposes of the BDO Settlement only, the Action is hereby preliminarily certified as a class action on behalf of all persons and entities who purchased the publicly traded common stock of

ELMS between June 9, 2021 and February 1, 2022, inclusive. Excluded from the Settlement Class are: (a) Defendants, the officers and directors of ELMS (including its predecessor Forum Merger III Corporation), Electric Last Mile Inc., BDO, members of the Individual Defendants' immediate families and their legal representatives, heirs, and successors, and any entity in which any of the Defendants, or any person excluded under this subsection (a), has or had a majority ownership interest at any time; and (b) persons and entities who suffered no compensable losses as determined by the Plan of Allocation.

3. This Court finds, preliminarily and for purposes of the BDO Settlement only, that the prerequisites for a class action under Rules 23(a) and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure have been satisfied in that: (a) the number of Settlement Class Members is so numerous that joinder of all Settlement Class Members is impracticable; (b) there are questions of law and fact common to the Settlement Class; (c) the claims of Plaintiffs are typical of the claims of the Settlement Class they seek to represent; (d) Plaintiffs fairly and adequately represent the interests of the Settlement Class; (e) questions of law and fact common to the Settlement Class predominate over any questions affecting only individual Settlement Class Members; and (f) a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the Action.

4. Pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, preliminarily and for the purposes of the BDO Settlement only, Plaintiffs are certified as the class representatives on behalf of the Settlement Class ("Class Representatives") and Lead Counsel, The Rosen Law Firm, P.A., previously selected by Lead Plaintiff and appointed by the Court, is hereby appointed as Lead Counsel for the Settlement Class ("Lead Counsel").

5. The Court finds that (a) the Stipulation resulted from good faith, arm's-length negotiations, and (b) the Stipulation is sufficiently fair, reasonable and adequate to the Settlement Class Members to warrant providing notice of the BDO Settlement to Settlement Class Members and holding a Settlement Fairness Hearing.

6. The Court hereby preliminarily approves the BDO Settlement, subject to further consideration at the Settlement Fairness Hearing pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e), which is hereby scheduled to be held before the Court on _____ at _____. for the following purposes:

(a) to determine finally whether the applicable prerequisites for class action treatment under Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23(a) and (b) are satisfied;

(b) to determine finally whether the BDO Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and should be approved by the Court;

(c) to determine finally whether the Order and Final Judgment as provided under the Stipulation should be entered, dismissing the Action on the merits and with prejudice, and to determine whether the release by the Releasing Parties of the Released Claims against the Released Parties, as set forth in the Stipulation, should be ordered, along with a permanent injunction barring efforts to prosecute or attempt to prosecute any Released Claims extinguished by the release against any of the Released Parties, as also set forth in the Stipulation;

(d) to determine finally whether the proposed Plan of Allocation for the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund is fair and reasonable and should be approved by the Court;

(e) to consider the application of Lead Counsel for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses;

(f) to consider Settlement Class Members' objections to the BDO Settlement, if any, whether submitted previously in writing or presented orally at the Settlement Fairness Hearing by Settlement Class Members (or by counsel on their behalf), provided that they gave proper notice that they intend to appear at the Settlement Fairness Hearing; and

(g) to rule upon such other matters as the Court may deem appropriate.

7. The Court reserves the right to approve the BDO Settlement with or without modification and with or without further notice to the Settlement Class and may adjourn the Settlement Fairness Hearing without further notice to the Settlement Class. The Court reserves the right to hold the Settlement Fairness Hearing telephonically or by other virtual means. The Court reserves the right to enter the Judgment approving the Stipulation regardless of whether it has approved the Plan of Allocation, or Lead Counsel's request for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses.

8. The Court approves the form, substance and requirements of (a) the Long Notice, (b) the Postcard Notice, (c) the Summary Notice, and (c) the Proof of Claim, all of which are exhibits to the Stipulation.

9. Lead Counsel have the authority to enter into the BDO Settlement on behalf of the Settlement Class and have the authority to act on behalf of the Settlement Class with respect to all acts or consents required by or that may be given pursuant to the Stipulation or such other acts that are reasonably necessary to consummate the BDO Settlement.

10. For settlement purposes only, Strategic Claims Services is appointed and approved as the Claims Administrator to supervise and administer the notice procedure as well as the processing of claims.

11. BDO shall cause the Settlement Amount (\$899,000) to be paid to the Escrow Account within thirty (30) days of the later of: (a) the Court granting preliminary approval of the BDO Settlement; or (b) BDO's receipt of all information necessary to issue payment, including a W-9, accurate wire instructions, and access to a person with whom it can obtain verbal confirmation of the wire instructions.

12. At any time after entry of this Order, Lead Counsel may, without further approval from the Court or BDO, pay from the Escrow Account actual, reasonable, and necessary Notice and Administration Costs up to seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) prior to the Effective Date. After the Effective Date, additional amounts may be transferred from the Settlement Fund for Lead Counsel to pay any additional, actual, reasonable, and necessary additional Notice and Administration Costs without further order of the Court.

13. Lead Counsel, through the Claims Administrator, shall cause the Stipulation and its exhibits, this Order, a copy of the Notice, and the Proof of Claim to be posted on the Claims Administrator's website within thirty (30) calendar days after entry of this Order.

14. Within thirty (30) calendar days of entry of this Order, Lead Counsel, through the Claims Administrator, shall cause the Summary Notice to be published once over a national newswire service. Lead Counsel shall, at least seven (7) calendar days before the Settlement Fairness Hearing, serve upon BDO's Counsel and file with the Court proof of publications of the Summary Notice.

15. Within thirty (30) calendar days of the entry of this Order, Lead Counsel, through the Claims Administrator, shall either: (a) email links to the location of the Long Notice and Proof of Claim to Settlement Class Members for whom the Claims Administrator is able to obtain email addresses; or (b) cause the Postcard Notice, if no electronic mail address can be

obtained, to be mailed, by first class mail, postage prepaid, to Settlement Class Members who can be identified with reasonable effort by Lead Counsel, through the Claims Administrator.

16. The Claims Administrator shall utilize information provided by nominees and custodians in the Individual Defendants Settlement. Any nominee or custodian requesting additional Notices shall, within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of notice, either: (1) request copies of the Postcard Notice sufficient to send the Postcard Notice to all beneficial owners for whom they are nominees or custodians, and within ten (10) calendar days after receipt thereof send copies of such beneficial owners; or (ii) request an electronic link to the Notice and Proof of Claim and Release Form (“Notice and Claim Link”), and within ten (10) calendar days after receipt thereof, email the Notice and Claim Links to such beneficial owners for whom valid email addresses are available; or (iii) provide the Claims Administrator with lists of the additional names, last known addresses and email addresses (to the extent known) of such beneficial owners, in which event the Claims Administrator shall promptly deliver the Postcard Notice to such beneficial owners. If the Claims Administrator receives an email address, it shall send a Notice and Claim Link electronically. Nominees or Custodians who elect to send the Postcard Notice or Notice and Claim Link to their beneficial owners shall send a written certification to the Claims Administrator confirming that the mailing or emailing has been made as directed. Copies of the Postcard Notice or Notice and Claim Link shall be made available to any nominee or custodian requesting same for the purpose of distribution to beneficial owners. The Claims Administrator shall, if requested, reimburse nominees or custodians out of the Settlement Fund solely for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in providing notice to beneficial owners which expenses would not have been incurred except for the providing of names and addresses, in amounts up to: (i) \$0.02 per name (with address and email address)

provided to the Claims Administrator; (ii) \$0.02 per Notice and Claim Link sent by email; or (iii) \$0.02 per Postcard Notice, plus postage at the rate used by the Claims Administrator, and subject to further order of this Court with respect to any dispute concerning such reimbursement.

17. Lead Counsel shall, at least seven (7) calendar days before the Settlement Fairness Hearing, serve upon BDO's Counsel and file with the Court proof of the mailing and emailing of Notice, as required by this Order.

18. The forms and methods set forth herein of notifying the Settlement Class Members of the Settlement and its terms and conditions meet the requirements of due process, Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and Section 21D(a)(7) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. 78u-4(a)(7), as amended by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995; constitute the best notice practicable under the circumstances; and constitute due and sufficient notice to all persons and entities entitled thereto. No Settlement Class Member will be relieved from the terms and conditions of the BDO Settlement, including the releases provided for therein, based upon the contention or proof that such Settlement Class Member failed to receive actual or adequate notice.

19. In order to be entitled to participate in recovery from the Net Settlement Fund after the Effective Date, each Settlement Class Member shall take the following action and be subject to the following conditions:

(a) Settlement Class Members who previously submitted a timely and valid Proof of Claim in the Individual Defendants Settlement will not be required to submit a new Proof of Claim; the Claims Administrator shall use the prior Proofs of Claim for the BDO Settlement. Settlement Class Members who did not already submit a timely and valid Proof of Claim for the Individual Defendants Settlement, and who wish to participate in the BDO

Settlement and be eligible to receive a distribution from the Net Settlement Fund, must submit a properly completed and executed Proof of Claim to the Claims Administrator, at the Post Office Box indicated in the Notice, postmarked no later than _____ (twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to the Settlement Fairness Hearing). Such deadline may be further extended by Order of the Court. Each Proof of Claim shall be deemed to have been submitted when legibly postmarked (if properly addressed and mailed by first class mail) provided such Proof of Claim is actually received before the filing of a motion for an Order of the Court approving distribution of the Net Settlement Fund. Any Proof of Claim submitted in any other manner shall be deemed to have been submitted when it was actually received by the Claims Administrator at the address designated in the Notice. Proofs of Claim submitted electronically through the Claims Administrator's website in accordance with the Notice shall be deemed timely if submitted by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on _____.

(b) The Proof of Claim submitted by each Settlement Class Member must satisfy the following conditions: (i) it must be properly completed, signed and submitted in a timely manner in accordance with the provisions of the preceding subparagraph; (ii) it must be accompanied by adequate supporting documentation for the transactions reported therein, in the form of broker confirmation slips, broker account statements, an authorized statement from the broker containing the transactional information found in a broker confirmation slip, or such other documentation as is deemed adequate by the Claims Administrator or Lead Counsel; (iii) if the person executing the Proof of Claim is acting in a representative capacity, a certification of his current authority to act on behalf of the Settlement Class Member must be provided with the Proof of Claim; and (iv) the Proof of Claim must be complete and contain no material deletions

or modifications of any of the printed matter contained therein and must be signed under penalty of perjury.

(c) Once the Claims Administrator has considered a timely submitted Proof of Claim, it shall determine whether such claim is valid, deficient or rejected. For each claim determined to be either deficient or rejected, the Claims Administrator shall send a deficiency letter or rejection letter as appropriate, describing the basis on which the claim was so determined. Persons who timely submit a Proof of Claim that is deficient or otherwise rejected shall be afforded a reasonable time (at least ten (10) calendar days) to cure such deficiency if it shall appear that such deficiency may be cured. If any Claimant whose claim has been rejected in whole or in part wishes to contest such rejection, the Claimant must, within ten (10) calendar days after the date of mailing of the notice, serve upon the Claims Administrator a notice and statement of reasons indicating the Claimant's ground for contesting the rejection along with any supporting documentation, and requesting a review thereof by the Court. If an issue concerning a claim cannot be otherwise resolved, Lead Counsel shall thereafter present the request for review to the Court.

(d) As part of the Proof of Claim, each Settlement Class Member shall submit to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to the claim submitted, and shall, upon the Effective Date, release all claims as provided in the Stipulation.

20. All Settlement Class Members who do not submit valid and timely Proof of Claim will be forever barred from receiving any payments from the Net Settlement Fund, but will in all other respects be subject to and bound by the provisions of the Stipulation and the Order and Final Judgment, if entered.

21. Settlement Class Members shall be bound by all determinations and judgments in this Action whether favorable or unfavorable, unless such Persons request exclusion from the Settlement Class in a timely and proper manner, as hereinafter provided. A Settlement Class Member wishing to make such request for exclusion shall either: (a) mail it, in written form, by first class mail, postage prepaid, or otherwise deliver it, so that it is received no later than _____ (twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to the Settlement Fairness Hearing) (the “Exclusion Deadline”), to the addresses listed in the Notice; or (b) email the request for exclusion to the Claims Administrator at info@strategicclaims.net no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on _____. In order to be valid, such request for exclusion (A) must clearly indicate the name and address and phone number and e-mail contact information (if any) of the Person seeking exclusion, and state that the sender specifically “requests to be excluded from the Settlement Class for the BDO Settlement in *IN RE ELECTRIC LAST MILE SOLUTIONS, INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION*, Case No. 2:22-cv-00545-MEF-LDW.” In order to be valid, such request for exclusion must be submitted with documentary proof (i) of each purchase or acquisition and, if applicable, sale transaction of ELMS common stock during the Class Period and (ii) demonstrating the Person’s status as a beneficial owner of ELMS common stock. Any such request for exclusion must be signed and submitted by the beneficial owner under penalty of perjury. The request for exclusion shall not be effective unless it provides the required information, is legible, and is made within the time stated above, or the exclusion is otherwise accepted by the Court. Lead Counsel may contact any Person filing a request for exclusion, or their attorney if one is designated, to discuss the exclusion.

22. The Claims Administrator shall provide all requests for exclusion and supporting documentation submitted therewith (including untimely requests and revocations of requests) to

counsel for the Settling Parties promptly as received, and in no case later than the Exclusion Deadline or upon the receipt thereof (if later than the Exclusion Deadline). Settlement Class Members will not include any Person who delivers a valid and timely request for exclusion.

23. Any Person that submits a request for exclusion may thereafter submit to the Claims Administrator a written revocation of that request for exclusion, provided that it is received no later than two (2) Business Days before the Settlement Fairness Hearing, in which event that Person will be included among Settlement Class Members.

24. All Persons who submit valid, timely and unrevoked request for exclusions will be forever barred from receiving any payments from the Net Settlement Fund.

25. The Court will consider comments and/or objections to the BDO Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, or the Fee and Expense Application, provided, however, that no putative member of the Settlement Class or other Person shall be heard or entitled to contest the approval of the terms and conditions of the proposed BDO Settlement or, if approved, the Order and Final Judgment, or any other order relating thereto, unless that Person has served copies of any objections, papers and briefs by mail or email to the Claims Administrator and each of the following counsel at least twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to the Settlement Fairness Hearing:

CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR:
Strategic Claims Services
P.O. Box 230
600 N. Jackson St., Ste. 205
Media, PA 19063
info@strategicclaims.net

LEAD COUNSEL:
Laurence M. Rosen
THE ROSEN LAW FIRM, P.A.
One Gateway Center
Suite 2600
Newark, NJ 07102

info@rosenlegal.com

COUNSEL FOR BDO:

Joel C. Haims
MCDERMOTT WILL & EMERY LLP
One Vanderbilt Avenue
New York, NY 10017
jhaims@mwe.com

To be valid, any such objection must contain (1) the Settlement Class Member's name, address, and telephone number; (2) a list of all purchases and sales of ELMS common stock during the Class Period in order to show membership in the Settlement Class; (3) all grounds for the objection, including any legal support known to the putative member of the Settlement Class and/or his, her, or its counsel; (4) the name, address and telephone number of all counsel who represent the Settlement Class Member, including former or current counsel who may be entitled to compensation in connection with the objection; and (5) the number of times the Settlement Class Member and/or his, her, or its counsel has filed an objection to a class action settlement in the last five years, the nature of each such objection in each case, the jurisdiction in each case, and the name of the issuer of the security or seller of the product or service at issue in each case.

Attendance at the Settlement Fairness Hearing is not necessary, but Persons wishing to be heard orally in opposition to the approval of the Stipulation, the Plan of Allocation, and/or the Fee and Expense Application are required to indicate in their written objection (or in a separate writing that is submitted in accordance with the deadline and after instruction pertinent to the submission of a written objection) that they intend to appear at the Settlement Fairness Hearing and identify any witnesses they may call to testify or exhibits they intend to introduce into evidence at the Settlement Fairness Hearing. Settlement Class Members do not need to appear at the Settlement Fairness Hearing or take any other action to indicate their approval.

26. Any Settlement Class Member who does not object in the manner prescribed above shall be deemed to have waived all such objections and shall forever be foreclosed from making any objection to the fairness, adequacy or reasonableness of the BDO Settlement, the Order and Final Judgment to be entered approving the BDO Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or the Fee and Expense Application, unless otherwise ordered by the Court; shall be bound by all the terms and provisions of the Stipulation and by all proceedings, orders and judgments in the Action; and shall also be foreclosed from appealing from any judgment or order entered in this Action.

27. The Court reserves the right to adjourn the Settlement Fairness Hearing without any further notice other than entry of an Order on the Court's docket, and to approve the BDO Settlement without further notice to the Settlement Class.

28. All papers in support of the BDO Settlement, the Plan of Allocation and/or the Fee and Expense Application shall be filed and served no later than twenty-eight (28) calendar days before the Settlement Fairness Hearing.

29. Plaintiffs shall file their response to any objections or in further support of the BDO Settlement, the Plan of Allocation and/or the Fee and Expense Application shall be filed no later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the Settlement Fairness Hearing. Plaintiffs shall include in this filing copies of all objections received.

30. BDO shall have no responsibility for, or liability with respect to, the Plan of Allocation or any application for attorneys' fees and expenses, and such matters will be considered separately from the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the BDO Settlement.

31. Pending final determination of whether the BDO Settlement should be approved, all Releasing Parties shall be enjoined from commencing, prosecuting, or attempting to prosecute

any Released Claims against any Released Party in any court or tribunal or proceeding. Unless and until the Stipulation is cancelled and terminated pursuant to the Stipulation, all proceedings in the Action, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to carry out the terms and conditions of the Stipulation, are hereby stayed and suspended until further order of the Court.

32. All funds held by the Escrow Agent shall be deemed and considered to be in the custody of the Court, and shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Court, until such time as such funds shall be distributed or returned pursuant to the Stipulation and Plan of Allocation and/or further order(s) of the Court.

33. Neither the Stipulation, nor any of its terms or provisions, nor any of the negotiations or proceedings connected with it, shall be construed as an admission or concession by BDO of the truth of any of the allegations in the Action or the Complaint, or of any liability, fault, or wrongdoing or any kind and shall not be construed as, or deemed to be evidence of or an admission or concession that Plaintiffs or any Settlement Class Members or putative members of the Settlement Class have suffered any damages, harm, or loss. Further, neither the Stipulation, nor any of its terms or provisions, nor any of the negotiations or proceedings connected with it, nor this Order shall be construed as an admission or concession by Plaintiffs of the validity of any factual or legal defense or of the infirmity of any of the claims or facts alleged in this Action.

34. In the event the BDO Settlement is not consummated in accordance with the terms of the Stipulation, then the Stipulation and this Order (including any amendment(s) thereof, and except as expressly provided in the Stipulation or by order of the Court) shall be null and void, of no further force or effect, and without prejudice to any Party, and may not be introduced as evidence or used in any action or proceeding by any Person against the Settling

Parties, and each Party shall be restored to his, her or its respective litigation positions as they existed prior to January 2, 2025, pursuant to the terms of the Stipulation.

35. The Court reserves the right to alter the time or the date of the Settlement Fairness Hearing without further notice to Settlement Class Members, provided that the time or the date of the Settlement Fairness Hearing shall not be set at a time or date earlier than the time and date set forth in ¶ 6 above. The Court retains exclusive jurisdiction over the Action to consider all further matters arising out of, or relating to, the Stipulation, including by way of illustration and not limitation, any dispute concerning any Proof of Claim submitted and any future requests by one or more of the Settling Parties that the Order and Final Judgment, the releases and/or the permanent injunction set forth in the Stipulation be enforced.

Dated: _____, 202__

HON. MICHAEL E. FARBIARZ
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

IN RE ELECTRIC LAST MILE SOLUTIONS,
INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION

CASE NO. 2:22-cv-00545-MEF-LDW

CLASS ACTION

NOTICE OF PENDENCY AND PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF CLASS ACTION

If you purchased publicly-traded common stock of Electric Last Mile Solutions, Inc. (“ELMS”) between June 9, 2021 and February 1, 2022, both dates inclusive (“Class Period”), you could get a payment from a class action settlement (the “BDO Settlement”).

This is a court-ordered Notice. This is not attorney advertising.

- A class action lawsuit was filed alleging that ELMS issued false and misleading financial statements during the Class Period. The BDO Settlement, which must be approved by the Court, resolves all claims asserted in the lawsuit against defendant BDO USA, P.C. (“BDO”).
- This is the second settlement in this Action. There was an earlier settlement in this Action that resolved claims against former defendants Jason Luo, James Taylor, Albert Li, Marshall Kiev, and David Boris (the “Individual Defendants”). The Court already approved the Individual Defendants Settlement. Because BDO is now the only remaining defendant, the BDO Settlement – if approved by the Court – resolves the Action completely.
- You should read this Notice carefully. It describes your legal options and provides instructions on how to file a claim, object to the BDO Settlement, or request to be excluded from the BDO Settlement. If you do not act, you may permanently give up your right to recover from the BDO Settlement.
- If approved by the Court, the BDO Settlement will provide eight hundred ninety-nine thousand dollars (\$899,000) (the “Settlement Fund”), plus interest as it accrues, minus attorneys’ fees, costs, administrative expenses, and any taxes on interest, to pay claims of investors who purchased ELMS common stock during the Class Period.
- The BDO Settlement represents an estimated recovery of \$0.062 per share for the approximately 14.6 million shares of ELMS common stock damaged during the Class

Period.¹ This does not mean that your actual recovery from the BDO Settlement will be \$0.062 per share. Your actual recovery, if any, will depend on the aggregate losses of all Settlement Class Members, the date(s) you purchased and sold ELMS common stock, the purchase and sales prices, and the total number and amount of claims filed.

- Lead Counsel will ask the Court to award attorneys’ fees in an amount not to exceed 27.5% of the Settlement Fund (*i.e.*, \$247,225) and reimbursement of no more than \$1,200 in litigation expenses. Collectively, the attorneys’ fees and expenses are estimated to average \$0.017 per share for the shares of ELMS common stock damaged during the Class Period. If approved by the Court, these amounts will be paid from the Settlement Amount.
- The average approximate recovery from the BDO Settlement, after deduction of attorneys’ fees and litigation expenses, is \$0.045 per share for the shares of ELMS common stock damaged during the Class Period. This estimate is based on the assumptions set forth in the preceding paragraphs. This is not an estimate of the actual recovery per share of ELMS common stock you should expect from this Settlement. Your actual recovery from the BDO Settlement, if any, will depend on the aggregate losses of all Settlement Class Members, the date(s) you purchased and sold ELMS common stock, the purchase and sales prices, and the total number and amount of claims filed.

YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THE BDO SETTLEMENT	
Submit a Claim Form	<p>Fill out the attached Proof of Claim and Release Form and submit it no later than _____. This is the only way to get a payment. See Question 9 below for instructions on how to file a Claim Form.</p> <p>If you previously submitted a valid and timely Proof of Claim for the Individual Defendants Settlement, you <u>do not need</u> to submit a new Proof of Claim. Your prior valid and timely Proof of Claim will be used again unless you request to exclude yourself from the BDO Settlement as described below. If you are unsure whether you previously submitted a timely and valid Proof of Claim, please contact the Claims Administrator.</p>

¹ This per-share recovery numbers shown here are for the BDO Settlement only, and do not include the \$0.18 per share that was recovered by the Individual Defendants Settlement.

<p>Exclude Yourself from the Class</p>	<p>Submit a request for exclusion no later than _____. This is the only way you can ever be part of any other lawsuit against BDO or the other Released Parties relating to the legal claims in this case. If you exclude yourself, you will receive no payment and cannot object or speak at the settlement hearing. See Question 11 below for instructions on how to exclude yourself.</p> <p>If you previously submitted a Proof of Claim for the Individual Defendants Settlement, you are still able to request exclusion from the BDO Settlement.</p>
<p>Object to the BDO Settlement</p>	<p>Submit an objection no later than _____. You can still submit a Proof of Claim and Release Form. If the Court approves the BDO Settlement despite your objection, you will be bound by it. See Question 15 below for instructions on how to submit an objection.</p> <p>If you previously submitted a Proof of Claim for the Individual Defendants Settlement, you are still able to object to the BDO Settlement.</p>
<p>Go to the Hearing</p>	<p>The Court will hold a settlement hearing at _____ on _____. You may attend the hearing if you wish, you are not required to do so. Whether you attend the hearing has no impact on your ability to file a claim, to object, or to exclude yourself from the BDO Settlement. See Questions 17 and 18 below for additional details about the settlement hearing.</p>
<p>Do Nothing</p>	<p>If you have already submitted a valid and timely Proof of Claim for the Individual Defendants Settlement and do nothing, your Proof of Claim will be used again to determine whether you receive a payment from the BDO Settlement.</p> <p>If you did not submit a valid and timely Proof of Claim in the Individual Defendants Settlement and do nothing now, you will not be eligible to receive any payment from the BDO Settlement. You will, however, remain a member of the Settlement Class, which means that you give up your right to sue about the claims that are resolved by the BDO Settlement and you will be bound by any judgments or orders entered by the Court in this Action.</p>

INQUIRIES

Please do not contact the Court regarding this Notice. All inquiries concerning this Notice, the Proof of Claim and Release Form, or the BDO Settlement should be directed to:

<p>Electric Last Mile Solutions, Inc. Securities Litigation (BDO) c/o Strategic Claims Services P.O. Box 230 600 N. Jackson St., Ste. 205 Media, PA 19063 Tel.: (866) 274-4004 Fax: (610) 565-7985 info@strategicclaims.net</p>	<p>or</p>	<p>Laurence Rosen, Esq. THE ROSEN LAW FIRM, P.A. One Gateway Center Suite 2600 Newark, NJ 07102 Tel: (973) 313-1887 Fax: (973) 833-0399 info@rosenlegal.com</p>
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DEFINITIONS

All capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meanings as set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement, dated February 21, 2025 (the “Settlement Stipulation”).

COMMON QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS CONCERNING THE BDO SETTLEMENT

1. Why did I get this Notice?

You or someone in your family may have purchased publicly-traded common stock of ELMS during the period between June 9, 2021 and February 1, 2022, inclusive.

2. What is this lawsuit about?

The case is known as *IN RE ELECTRIC LAST MILE SOLUTIONS, INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION*, 2:22-cv-00545-MEF-LDW (the “Action”). The Court in charge of the case is the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

This Action alleges that BDO and the Individual Defendants violated federal securities laws because ELMS’ financial statement issued during the Class Period were false and misleading.² As to BDO specifically, the Action alleges that BDO issued a false audit opinion that was included in ELMS’ public filings issued during the Class Period.

Plaintiffs and the Individual Defendants had already reached a Court-approved settlement.

The BDO Settlement now resolves all claims against BDO, who is currently the only remaining Defendant.

² BDO was auditor to Electric Last Mile, Inc., the entity that merged with ELMS. The Individual Defendants were officers and/or directors of ELMS, its predecessor, or the entity that merged with its predecessor.

3. Why is this a class action?

In a class action, one or more persons and/or entities, called plaintiffs, sue on behalf of all persons and/or entities who have similar claims. All of these persons and/or entities are referred to collectively as a class, and these individual persons and/or entities are known as class members. One court resolves all of the issues for all class members, except for those class members who exclude themselves from the class.

4. Why is there a Settlement?

The Court did not decide in any party's favor. Instead, both sides agreed to a settlement. This allows the parties to avoid the cost and risk of a trial. Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel think that the BDO Settlement is best for all Settlement Class Members under the circumstances. BDO has denied that it violated any federal securities laws or did anything wrong, but it and its attorneys agree that a settlement is in the best interest of all parties.

5. How do I know if I am part of the BDO Settlement?

You are a part of the Settlement Class if you purchased the publicly-traded common stock of ELMS between June 9, 2021 and February 1, 2022, both dates inclusive, subject to the exclusions in Question 6 below.

6. Are there exceptions to being included?

Yes. Excluded from the Settlement Class are: (a) Defendants; the officers and directors of ELMS (including its predecessor Forum Merger III Corporation), Electric Last Mile Inc., and BDO; members of the Individual Defendants' immediate families and their legal representatives, heirs, and successors; any entity in which any of the Defendants, or any person excluded under this subsection (a), has or had a majority ownership interest at any time; and: (b) persons and entities who suffered no compensable losses as determined by the Plan of Allocation.

You may also choose to be excluded from the Settlement Class by filing a valid and timely request for exclusion as described below in the response to Question 11.

7. I am still not sure whether I am included.

If you are still not sure whether you are included in the Settlement Class, you can ask for free help. For more information, you can contact the Claims Administrator, Strategic Claims Services, by phone at (866) 274-4004, by email at info@strategicclaims.net, or by facsimile at (610) 565-7985; visit the website www.strategicclaims.net/ELMS/; or fill out and return the Proof of Claim and Release Form described in Question 9, to see if you qualify.

8. What does the BDO Settlement provide?

a. What is the Settlement Fund?

Under the BDO Settlement, BDO agrees to pay \$899,000 into the Settlement Fund. The BDO Settlement is subject to Court approval. Also, subject to the Court's approval, a

portion of the Settlement Fund will be used to pay attorneys' fees with interest and reasonable litigation expenses to Lead Counsel. A portion of the Settlement Fund also will be used to pay taxes due on interest earned by the Settlement Fund, if necessary, and the costs of the claims administration, including the costs of printing and mailing and/or emailing notices and the costs of publishing notices. After the foregoing deductions from the Settlement Fund have been made, the amount remaining (the "Net Settlement Fund") will be distributed to Settlement Class Members who submit timely, valid claims, according to the Plan of Allocation to be approved by the Court.

b. What can you expect to receive under the proposed BDO Settlement?

How much you will actually receive from the Net Settlement Fund will or may depend on: (i) the number of claims filed by all Settlement Class Members; (ii) the dates you purchased and sold ELMS common stock; (iii) the prices of your purchases and sales; (iv) the amount of administrative costs, including the costs of notice; and (v) the amount awarded by the Court to Lead Counsel for attorneys' fees and expenses.

The Net Settlement Fund will be distributed to Settlement Class Members who submit a Proof of Claim and Release Form and whose claims for recovery are allowed by the Claims Administrator pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Stipulation or by order of the Court under the below Plan of Allocation ("Authorized Claimants"), which reflects Plaintiffs' contention that because of alleged misrepresentations made by Defendants (including BDO), the price of ELMS common stock was artificially inflated during the Class Period, and that when the truth came out, the price of ELMS common stock fell.

PROPOSED PLAN OF ALLOCATION OF THE NET SETTLEMENT FUND

The Plan of Allocation is a matter separate and apart from the proposed BDO Settlement, and any decision by the Court concerning the Plan of Allocation shall not affect the validity or finality of the proposed BDO Settlement. The Court may approve the Plan of Allocation with or without modifications agreed to among the Parties, or another plan of allocation, without further notice to Settlement Class Members. Any orders regarding a modification of the Plan of Allocation will be posted to the Claims Administrator's website, www.strategicclaims.net/ELMS/.

The Claims Administrator shall determine each Authorized Claimant's *pro rata* share of the Net Settlement Fund based upon each Authorized Claimant's Recognized Loss. **Please Note:** The Recognized Loss formula, set forth below, is not intended to be an estimate of the amount of what a Settlement Class Member might have been able to recover after a trial, nor is it an estimate of the amount that will be paid to Authorized Claimants pursuant to the BDO Settlement. The Recognized Loss formula is the basis upon which the Net Settlement Fund will be proportionately allocated to the Authorized Claimants. To the extent there are sufficient funds in the Net Settlement Fund, each Authorized Claimant will receive an amount equal to the Authorized Claimant's Recognized Loss and subject to the provisions in the preceding paragraph. If, however, the amount in the Net Settlement Fund is not sufficient to permit payment of the total Recognized Loss of each Authorized Claimant, then each Authorized Claimant shall be paid the percentage of the Net Settlement Fund that each Authorized Claimant's Recognized Loss bears to the total Recognized Losses of all Authorized Claimants and subject to the provisions in the preceding

paragraph (*i.e.*, “*pro rata* share”). Given the cost of distribution, no distribution will be made on a claim where the potential distribution amount is less than five dollars (\$5.00) in cash.

If any funds remain in the Net Settlement Fund by reason of uncashed checks, or otherwise, after the Claims Administrator has made reasonable and diligent efforts to have Authorized Claimants who are entitled to participate in the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund cash their distribution checks, then any balance remaining in the Net Settlement Fund six (6) months after the initial distribution of such funds shall be used: (i) first, to pay any amounts mistakenly omitted from the initial distribution to Authorized Claimants; (ii) second, to pay any additional Notice and Administration Costs incurred in administering the Settlement; and (iii) finally, to make a second distribution to Authorized Claimants who cashed their checks from the initial distribution and who would receive at least \$5.00 from such second distribution, after payment of the estimated costs or fees to be incurred in administering the Net Settlement Fund and in making this second distribution, if such second distribution is economically feasible. If six (6) months after such second distribution, if undertaken, or if such second distribution is not undertaken, any funds shall remain in the Net Settlement Fund after the Claims Administrator has made reasonable and diligent efforts to have Authorized Claimants who are entitled to participate in the BDO Settlement cash their checks, any funds remaining in the Net Settlement Fund shall be donated to a non-profit charitable organization(s) selected by Lead Counsel.

THE FORMULA FOR CALCULATING YOUR RECOGNIZED LOSS:

Each Authorized Claimant shall be allocated a *pro rata* share of the Net Settlement Fund based on his, her or its Recognized Loss as compared to the total Recognized Losses of all Authorized Claimants. Recognized Losses will be calculated as follows:

For ELMS publicly-traded common stock purchased during the Class Period, the Recognized Loss shall be calculated as follows:

- A. For shares retained at the end of trading on May 2, 2022, the Recognized Loss shall be the lesser of:
 - (i) \$2.86 per share; or
 - (ii) the difference between the purchase price per share and \$1.59 per share³.
- B. For shares sold on or before February 1, 2022, the Recognized Loss per share shall be \$0.
- C. For shares sold between February 2, 2022 and May 2, 2022, inclusive, the Recognized Loss shall be the lesser of:

³Pursuant to Section 21(D)(e)(1) of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, "in any private action arising under this title in which the plaintiff seeks to establish damages by reference to the market price of a security, the award of damages to the plaintiff shall not exceed the difference between the purchase or sale price paid or received, as appropriate, by the plaintiff for the subject security and the mean trading price of that security during the 90-day period beginning on the date on which the information correcting the misstatement or omission that is the basis for the action is disseminated." \$1.59 per share was the mean (average) daily closing trading price of the Company's publicly-traded common stock during the 90-day period beginning on February 2, 2022 and ending on May 2, 2022.

- (i) \$2.86 per share: or
- (ii) the difference between the purchase price per share and the average closing price per share as of date of sale provided in Table A below.

Table A

<u>Date</u>	<u>Closing Price</u>	Average		<u>Date</u>	<u>Closing Price</u>	Average	
		<u>Closing Price</u>	<u>Closing Price</u>			<u>Closing Price</u>	<u>Closing Price</u>
2/2/2022	\$2.71	\$2.71		3/18/2022	\$1.33	\$1.94	
2/3/2022	\$2.36	\$2.54		3/21/2022	\$1.27	\$1.92	
2/4/2022	\$2.28	\$2.45		3/22/2022	\$1.33	\$1.90	
2/7/2022	\$2.08	\$2.36		3/23/2022	\$1.34	\$1.89	
2/8/2022	\$2.06	\$2.30		3/24/2022	\$1.34	\$1.87	
2/9/2022	\$2.39	\$2.31		3/25/2022	\$1.28	\$1.86	
2/10/2022	\$2.20	\$2.30		3/28/2022	\$1.29	\$1.84	
2/11/2022	\$2.13	\$2.28		3/29/2022	\$1.58	\$1.83	
2/14/2022	\$2.15	\$2.26		3/30/2022	\$1.54	\$1.83	
2/15/2022	\$2.21	\$2.26		3/31/2022	\$1.43	\$1.82	
2/16/2022	\$2.19	\$2.25		4/1/2022	\$1.33	\$1.81	
2/17/2022	\$2.05	\$2.23		4/4/2022	\$1.52	\$1.80	
2/18/2022	\$2.00	\$2.22		4/5/2022	\$1.38	\$1.79	
2/22/2022	\$1.99	\$2.20		4/6/2022	\$1.31	\$1.78	
2/23/2022	\$1.83	\$2.18		4/7/2022	\$1.29	\$1.77	
2/24/2022	\$2.05	\$2.17		4/8/2022	\$1.22	\$1.76	
2/25/2022	\$2.05	\$2.16		4/11/2022	\$1.16	\$1.74	
2/28/2022	\$2.18	\$2.16		4/12/2022	\$1.15	\$1.73	
3/1/2022	\$2.00	\$2.15		4/13/2022	\$1.17	\$1.72	
3/2/2022	\$2.10	\$2.15		4/14/2022	\$1.12	\$1.71	
3/3/2022	\$1.94	\$2.14		4/18/2022	\$1.12	\$1.70	
3/4/2022	\$1.79	\$2.12		4/19/2022	\$1.13	\$1.69	
3/7/2022	\$1.86	\$2.11		4/20/2022	\$1.14	\$1.68	
3/8/2022	\$2.02	\$2.11		4/21/2022	\$1.06	\$1.67	
3/9/2022	\$1.98	\$2.10		4/22/2022	\$1.08	\$1.65	
3/10/2022	\$2.01	\$2.10		4/25/2022	\$1.09	\$1.65	
3/11/2022	\$1.90	\$2.09		4/26/2022	\$1.02	\$1.63	
3/14/2022	\$0.99	\$2.05		4/27/2022	\$0.93	\$1.62	
3/15/2022	\$0.96	\$2.02		4/28/2022	\$0.89	\$1.61	
3/16/2022	\$1.05	\$1.98		4/29/2022	\$0.92	\$1.60	
3/17/2022	\$1.25	\$1.96		5/2/2022	\$0.92	\$1.59	

For purposes of calculating your Recognized Loss, the date of purchase or sale is the “contract” or “trade” date and not the “settlement” or “payment” date. The receipt or grant by gift, inheritance or operation of law of ELMS shall not be deemed a purchase, acquisition or sale of shares for the calculation of an Authorized Claimant’s Recognized Loss. The covering purchase of a short sale is not an eligible purchase.

For purposes of calculating your Recognized Loss, all purchases and sales shall be matched on a First In First Out (“FIFO”) basis in chronological order. Therefore, on the Proof of Claim enclosed with this Notice, you must provide all your purchases of ELMS common stock during the period June 9, 2021 through and including February 1, 2022. ELMS common stock purchased and sold during the Class Period must have been sold at a loss and after an alleged corrective disclosure to qualify as a Recognized Loss. Trading gains, if any, will have a Recognized Loss of \$0.

Payment pursuant to the Plan of Allocation approved by the Court shall be conclusive against all Authorized Claimants. No person shall have any claim against BDO, BDO’s Counsel, Lead Plaintiffs, Lead Counsel or the Claims Administrator or other agent designated by Lead Counsel based on the distributions made substantially in accordance with the Settlement Stipulation and the BDO Settlement contained therein, the Plan of Allocation, or further orders of the Court. Each claimant shall be deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to the claimant’s Proof of Claim. All persons involved in the review, verification, calculation, tabulation, or any other aspect of the processing of the claims submitted in connection with the BDO Settlement, or otherwise involved in the administration or taxation of the Settlement Fund or the Net Settlement Fund shall be released and discharged from any and all claims arising out of such involvement, and all Settlement Class Members, whether or not they are to receive payment from the Net Settlement Fund, will be barred from making any further claim against the Net Settlement Fund beyond the amount allocated to them as provided in any distribution orders entered by the Court.

9. How can I get a payment?

To qualify for a payment, you must send in a form entitled “Proof of Claim and Release Form.” This Proof of Claim and Release Form is attached to this Notice. You may also obtain a Proof of Claim and Release Form at www.strategicclaims.net/ELMS/. Read the instructions carefully, fill out the form, and sign it in the location indicated. The Proof of Claim and Release Form may be completed in two ways: (1) by completing and submitting it electronically at www.strategicclaims.net/ELMS/ by **11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on _____**; or (2) by mailing the claim form together with all documentation requested in the form, **postmarked no later than _____**, to:

Electric Last Mile Solutions, Inc. Securities Litigation (BDO)
c/o Strategic Claims Services
P.O. Box 230
600 N. Jackson St., Ste. 205
Media, PA 19063
Fax: (610) 565-7985
info@strategicclaims.net

The Claims Administrator will process your claim and determine whether you are an Authorized Claimant.

10. What am I giving up to get a payment or stay in the Class?

Unless you exclude yourself from the Settlement Class by the _____ deadline, you will remain a member of the Settlement Class. This means that you will receive your share of the Net Settlement Fund if you are an Authorized Claimant and submitted a valid Proof of Claim and Release Form, and will be bound by the release of claims against BDO and other Released Parties if the BDO Settlement is approved. That means you and all other Settlement Class Members and each of their respective heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, assigns, representatives, attorneys, and agents in their capacities as such will release (*i.e.*, agree never to sue, continue to sue, or be part of any other lawsuit) as against BDO and other Released Parties any and all claims that relate to the matters alleged in this Action and which arise out of, are based upon or relate in any way to the purchase, acquisition, holding, sale, or disposition of publicly-traded ELMS common stock during the Class Period. It means that all of the Court's orders will apply to you and legally bind you. That means you will accept a share of the Net Settlement Fund as sole compensation for any losses you suffered in the purchase, acquisition, holding, sale, or disposition of ELMS common stock during the Class Period. The specific terms of the release are included in the Settlement Stipulation.

11. How do I get out of the BDO Settlement?

If you do not want to receive a payment from the BDO Settlement, and you want to keep any right you may have to sue or continue to sue BDO or other Released Parties on your own, at your own expense, about the claims being released in the BDO Settlement, then you must exclude yourself from the BDO Settlement. To exclude yourself from the BDO Settlement, you must mail a letter or submit an email that (A) clearly indicates your name, address, phone number and e-mail contact information (if any) and states that you "request to be excluded from the Settlement Class for the BDO Settlement in *IN RE ELECTRIC LAST MILE SOLUTIONS, INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION*, 2:22-cv-00545-MEF-LDW (D.N.J.)" and (B) states the number of shares of publicly-traded ELMS common stock that you (i) owned as of the close of trading on June 8, 2021 and on February 1, 2022 and (ii) purchased and/or sold during the Class Period (*i.e.*, from June 9, 2021 through February 1, 2022, inclusive), as well as the dates, number of shares of ELMS common stock, and prices of each such purchase and sale. In order to be valid, such request for exclusion must be submitted with documentary proof: (i) of each purchase and, if applicable, sale transaction of ELMS common stock during the Class Period; and (ii) demonstrating your status as a beneficial owner of the ELMS common stock. Any such request for exclusion must be signed and submitted by you, as the beneficial owner, under penalty of perjury.

If submitting by mail: You must mail your exclusion request, to be **received no later than** _____, to the Claims Administrator at the following address:

Electric Last Mile Solutions, Inc. Securities Litigation (BDO)
c/o Strategic Claims Services
P.O. Box 230
600 N. Jackson St., Ste. 205
Media, PA 19063

If submitting by email: You must email your exclusion request to info@strategicclaims.net no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on _____.

You cannot exclude yourself by telephone.

If you properly exclude yourself, you will *not* receive a payment from the Net Settlement Fund, you cannot object to the BDO Settlement, and you will not be legally bound by the judgment in this case.

12. If I do not exclude myself, can I sue BDO or the other Released Parties for the same thing later?

No. Unless you followed the procedure outlined in the Notice to exclude yourself, you give up any right to sue BDO or the Released Parties for the claims being released in the BDO Settlement. If you have a pending lawsuit related to any Released Claims, speak to your lawyer in that case immediately, since you must exclude yourself from this Settlement Class to continue your own lawsuit.

13. Do I have a lawyer in this case?

The Court appointed The Rosen Law Firm, P.A. as Lead Counsel to represent you and the other Settlement Class Members. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense. Contact information for The Rosen Law Firm, P.A. is provided below.

14. How will the lawyers be paid?

Lead Counsel, who is prosecuting this matter on a contingency basis, will apply to the Court for an award of attorneys' fees in an amount not to exceed 27.5% (\$247,225) of the Settlement Fund plus interest, and reimbursement of litigation expenses of no more than \$1,200. The Court may award less than these amounts. Any amounts awarded by the Court will come out of the Settlement Fund.

15. How do I tell the Court that I do not like the BDO Settlement?

You can tell the Court you do not agree with the BDO Settlement, or any part of the BDO Settlement, or with Lead Counsel's motion for attorneys' fees and expenses, or that you think the Court should not approve the BDO Settlement, by mailing a letter or sending an email stating that you object to the BDO Settlement in the matter of *IN RE ELECTRIC LAST MILE SOLUTIONS, INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION*, 2:22-cv-00545-MEF-LDW (D.N.J.). Be sure to include: (1) your name, address, and telephone number; (2) a list of all purchases and sales of publicly-traded ELMS common stock during the Class Period; (3) all grounds for the objection, including any legal support known to you or your counsel; (4) the name, address and telephone number of all counsel, if any, who represent you, including your former or current counsel; and (5) the number of times you and/or your counsel has filed an objection to a class action settlement in the last five years, the nature

of each such objection in each case, the jurisdiction in each case, and the name of the issuer of the security or seller of the product or service at issue in each case. Attendance at the Settlement Hearing is not necessary. If you want to speak at the Settlement Hearing, you must state in your written objection that you intend to appear at the Settlement Hearing and identify any witnesses you may call to testify or exhibits you intend to introduce into evidence at the Settlement Hearing.

Be sure to serve copies of any objections, papers and briefs to **each** of the addresses (or **each** of the email addresses if submitting by email) listed below, to be **received no later than** _____:

Strategic Claims Services P.O. Box 230 600 N. Jackson St., Ste. 205 Media, PA 19063 info@strategicclaims.net <i>Claims Administrator</i>	Laurence Rosen THE ROSEN LAW FIRM, P.A. One Gateway Center Suite 2600 Newark, NJ 07102 info@rosenlegal.com <i>Lead Counsel</i>	Joel C. Haims MCDERMOTT WILL & EMERY LLP One Vanderbilt Avenue New York, NY 10017 jhaims@mwe.com <i>Counsel for BDO</i>
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16. What is the difference between objecting and requesting exclusion?

Objecting is simply telling the Court you do not like something about the BDO Settlement or some part of the BDO Settlement. You can object only if you stay in the Settlement Class. Requesting exclusion is telling the Court you do not want to be part of the Settlement Class and BDO Settlement. If you exclude yourself, you cannot object to the BDO Settlement because it no longer concerns you. If you stay in the Settlement Class and object, but your objection is overruled, you will not be allowed a second opportunity to exclude yourself.

17. When and where will the Court decide whether to approve the BDO Settlement?

The Court will hold a Settlement Hearing on _____, at _____, at the U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey, 2 Federal Square, Newark, NJ 07102. The Court reserves the right to reschedule the hearing date, hold the Settlement Hearing telephonically or by other virtual means.

18. Do I have to come to the hearing?

No. Lead Counsel will answer any questions the Court may have. However, you are welcome to attend at your own expense. If you send an objection, you do not have to come to Court to talk about it. As long as you submit your written objection on time, the Court will consider it.

19. What happens if I do nothing at all?

If you do nothing and did not previously submit a timely and valid Proof of Claim in the Individual Defendants Settlement, you will not receive a payment from the BDO Settlement.

You will, however, be bound by the BDO Settlement and give up your right to sue BDO about the claims that are being resolved by the BDO Settlement. If you want to start a lawsuit, continue with a lawsuit, or be part of any other lawsuit against BDO or the Released Parties about the Released Claims (as defined in the Settlement Stipulation), you must request to be excluded from the BDO Settlement.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO BROKERS AND OTHER NOMINEES

The Claims Administrator will utilize information provided by nominees and custodians in the Individual Defendants Settlement. The Court has ordered that any nominee or custodian requesting additional Notices shall, within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of notice, either: (1) request copies of the Postcard Notice sufficient to send the Postcard Notice to all beneficial owners for whom they are nominees or custodians, and within ten (10) calendar days after receipt thereof send copies of such beneficial owners; or (ii) request an electronic link to the Notice and Proof of Claim and Release Form (“Notice and Claim Link”), and within ten (10) calendar days after receipt thereof, email the Notice and Claim Links to such beneficial owners for whom valid email addresses are available; or (iii) provide the Claims Administrator with lists of the additional names, last known addresses and email addresses (to the extent known) of such beneficial owners. Nominees or Custodians who elect to send the Postcard Notice or Notice and Claim Link to their beneficial owners shall send a written certification to the Claims Administrator confirming that the mailing or emailing has been made as directed. You are entitled to reimbursement from the Settlement Fund of your reasonable out-of-pocket expenses actually incurred in connection with the foregoing, in amounts up to: (i) \$0.02 per name (with address and email address) provided to the Claims Administrator; (ii) \$0.02 per Notice and Claim Link sent by email; or (iii) \$0.02 per Postcard Notice, plus postage at the rate used by the Claims Administrator, and subject to further order of this Court with respect to any dispute concerning such reimbursement.

DATED:

BY ORDER OF THE UNITED STATES
DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE FORM (“PROOF OF CLAIM”)

Deadline for Submission: _____

IF YOU PURCHASED THE PUBLICLY-TRADED COMMON STOCK OF ELECTRIC LAST MILE SOLUTIONS, INC. (“ELMS” OR THE “COMPANY”) FROM JUNE 9, 2021 TO FEBRUARY 1, 2022, BOTH DATES INCLUSIVE (THE “CLASS PERIOD”), YOU ARE A “SETTLEMENT CLASS MEMBER” AND YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO SHARE IN THE PROCEEDS OF A SETTLEMENT AGAINST BDO USA, P.C. (“BDO SETTLEMENT”).

IF YOU ALREADY SUBMITTED A TIMELY AND VALID PROOF OF CLAIM IN THIS CASE IN CONNECTION WITH THE PREVIOUS SETTLEMENT AGAINST THE INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS, YOU DO NOT NEED TO SUBMIT ANOTHER PROOF OF CLAIM TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS BDO SETTLEMENT

IF YOU ARE A SETTLEMENT CLASS MEMBER AND HAVE NOT ALREADY SUBMITTED A PROOF OF CLAIM IN THE EARLIER SETTLEMENT, YOU MUST COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THIS PROOF OF CLAIM TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ANY SETTLEMENT BENEFITS. YOU CAN COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THIS PROOF OF CLAIM BY 11:59 P.M. EST ON _____ AT WWW.STRATEGICCLAIMS.NET/ELMS.

IF YOU DO NOT COMPLETE AND SUBMIT AN ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THIS PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MUST COMPLETE AND SIGN THIS PROOF OF CLAIM AND MAIL IT BY FIRST CLASS MAIL, POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN _____, TO THE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR, STRATEGIC CLAIMS SERVICES, AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

Electric Last Mile Solutions, Inc. Securities Litigation (BDO)
c/o Strategic Claims Services
600 N. Jackson St., Ste. 205
P.O. Box 230
Media, PA 19063
Fax: (610) 565-7985
info@strategicclaims.net

YOUR FAILURE TO SUBMIT YOUR CLAIM BY _____ WILL SUBJECT YOUR CLAIM TO REJECTION AND PRECLUDE YOU FROM RECEIVING ANY MONEY IN CONNECTION WITH THE BDO SETTLEMENT. DO NOT MAIL OR DELIVER YOUR CLAIM TO THE COURT OR TO ANY OF THE PARTIES OR THEIR COUNSEL, AS ANY SUCH CLAIM WILL BE DEEMED NOT TO HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED. SUBMIT YOUR CLAIM ONLY TO THE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR. IF YOU ARE A SETTLEMENT CLASS MEMBER AND DO NOT SUBMIT A PROPER PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT SHARE IN THE BDO SETTLEMENT, BUT YOU NEVERTHELESS WILL BE BOUND BY THE ORDER AND FINAL JUDGMENT OF THE COURT UNLESS YOU EXCLUDE YOURSELF.

SUBMISSION OF A PROOF OF CLAIM DOES NOT ASSURE THAT YOU WILL SHARE IN THE PROCEEDS OF THE BDO SETTLEMENT.

CLAIMANT'S STATEMENT

1. I (we) purchased publicly-traded ELMS common stock during the Class Period. (Do not submit this Proof of Claim if you did not purchase publicly-traded ELMS common stock during the Class Period.)
2. By submitting this Proof of Claim, I (we) state that I (we) believe in good faith that I am (we are) a Settlement Class Member(s) as defined above and in the Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Class Action (the "Notice"), or am (are) acting for such person(s); that I am (we are) not a Defendant in the Action or anyone excluded from the Settlement Class; that I (we) have read and understand the Notice; that I (we) believe that I am (we are) entitled to receive a share of the Net Settlement Fund, as defined in the Notice; that I (we) elect to participate in the proposed BDO Settlement described in the Notice; and that I (we) have not filed a request for exclusion. (If you are acting in a representative capacity on behalf of a Settlement Class Member [e.g., as an executor, administrator, trustee, or other representative], you must submit evidence of your current authority to act on behalf of that Settlement Class Member. Such evidence would include, for example, letters testamentary, letters of administration, or a copy of the trust documents.)
3. I (we) consent to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to all questions concerning the validity of this Proof of Claim. I (we) understand and agree that my (our) claim may be subject to investigation and discovery under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, provided that such investigation and discovery shall be limited to my (our) status as a Settlement Class Member(s) and the validity and amount of my (our) claim. No discovery shall be allowed on the merits of the Action or the BDO Settlement in connection with processing of the Proof of Claim.
4. I (we) have set forth where requested below all relevant information with respect to each purchase of ELMS common stock and each sale, if any, of ELMS common stock. I (we) agree to furnish additional information to the Claims Administrator to support this claim if requested to do so.
5. I (we) have enclosed photocopies of the stockbroker's confirmation slips, stockbroker's statements, or other documents evidencing each purchase and sale of ELMS common stock listed below in support of my (our) claim. (IF ANY SUCH DOCUMENTS ARE NOT IN YOUR POSSESSION, PLEASE OBTAIN A COPY OR EQUIVALENT DOCUMENTS FROM YOUR BROKER OR TAX ADVISOR BECAUSE THESE DOCUMENTS ARE NECESSARY TO PROVE AND PROCESS YOUR CLAIM.)
6. I (we) understand that the information contained in this Proof of Claim is subject to such verification as the Claims Administrator may request or as the Court may direct, and I (we) agree to cooperate in any such verification. (The information requested herein is designed to provide the minimum amount of information necessary to process most simple claims. The Claims Administrator may request additional information as required to efficiently and reliably calculate your Recognized Loss. In some cases, the Claims Administrator may condition acceptance of the claim based upon the production of additional information, including, where applicable, information concerning transactions in any derivatives securities such as options.)
7. Upon the occurrence of the Court's approval of the BDO Settlement, as detailed in the Notice, I (we) agree and acknowledge that my (our) signature(s) hereto shall effect and constitute a full and complete release, remise and discharge by me (us) and my (our) heirs, joint tenants, tenants in common, beneficiaries, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, attorneys, insurers and assigns (or, if I am (we are) submitting this Proof of Claim on behalf of a corporation, a partnership, estate or one or more other persons, by it, him, her or them, and by its, his, her or their heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns) of each of the "Released Parties" of all "Released Claims," as those terms are defined in the Stipulation of Settlement, dated February 21, 2025 (the "Settlement Stipulation").
8. Upon the occurrence of the Court's approval of the BDO Settlement, as detailed in the Notice, I (we) agree and acknowledge that my (our) signature(s) hereto shall effect and constitute a covenant by me (us) and my (our) heirs, joint tenants, tenants in common, beneficiaries, executors, administrators, predecessors,

successors, attorneys, insurers and assigns (or, if I am (we are) submitting this Proof of Claim on behalf of a corporation, a partnership, estate or one or more other persons, by it, him, her or them, and by its, his, her or their heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns) to permanently refrain from prosecuting or attempting to prosecute any Settlement Class Claims against any of the Released Parties.

9. "Released Parties" has the meaning laid out in the Settlement Stipulation.
10. "Settlement Class Claims" has the meaning laid out in the Settlement Stipulation.
11. "Unknown Claims" has the meaning laid out in the Settlement Stipulation.
12. I (We) acknowledge that the inclusion of "Unknown Claims" in the definition of claims released pursuant to the Settlement Stipulation was separately bargained for and is a material element of the BDO Settlement of which this release is a part.
13. **NOTICE REGARDING INSTITUTIONAL FILERS:** Representatives with the authority to file on behalf of (a) accounts of multiple Persons and/or (b) institutional accounts with large numbers of transactions ("Representative Filers") must submit information regarding their clients' transactions in the approved electronic spreadsheet format, which is available by request to the Claims Administrator at efile@strategicclaims.net or by visiting the website www.strategicclaims.net/institutional-filers/. One spreadsheet may contain the information for multiple Persons and institutional accounts who constitute distinct legal entities ("Legal Entities"), but all Representative Filers MUST also submit a manually signed Proof of Claim and Release Form, as well as proof of authority to file (see Item 2 of the Claimant's Statement) along with the electronic spreadsheet. The electronic spreadsheet must be properly and completely submitted as stated in the format and it must include the Social Security/Tax Identification Number information. If this the Social Security/Tax Identification Number is not submitted, it could delay the processing of the claim and will be subject to rejection.
14. **NOTICE REGARDING ONLINE FILING:** Claimants who are not Representative Filers may submit their claims online using the electronic version of the Proof of Claim hosted at www.strategicclaims.net/ELMS/. If you are not acting as a Representative Filer, you do not need to contact the Claims Administrator prior to filing; you will receive an automated e-mail confirming receipt once your Proof of Claim has been submitted. If you are unsure if you should submit your claim as a Representative Filer, please contact the Claims Administrator at info@strategicclaims.net or (866) 274-4004. If you are not a Representative Filer, but your claim contains a large number of transactions, the Claims Administrator may request that you also submit an electronic spreadsheet showing your transactions to accompany your Proof of Claim.

I. CLAIMANT INFORMATION

Beneficial Owner Name		
Address		
City	State	Zip Code

Foreign Province		Foreign Country	
Day Phone		Evening Phone	
Email			
Social Security Number (for individuals):	OR	Taxpayer Identification Number (for estates, trusts, corporations, etc.):	

II. SCHEDULE OF TRANSACTIONS IN ELMS COMMON STOCK

Beginning Holdings:

A. State the total number of shares of ELMS common stock held at the close of trading on June 8, 2021 (*must be documented*). If none, write “zero” or “0.”

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Purchases/Acquisitions:

B. Separately list each and every purchase or acquisition of ELMS common stock from June 9, 2021 to May 2, 2022, both dates inclusive, and provide the following information (*must be documented*):

Trade Date (List Chronologically) (Month/Day/Year)	Number of Shares Purchased	Price per Share	Total Cost (Excluding Commissions, Taxes, and Fees)

Sales:

C. Separately list each and every sale of ELMS common stock from June 9, 2021 through May 2, 2022, both dates inclusive, and provide the following information (*must be documented*):

Trade Date (List Chronologically) (Month/Day/Year)	Number of Shares Sold	Price per Share	Amount Received (Excluding Commissions, Taxes, and Fees)

Ending Holdings:

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D. State the total number of shares of ELMS common stock held at the close of trading on May 2, 2022 (*must be documented*).

If additional space is needed, attach separate, numbered sheets, giving all required information, substantially in the same format, and print your name and Social Security or Taxpayer Identification number at the top of each sheet.

III. SUBSTITUTE FORM W-9

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number:

Enter taxpayer identification number below for the Beneficial Owner(s). For most individuals, this is your Social Security Number. The Internal Revenue Service (“I.R.S.”) requires such taxpayer identification number. If you fail to provide this information, your claim may be rejected.

Social Security Number (for individuals)	or	Taxpayer Identification Number (for estates, trusts, corporations, etc.)

IV. CERTIFICATION

I (We) submit this Proof of Claim under the terms of the Settlement Stipulation described in the Notice. I (We) also submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey with respect to my (our) claim as a Settlement Class Member(s) and for purposes of enforcing the release and covenant not to sue set forth herein. I (We) further acknowledge that I am (we are) bound by and subject to the terms of any judgment that may be entered in this Action. I (We) have not submitted any other claim covering the same purchases or sales of ELMS common stock during the Class Period and know of no other Person having done so on my (our) behalf.

I (We) certify that I am (we are) NOT subject to backup withholding under the provisions of Section 3406 (a)(1)(c) of the Internal Revenue Code because: (a) I am (We are) exempt from backup withholding; or (b) I (We) have not been notified by the I.R.S. that I am (we are) subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends; or (c) the I.R.S. has notified me (us) that I am (we are) no longer subject to backup withholding.

NOTE: If you have been notified by the I.R.S. that you are subject to backup withholding, please strike out the language that you are not subject to backup withholding in the certification above.

UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES, I (WE) CERTIFY THAT ALL OF THE INFORMATION I (WE) PROVIDED ON THIS PROOF OF CLAIM IS TRUE, CORRECT AND COMPLETE.

Signature of Claimant (If this claim is being made on behalf of Joint Claimants, then each must sign):

(Signature)

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(Signature)

(Capacity of person(s) signing, e.g. beneficial purchaser(s), executor, administrator, trustee, etc.)

Check here if proof of authority to file is enclosed.
(See Item 2 under Claimant's Statement)

Date: _____

**THIS PROOF OF CLAIM MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN _____ AND
MUST BE MAILED TO:**

Electric Last Mile Solutions, Inc. Securities Litigation
c/o Strategic Claims Services
600 N. Jackson St., Ste. 205
P.O. Box 230
Media, PA 19063
Fax: (610) 565-7985
info@strategicclaims.net

A Proof of Claim received by the Claims Administrator shall be deemed to have been submitted when posted, if mailed by _____ and if a postmark is indicated on the envelope and it is mailed first class and addressed in accordance with the above instructions. In all other cases, a Proof of Claim shall be deemed to have been submitted when actually received by the Claims Administrator.

You should be aware that it will take a significant amount of time to process fully all of the Proof of Claims and to administer this settlement. This work will be completed as promptly as time permits, given the need to investigate and tabulate each Proof of Claim. Please notify the Claims Administrator of any change of address.

REMINDER CHECKLIST

- Please be sure to sign this Proof of Claim on page _____. If this Proof of Claim is submitted on behalf of joint claimants, then each claimant must sign.
- Please remember to attach supporting documents. Do NOT send any stock certificates. Keep copies of everything you submit.
- Do NOT use highlighter on the Proof of Claim or any supporting documents.
- If you desire an acknowledgment of receipt of your claim form, please send it Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, or its equivalent.
- If you move or change your address, telephone number or email address, please submit the new information to the Claims Administrator, as well as any other information that will assist us in contacting you. NOTE: Failure to submit updated information to the Claims Administrator may result in the Claims Administrator's inability to contact you regarding issues with your claim or deliver payment to you.

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

IN RE ELECTRIC LAST MILE SOLUTIONS,
INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION

CASE NO. 2:22-cv-00545-MEF-LDW

CLASS ACTION

**SUMMARY NOTICE OF PENDENCY AND
PROPOSED CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT**

**TO: ALL PERSONS WHO PURCHASED PUBLICLY-TRADED COMMON STOCK
OF ELECTRIC LAST MILE SOLUTIONS, INC. BETWEEN JUNE 9, 2021 AND
FEBRUARY 1, 2022, INCLUSIVE.**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, pursuant to an Order of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, that a hearing will be held on _____, at _____. before the Honorable Michael E. Farbiarz, United States District Judge of the District of New Jersey, 2 Federal Square, Newark, New Jersey, 07102 for the purpose of determining: (1) whether the proposed settlement (“BDO Settlement”) of the claims in the above-captioned Action against defendant BDO USA, P.C. (“BDO”) for consideration including the sum of \$899,000 should be approved by the Court as fair, reasonable, and adequate; (2) whether the proposed plan to distribute the BDO Settlement proceeds is fair, reasonable, and adequate; (3) whether the application of Lead Counsel for an award of attorneys’ fees of up to 27.5% plus interest of the Settlement Amount and reimbursement of expenses of not more than \$1,200 should be approved; and (4) whether this Action should be dismissed with prejudice as set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement, dated February 21, 2025 (the “Settlement Stipulation”). The Court reserves the right to reschedule the hearing date or hold the hearing telephonically or by other virtual means.

If you purchased publicly-traded common stock of Electric Last Mile Solutions, Inc. (“ELMS”) between June 9, 2021 and February 1, 2022, both dates inclusive, your rights may be affected by the BDO Settlement, including the release and extinguishment of claims you may possess relating to your ownership interest in ELMS common stock. If you have not received a detailed Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Class Action (“Notice”) and a copy of the Proof of Claim and Release Form (“Proof of Claim”), you may obtain copies by writing to or calling the Claims Administrator: Electric Last Mile Solutions, Inc. Securities Litigation (BDO), c/o Strategic Claims Services, P.O. Box 230, 600 N. Jackson St., Ste. 205, Media, PA 19063; (Toll-Free) (866) 274-4004; (Fax) (610) 565-7985; info@strategicclaims.net. You can also download copies of the Notice and submit your Proof of Claim online at www.strategicclaims.net/ELMS/.

This is the second settlement in this Action. The Court previously approved a settlement between Plaintiffs and the Individual Defendants. If you already submitted a valid and timely Proof of Claim in the Individual Defendants Settlement, you do not need to file another Proof of Claim. Your prior valid and timely Proof of Claim will be used for the BDO Settlement. If you are a member of the Settlement Class and have not already submitted a valid and timely Proof of Claim in the Individual Defendants Settlement, and wish to share in the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund, you must submit a Proof of Claim electronically or postmarked no later than _____ to the Claims Administrator, establishing that you are entitled to recovery. Unless you submit a written exclusion request, you will be bound by any judgment rendered in the Action whether or not you make a claim.

If you desire to be excluded from the Settlement Class, you must submit to the Claims Administrator a request for exclusion so that it is received no later than _____, in the manner and form explained in the Notice. All members of the Settlement Class who have not

requested exclusion from the Settlement Class will be bound by any judgment entered in the Action pursuant to the Settlement Stipulation.

Any objection to the Settlement, Plan of Allocation, or Lead Counsel’s request for an award of attorneys’ fees and reimbursement of expenses must be in the manner and form explained in the detailed Notice and received no later than _____, by each of the following:

<p>Strategic Claims Services P.O. Box 230 600 N. Jackson St., Ste. 205 Media, PA 19063 info@strategicclaims.net</p> <p><i>Claims Administrator</i></p>	<p>Laurence Rosen THE ROSEN LAW FIRM, P.A. One Gateway Center Suite 2600 Newark, NJ 07102 info@rosenlegal.com</p> <p><i>Lead Counsel</i></p>	<p>Joel C. Haims MCDERMOTT WILL & EMERY LLP One Vanderbilt Avenue New York, NY 10017 jhaims@mwe.com</p> <p><i>Counsel for BDO</i></p>
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If you have any questions about the BDO Settlement, you may call or write to Lead Counsel:

Laurence Rosen, Esq.
THE ROSEN LAW FIRM, P.A.
One Gateway Center, Suite 2600
Newark, NJ 07102
(917) 313-1887
info@rosenlegal.com

PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT OR THE CLERK’S OFFICE REGARDING THIS NOTICE.

DATED:

BY ORDER OF THE UNITED STATES
DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

Electric Last Mile Solutions, Inc. Securities Litigation (BDO)

c/o Strategic Claims Services

600 N. Jackson St.

Suite 205

Media, PA 19063

Court-Ordered Legal Notice

Forwarding Service Requested

A federal court authorized this notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

You may be entitled to a payment. This notice may affect your legal rights.

Please read it carefully.

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THIS CARD PROVIDES ONLY LIMITED INFORMATION ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT.
PLEASE VISIT WWW.STRATEGICCLAIMS.NET/ELMS/ OR CALL 1-866-274-4004 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

The United States District Court for the District of New Jersey (the “Court”) has preliminarily approved a proposed Settlement of claims against defendant BDO USA, P.C. (“BDO”). The proposed BDO Settlement would resolve a class action lawsuit alleging that BDO issued a false audit opinion that was included in Electric Last Mile Solutions, Inc.’s (“ELMS”) public filings during the Class Period, causing damage to Settlement Class Members. BDO denies any wrongdoing.

You received this notice because you may have purchased publicly-traded common stock of ELMS between June 9, 2021 and February 1, 2022, both dates inclusive. The BDO Settlement dismisses and releases claims against BDO and creates a fund consisting of \$899,000, less attorneys’ fees and expenses, which will be divided among Settlement Class Members who timely submit valid Proof of Claim and Release Forms (“Proof of Claim”). For a full description of the Settlement and your rights and to make a claim, please view the Stipulation of Settlement and obtain a copy of the Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Class Action (“Notice”) and Proof of Claim by visiting the website: www.strategicclaims.net/ELMS/. You may also request copies of the Notice and Proof of Claim from the Claims Administrator by: (1) mail: Electric Last Mile Solutions, Inc. Securities Litigation (BDO), c/o Strategic Claims Services, P.O. Box 230, 600 N. Jackson St, Ste. 205, Media, PA 19063; (2) toll-free phone: (866) 274-4004; (3) fax: (610) 565-7985; or (4) email: info@strategicclaims.net.

This is the second settlement in this Action. The Court previously approved a settlement between Plaintiffs and the Individual Defendants. **If you already submitted a timely and valid Proof of Claim in the Individual Defendants Settlement, you do not need to submit another Proof of Claim.** If you did not already submit a timely and valid Proof of Claim in the Individual Defendants Settlement and wish to qualify for payment from this BDO Settlement, you must submit a Proof of Claim, which can be found on the website www.strategicclaims.net/ELMS/. PROOFS OF CLAIM ARE DUE BY _____ TO: ELECTRIC LAST MILE SOLUTIONS, INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION (BDO), C/O STRATEGIC CLAIMS SERVICES, P.O. BOX 230, 600 N. JACKSON ST, STE 205, MEDIA, PA 19063 or submitted electronically at www.strategicclaims.net/ELMS/. If you do not want to be legally bound by the BDO Settlement, you must exclude yourself by _____. If you exclude yourself, you cannot get money from the BDO Settlement. If you stay in the BDO Settlement, you may object to it by _____. The Notice explains how to exclude yourself or to object.

The Court will hold a hearing in this case on _____ at ____:____.m. at the Court, 2 Federal Square, Newark, NJ, 07102, to consider whether to approve the BDO Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and a request by Lead Counsel for up to 27.5% of the Settlement Fund in attorneys’ fees, plus up to \$1,200 in expenses. You may, but do not have to, attend the hearing and ask to be heard by the Court. The Court reserves the right to hold the Settlement Hearing telephonically or by other virtual means.

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

IN RE ELECTRIC LAST MILE SOLUTIONS,
INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION

CASE NO. 2:22-cv-00545-MEF-LDW

CLASS ACTION

[PROPOSED] ORDER AND FINAL JUDGMENT

On the ____ day of _____, 20____, a hearing having been held before this Court to determine whether the terms and conditions of the Stipulation of Settlement dated February 21, 2025 (the “Stipulation”) are fair, reasonable and adequate for the settlement of all claims asserted by the Settlement Class against BDO; and

The Court having considered all matters submitted to it at the hearing and otherwise; and

It appearing that the Notice substantially in the form approved by the Court in the Order Granting Plaintiffs’ Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement (“Preliminary Approval Order”) was provided to all reasonably identifiable Settlement Class Members and posted to the website of the Claims Administrator; and

It appearing that the Summary Notice substantially in the form approved by the Court in the Preliminary Approval Order was published in accordance with that Order and the specifications of the Court;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED
THAT:

1. All capitalized terms used herein have the same meanings as set forth and defined in the Stipulation.

2. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Action, Plaintiffs, all Settlement Class Members and BDO.

3. For purposes of the BDO Settlement, this is a class action on behalf of all persons and entities who purchased the publicly traded common stock of ELMS between June 9, 2021 and February 1, 2022, inclusive. Excluded from the Settlement Class are: (a) Defendants, the officers and directors of ELMS (including its predecessor Forum Merger III Corporation), Electric Last Mile Inc., and BDO, members of the Individual Defendants' immediate families and their legal representatives, heirs, and successors, and any entity in which any of the Defendants, or any person excluded under this subsection (a), has or had a majority ownership interest at any time; and (b) persons and entities who suffered no compensable losses as determined by the Plan of Allocation.

4. The Court hereby finds that the forms and methods of notifying the Settlement Class of the Settlement and its terms and conditions meet the requirements of due process, Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and Section 21D(a)(7) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(a)(7), as amended by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995; constitute the best notice practicable under the circumstances; and constitute due and sufficient notice to all persons and entities entitled thereto of these proceedings and the matters set forth herein. No Settlement Class Member is relieved from the terms of the BDO Settlement, including the releases provided for therein, based upon the contention or proof that such Settlement Class Member failed to receive actual or adequate notice. A full opportunity has been offered to the Settlement Class Members to object to the proposed BDO Settlement and to participate in the hearing thereon. The Court further finds that the notice provisions of the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1715,

were fully discharged. Thus, it is hereby determined that all members of the Settlement Class are bound by this Order and Final Judgment.

5. Pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court finds that the Stipulation and the BDO Settlement are, in all respects, fair, reasonable, and adequate and in the best interests of the Settlement Class and each of the Settlement Class Members. This Court further finds the BDO Settlement set forth in the Stipulation is the result of arm's-length negotiations between experienced counsel representing the interests of Plaintiffs, Settlement Class Members, and BDO. Accordingly, the BDO Settlement embodied in the Stipulation is hereby finally approved in all respects, and shall be consummated in accordance with its terms and provisions. The Settling Parties are hereby directed to perform the terms of the Stipulation.

6. The Complaint is hereby dismissed with prejudice as to BDO. The Settling Parties shall bear their own costs and expenses, except as and to the extent provided in the Stipulation and herein.

7. In accordance with the terms of the Stipulation, the Settlement Class Members, their respective heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, assigns, representatives, attorneys, and agents in their capacities as such, (the "Releasing Parties"), hereby forever release, relinquish, and discharge the Released Parties from any and all Settlement Class Claims. The Releasing Parties, and anyone acting or purporting to act for any of them, are hereby permanently barred and enjoined from asserting, commencing, prosecuting, instituting, assisting, instigating, or in any way participating in the commencement or prosecution of any action or other proceeding, in any forum, asserting any Settlement Class Claims, either directly, representatively, derivatively, or in any other capacity, against any of the Released Parties.

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8. In accordance with the terms of the Stipulation, BDO, on behalf of itself and its administrators, predecessors, successors, assigns, representatives, attorneys, and agents in their capacities as such, hereby forever releases, relinquishes, and discharges any and all BDO Claims which arise out of, concern or relate to the institution, prosecution, settlement, or dismissal of the Action against Plaintiffs, any of the Settlement Class Members, and Lead Counsel.

9. The Settling Parties may file the Stipulation and/or this Order and Final Judgment in any proceedings that may be necessary to consummate or enforce the Stipulation, the BDO Settlement, or this Order and Final Judgment.

10. In accordance with 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(f)(7) and any other applicable law or regulation, any and all claims which are brought by any Person or entity against BDO (a) for contribution or indemnification arising out of any Released Claim, or (b) where the damage to the claimant is measured by reference to the claimant's liability to Plaintiffs or the Settlement Class, are hereby permanently barred and discharged. Any such claims brought by BDO against any Person or entity (other than Persons or entities whose liability to Plaintiffs or the Settlement Class is extinguished by this Order and Final Judgment) are likewise permanently barred and discharged, provided, however, that nothing in this Order and Final Judgment shall apply to bar or otherwise affect any claim, demands, rights, causes of action, liabilities, or defenses (a) between BDO and the Individual Defendants; or (b) by BDO in connection with or arising out of the matter captioned *Levy v. Luo et al.*, No. 1:23-cv-00653 (D. Del.)(the "PIPE Action").

11. In the event any Settlement Class Member (including any Plaintiff) seeks to recover damages or any other form of monetary relief ("Damages") from any Person based upon claims that arise out of, or relate in any way to, the Released Claims, the Settlement Class Member shall give such person or entity the benefit of judgment reduction or offset equal to the greater of:

(1) the amount of recovery obtained by the Settlement Class Member in connection with the BDO Settlement; (2) the amount of recovery the Settlement Class Member was eligible to obtain in connection with the BDO Settlement; or (3) the amount that corresponds to the percentage of responsibility of the Released Parties for the Damages.

12. The Court finds that the Settling Parties and their counsel have complied with each requirement of Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure as to all proceedings herein.

13. Neither this Order and Final Judgment, the Stipulation, nor any of the negotiations, documents or proceedings connected with them shall be:

(a) referred to or used against BDO or against Plaintiffs or the Settlement Class as evidence of wrongdoing by anyone;

(b) construed against BDO or against Plaintiffs or the Settlement Class as an admission or concession that the consideration to be given hereunder represents the amount which could be or would have been recovered after trial;

(c) construed as, or received in evidence as, an admission, concession or presumption against the Settlement Class or any of them, that any of their claims are without merit or that damages recoverable under the Complaint would not have exceeded the Settlement Fund; or

(d) used or construed as an admission of any fault, liability or wrongdoing by any person or entity, or offered or received in evidence as an admission, concession, presumption or inference against BDO in any proceeding other than such proceedings as may be necessary to consummate or enforce the Stipulation.

14. Exclusive jurisdiction is hereby retained over BDO and the Settlement Class Members for all matters relating to the Action, including the administration, interpretation,

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effectuation or enforcement of the Stipulation and this Order and Final Judgment, and including any application for fees and expenses incurred in connection with administering and distributing the settlement proceeds to the Settlement Class Members.

15. Without further order of the Court, BDO and Plaintiffs may agree to reasonable extensions of time to carry out any of the provisions of the Stipulation.

16. There is no just reason for delay in the entry of this Order and Final Judgment and immediate entry by the Clerk of the Court is directed pursuant to Rule 54(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

17. The finality of this Order and Final Judgment shall not be affected, in any manner, by rulings that the Court may make with respect to the proposed Plan of Allocation or on Lead Counsel's application for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses.

18. In the event that the BDO Settlement does not become final and effective in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Stipulation, then this Order and Final Judgment shall be rendered null and void and be vacated. The terms and conditions of the Stipulation shall govern any termination or the effect of any termination thereof.

Dated: _____, 20__

HONORABLE MICHAEL E. FARBIARZ
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE