PROPOSED CHARGING LETTER

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

North Pass Ltd. 1941 Heath Parkway, Suite #1 Fort Collins, Colorado 80524

Attention:

Kent Heitz President

Dear Mr. Heitz:

The Bureau of Industry and Security, United States Department of Commerce ("BIS"), has reason to believe that North Pass Ltd. ("North Pass") of Fort Collins, Colorado, has committed 135 violations of the Export Administration Regulations (the "Regulations"), which are issued under the authority of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (the "Act"). Specifically, BIS charges that North Pass committed the following violations:

¹ The Regulations are currently codified in the Code of Federal Regulations at 15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (2003). The violations charged occurred between 2000 and 2003. The Regulations governing the violations at issue are found in the 2000 through the 2003 versions of the Code of Federal Regulations (15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (2000-2003)). The 2000-2003 Regulations define the violations that BIS has charged and the 2003 Regulations establish the procedures that apply to this matter.

² 50 U.S.C. app. §§ 2401- 2420 (2000). From August 21, 1994 through November 12, 2000, the Act was in lapse. During that period, the President, through Executive Order 12924, which had been extended by successive Presidential Notices, the last of which was August 3, 2000 (3 C.F.R., 2000 Comp. 397 (2001)), continued the Regulations in effect under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. §§ 1701 - 1706 (2000)) ("IEEPA"). On November 13, 2000, the Act was reauthorized and it remained in effect through August 20, 2001. The Act expired on August 20, 2001. Executive Order 13222 of August 17, 2001 (3 C.F.R., 2001 Comp., p. 783 (2002)), which has been extended by successive Presidential Notices, the most recent being that of August 7, 2003 (68 Fed. Reg. 47833, August 11, 2003), continues the Regulations in effect under IEEPA.

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Charges 1-135 (15 C.F.R. § 764.2(a) - Exports of Optical Sighting Devices without the Required Licenses)

On 135 occasions, as further described in the attached schedule of violations, which is enclosed herewith and incorporated herein by reference, between on or about March 23, 2000 and on or about March 21, 2003, North Pass engaged in conduct prohibited by the Regulations by exporting optical sighting devices for firearms and associated parts, items subject to the Regulations and classified under Export Control Classification Number ("ECCN") 0A987, to various destinations without obtaining Department of Commerce licenses, as required by Sections 742.7 and 742.17 of the Regulations. In doing so, North Pass committed 135 violations of Section 764.2(a) of the Regulations.

Accordingly, North Pass is hereby notified that an administrative proceeding is instituted against it pursuant to Section 13(c) of the Act and Part 766 of the Regulations for the purpose of obtaining an order imposing administrative sanctions, including any or all of the following:

The maximum civil penalty allowed by law of up to \$11,000 per violation;³

Denial of export privileges; and/or

Exclusion from practice before BIS.

If North Pass fails to answer the charges contained in this letter within 30 days after being served with notice of issuance of this letter, that failure will be treated as a default. (Regulations, Sections 766.6 and 766.7). If North Pass defaults, the Administrative Law Judge may find the charges alleged in this letter are true without hearing or further notice to North Pass. The Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security may then impose up to the maximum penalty on each of the charges in this letter.

North Pass is further notified that it is entitled to an agency hearing on the record if North Pass files a written demand for one with its answer. (Regulations, Section 766.6). North Pass is also entitled to be represented by counsel or other authorized representative who has power of attorney to represent it. (Regulations, Sections 766.3(a) and 766.4).

The Regulations provide for settlement without a hearing. (Regulations, Section 766.18). Should you have a proposal to settle this case, North Pass or its representative should transmit it to me through the attorney representing BIS named below.

³ See 15 C.F.R. § 6.4(a)(2).

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The U.S. Coast Guard is providing administrative law judge services in connection with the matters set forth in this letter. Accordingly, North Pass's answer must be filed in accordance with the instructions in Section 766.5(a) of the Regulations with:

U.S. Coast Guard ALJ Docketing Center 40 S. Gay Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202-4022

In addition, a copy of North Pass's answer must be served on BIS at the following address:

Chief Counsel for Industry and Security Attention: Peter R. Klason Room H-3839 United States Department of Commerce 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20230

Peter R. Klason is the attorney representing BIS in this case; any communications that North Pass may wish to have concerning this matter should occur through him. He may be contacted by telephone at (202) 482-5301.

Sincerely,

Mark D. Menefee Director Office of Export Enforcement

Enclosure

| CHARGE NUMBER | DATE OF VIOLATION | DESTINATION | COMMODITY EXPORTED | VALUE |
|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------|
| 1 | March 23, 2000 | Austria | HiViz sights | \$1,900.00 |
| 2 | April 11, 2000 | Finland | HiViz sights | \$3,168.00 |
| 3 | April 13, 2000 | Sweden | HiViz sights | \$4,820.00 |
| 4 | April 19, 2000 | Thailand | HiViz sights | \$1,265.00 |
| 5 | May 11, 2000 | Canada | HiViz sights | \$83.28 |
| 6 | May 12, 2000 | Canada | HiViz sights | \$62.40 |
| 7 | May 31, 2000 | Canada | HiViz sights | \$205.88 |
| 8 | June 26, 2000 | Russia | HiViz sights | \$1,425.00 |
| 9 | August 10, 2000 | Canada | HiViz sights | \$1,880.42 |
| 10 | August 11, 2000 | Ireland | HiViz sights | \$50.00 |
| 11 | September 1, 2000 | Finland | HiViz sights | \$2,781.00 |
| 12 | October 5, 2000 | Canada | HiViz sights | \$154.80 |
| 13 | October 12, 2000 | Peru | HiViz sights | \$836.00 |
| 14 | October 13, 2000 | Ireland | HiViz sights | \$49.90 |

| CHARGE NUMBER | DATE OF VIOLATION | DESTINATION | COMMODITY EXPORTED | VALUE |
|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------|
| 15 | October 24, 2000 | Canada | HiViz sights | \$127.50 |
| 16 | November 1, 2000 | Mexico | HiViz sights | \$1,140.00 |
| 17 | November 9, 2000 | Thailand | HiViz sights | \$1,360.00 |
| 18 | January 19, 2001 | Sweden | HiViz sights | \$248.85 |
| 19 | January 25, 2001 | Canada | HiViz sights | \$5,316.30 |
| 20 | January 30, 2001 | Mexico | HiViz sights | \$1,319.50 |
| 21 | January 31, 2001 | Canada | HiViz sights | \$7,149.95 |
| 22 | February 2, 2001 | Canada | HiViz sights | \$360.00 |
| 23 | February 19, 2001 | Canada | HiViz sights | \$654.05 |
| 24 | March 6, 2001 | Hong Kong | HiViz sights | \$632.50 |
| 25 | March 21, 2001 | Sweden | HiViz sights | \$287.60 |
| 26 | April 25, 2001 | Canada | HiViz sights | \$964.50 |
| 27 | April 27, 2001 | Canada | HiViz sights | \$523.75 |
| 28 | May 2, 2001 | Hong Kong | HiViz sights | \$420.00 |
| 29 | May 3, 2001 | Canada | HiViz sights | \$166.35 |

| CHARGE NUMBER | DATE OF VIOLATION | DESTINATION | COMMODITY EXPORTED | VALUE |
|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------|
| 30 | May 10, 2001 | Sweden | HiViz sights | \$346.47 |
| 31 | May 18, 2001 | Thailand | HiViz sights | \$1,156.25 |
| 32 | May 18, 2001 | Finland | HiViz sights | \$2,750.94 |
| 33 | May 30, 2001 | Canada | HiViz sights | \$5,548.85 |
| 34 | June 25, 2001 | Sweden | HiViz sights | \$25.95 |
| 35 | July 31, 2001 | Mexico | HiViz sights | \$1,319.50 |
| 36 | August 6, 2001 | Switzerland | HiViz sights | \$39.95 |
| 37 | August 7, 2001 | Sweden | HiViz sights | \$649.00 |
| 38 | August 16, 2001 | Russia | HiViz sights | \$1,551.60 |
| 39 | August 16, 2001 | Hong Kong | HiViz sights | \$466.36 |
| 40 | August 16, 2001 | Canada | HiViz sights | \$254.01 |
| 41 | September 11, 2001 | Peru | HiViz sights | \$812.00 |
| 42 | September 19, 2001 | Canada | HiViz sights | \$930.30 |
| 43 | September 24, 2001 | Brazil | litepipes | \$22.77 |
| 44 | October 26, 2001 | Lebanon | HiViz components | \$630.00 |
| 45 | November 30, 2001 | Mexico | HiViz sights | \$1,319.50 |
| 46 | December 4, 2001 | Russia | HiViz sights | \$1,125.00 |

| CHARGE NUMBER | DATE OF VIOLATION | DESTINATION | COMMODITY EXPORTED | VALUE |
|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------|
| 47 | December 19, 2001 | Canada | HiViz sights | \$1,135.50 |
| 48 | December 21, 2001 | Sweden | HiViz sights | \$1,125.50 |
| 49 | January 10, 2002 | Thailand | HiViz sights | \$283.00 |
| 50 | January 31, 2002 | Canada | HiViz sights | \$8,086.80 |
| 51 | February 5, 2002 | Lebanon | HiViz sights | \$610.50 |
| 52 | February 6, 2002 | Lebanon | HiViz sights | \$909.36 |
| 53 | February 18, 2002 | Canada | HiViz sights | \$583.20 |
| 54 | February 19, 2002 | Cyprus | HiViz sights | \$1,044.00 |
| 55 | February 19, 2002 | Venezuela | HiViz sights | \$1,197.00 |
| 56 | February 22, 2002 | Canada | HiViz sights | \$423.90 |
| 57 | February 28, 2002 | Brazil | HiViz sights | \$1,026.25 |
| 58 | February 28, 2002 | Finland | HiViz sights | \$57.30 |
| 59 | March 1, 2002 | Sweden | HiViz sights | \$252.50 |
| 60 | March 4, 2002 | Cyprus | HiViz sights | \$128.00 |
| 61 | March 6, 2002 | Philippines | HiViz sights | \$123.30 |
| 62 | March 7, 2002 | Lebanon | HiViz sights | \$190.05 |
| 63 | March 7, 2002 | Canada | HiViz sights | \$41.40 |

| CHARGE NUMBER | DATE OF VIOLATION | DESTINATION | COMMODITY EXPORTED | VALUE |
|------------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|------------|
| 64 | March 7, 2002 | Finland | HiViz sights | \$6.40 |
| 65 | March 12, 2002 | Canada | HiViz sights | \$1,735.20 |
| 66 | March 18, 2002 | Lebanon | HiViz sights | \$259.20 |
| 67 | March 19, 2002 | Ireland | HiViz sights | \$487.80 |
| 68 | March 20, 2002 | Ireland | HiViz sights | \$336.60 |
| 69 | March 22, 2002 | Ireland | HiViz sights | \$861.70 |
| 70 | March 25, 2002 | Canada | HiViz sights | \$347.50 |
| 71 | March 26, 2002 | Canada | HiViz sights | \$534.00 |
| 72 | April 1, 2002 | Canada | HiViz sights | \$19.80 |
| 73 | April 1, 2002 | Cyprus | HiViz sights | \$133.50 |
| 74 | April 1, 2002 | Finland | HiViz sights | \$8.90 |
| 75 | April 8, 2002 | Brazil | HiViz sights | \$44.40 |
| 76 | April 10, 2002 | Finland | HiViz sights | \$3,202.75 |
| 77 | April 11, 2002 | Finland | HiViz sights | \$2,547.00 |
| 78 | April 16, 2002 | South Africa | HiViz sights | \$1,090.80 |
| 79 | April 18, 2002 | Brazil | HiViz sights | \$253.00 |
| 80 | May 3, 2002 | Venezuela | HiViz sights | \$81.00 |

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|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------|
| 81 | May 22, 2002 | Finland | HiViz sights | \$3,509.25 |
| 82 | May 31, 2002 | Sweden | HiViz sights | \$1,093.10 |
| 83 | June 5, 2002 | Finland | HiViz sights | \$1,660.00 |
| 84 | June 5, 2002 | Lebanon | HiViz sights | \$1,320.00 |
| 85 | June 14, 2002 | Canada | HiViz sights | \$379.80 |
| 86 | July 1, 2002 | Canada | HiViz sights | \$46.50 |
| 87 | July 8, 2002 | Malaysia | HiViz sights | \$200.85 |
| 88 | July 8, 2002 | Venezuela | HiViz sights | \$526.80 |
| 89 | July 9, 2002 | Austria | HiViz sights | \$1,244.00 |
| 90 | July 11, 2002 | Finland | HiViz sights | \$2,285.00 |
| 91 | July 22, 2002 | Russia | HiViz sights | \$1,968.00 |
| 92 | July 23, 2002 | Mexico | HiViz sights | \$1,313.00 |
| 93 | July 29, 2002 | Hong Kong | HiViz sights | \$378.00 |
| 94 | July 30, 2002 | Finland | HiViz sights | \$2,870.70 |
| 95 | August 7, 2002 | Hong Kong | HiViz sights | \$441.50 |
| 96 | August 7, 2002 | Finland | HiViz sights | \$1,919.00 |
| 97 | August 15, 2002 | Sweden | HiViz sights | \$243.00 |

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|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------|
| 98 | August 15, 2002 | Finland | HiViz sights | \$32.40 |
| 99 | August 15, 2002 | Canada | HiViz sights | \$2,909.70 |
| 100 | August 19, 2002 | Thailand | HiViz sights | \$917.00 |
| 101 | August 19, 2002 | Canada | HiViz sights | \$89.70 |
| 102 | August 20, 2002 | Ireland | HiViz sights | \$400.25 |
| 103 | August 22, 2002 | Canada | HiViz sights | \$99.70 |
| 104 | August 30, 2002 | Finland | HiViz sights | \$2,078.70 |
| 105 | September 3, 2002 | Mexico | HiViz sights | \$1,515.00 |
| 106 | September 12, 2002 | Taiwan | HiViz sights | \$6,090.30 |
| 107 | September 13, 2002 | Canada | HiViz sights | \$89.70 |
| 108 | September 17, 2002 | Ireland | HiViz sights | \$807.50 |
| 109 | September 24, 2002 | Ireland | HiViz sights | \$1,433.20 |
| 110 | September 30, 2002 | Lebanon | HiViz sights | \$1,313.00 |
| 111 | October 3, 2002 | Canada | HiViz sights | \$136.20 |
| 112 | October 31, 2002 | Estonia | HiViz sights | \$961.00 |
| 113 | November 6, 2002 | Ireland | HiViz sights | \$1,081.00 |
| 114 | November 15, 2002 | Canada | HiViz sights | \$323.20 |

| CHARGE NUMBER | DATE OF VIOLATION | DESTINATION | COMMODITY EXPORTED | VALUE |
|------------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|------------|
| 115 | November 27, 2002 | Finland | HiViz sights | \$665.60 |
| 116 | December 12, 2002 | Lebanon | HiViz sights | |
| 117 | December 20, 2002 | Venezuela | HiViz sights | \$700.00 |
| 118 | January 13, 2003 | Mexico | HiViz sights | \$1,341.00 |
| 119 | January 13, 2003 | Finland | HiViz sights | \$1,515.00 |
| 120 | January 15, 2003 | South Africa | HiViz sights | \$1,218.00 |
| 121 | January 16, 2003 | Canada | HiViz sights | \$280.80 |
| 122 | January 27, 2003 | Ireland | HiViz sights | \$1,554.45 |
| 123 | January 28, 2003 | Brazil | HiViz sights | \$81.00 |
| 124 | January 31, 2003 | Canada | HiViz sights | \$1,875.00 |
| 125 | February 3, 2003 | Russia | HiViz sights | \$169.80 |
| 126 | February 11, 2003 | Brazil | HiViz sights | \$505.00 |
| 127 | February 18, 2003 | Brazil | HiViz sights | \$1,470.00 |
| 128 | February 18, 2003 | Sweden | | \$107.65 |
| 129 | February 19, 2003 | Peru | HiViz sights | \$266.50 |
| 130 | February 20, 2003 | Brazil | HiViz sights | \$2,098.80 |
| 131 | February 20, 2003 | | HiViz sights | \$30.00 |
| | 20, 2003 | Philippines | HiViz sights | \$1,394.10 |

| CHARGE NUMBER | DATE OF VIOLATION | DESTINATION | COMMODITY EXPORTED | VALUE |
|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------|
| 132 | February 27, 2003 | Brazil | HiViz sights | \$46.75 |
| 133 | March 5, 2003 | Finland | HiViz sights | \$1,622.00 |
| 134 | March 12, 2003 | Canada | HiViz sights | \$5,867.40 |
| 135 | March 21, 2003 | Canada | HiViz sights | \$721.05 |

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BUREAU OF INDUSTRY AND SECURITY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20230

| In the Matter of: |) |
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| North Pass Ltd. |) |
| 1941 Heath Parkway, Suite #1 |) |
| Fort Collins, Colorado 80524 |) |
| |) |
| Respondent. |) |
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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Settlement Agreement ("Agreement") is made by and between Respondent, North Pass Ltd. ("North Pass"), and the Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce ("BIS") (collectively referred to as "Parties"), pursuant to Section 766.18(a) of the Export Administration Regulations (currently codified at 15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (2004)) ("Regulations"), issued pursuant to the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C. app. §§ 2401-2420 (2000)) ("Act"), is a section of the control of th

¹ The violations charged occurred between 2000 and 2003. The Regulations governing the violations at issue are found in the 2000 through 2003 versions of the Code of Federal Regulations (15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (2000-2003)). The 2004 Regulations set forth the procedures that apply to this matter.

From August 21, 1994 through November 12, 2000, the Act was in lapse. During that period, the President, through Executive Order 12924, which had been extended by successive Presidential Notices, the last of which was August 3, 2000 (3 C.F.R., 2000 Comp. 397 (2001)), continued the Regulations in effect under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. §§ 1701 - 1706 (2000)) ("IEEPA"). On November 13, 2000, the Act was reauthorized and it remained in effect through August 20, 2001. Since August 21, 2001, the Act has been in lapse and the President, through Executive Order 13222 of August 17, 2001 (3 C.F.R., 2001 Comp. 783 (2002)), as extended by the Notice of August 6, 2004 (69 Fed. Reg. 48763, August 10, 2004), has continued the Regulations in effect under the IEEPA.

WHEREAS, BIS has notified North Pass of its intention to initiate an administrative proceeding against North Pass, pursuant to the Act and the Regulations;

WHEREAS, BIS has issued a proposed charging letter to North Pass that alleged that North Pass committed 135 violations of the Regulations, specifically:

1. 135 Violations of 15 C.F.R. §764.2(a) - Exports of Gun Sighting Devices and Parts for Such Devices Without the Required Licenses: On 135 occasions, between on or about March 23, 2000 and on or about March 21, 2003, North Pass engaged in conduct prohibited by the Regulations by exporting optical sighting devices for firearms and associated parts, items subject to the Regulations and classified under Export Control Classification Number 0A987, to various destinations without obtaining Department of Commerce licenses, as required by Sections 742.7 and 742.17 of the Regulations.

WHEREAS, North Pass has reviewed the proposed charging letter and is aware of the allegations made against it and the administrative sanctions which could be imposed against it if the allegations are found to be true;

WHEREAS, North Pass fully understands the terms of this Agreement and the Order ("Order") that the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement will issue if she approves this Agreement as the final resolution of this matter;

WHEREAS, North Pass enters into this Agreement voluntarily and with full knowledge of its rights;

Settlement Agreement North Pass Ltd. Page 2 of 6 WHEREAS, North Pass states that no promises or representations have been made to it other than the agreements and considerations herein expressed;

WHEREAS, North Pass neither admits nor denies the allegations contained in the proposed charging letter;

WHEREAS, North Pass wishes to settle and dispose of all matters alleged in the proposed charging letter by entering into this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, North Pass agrees to be bound by the Order, if entered;

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

- 1. BIS has jurisdiction over North Pass, under the Regulations, in connection with the matters alleged in the proposed charging letter.
- 2. The following sanction shall be imposed against North Pass in complete settlement of the violations of the Regulations relating to the transactions detailed in the proposed charging letter:
 - a. North Pass shall be assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$214,500, of which \$13,406 shall be paid to the U.S. Department of Commerce within 30 days from the date of entry of the Order; \$13,406 shall be paid to the U.S. Department of Commerce not later than April 30, 2005; \$13,406 shall be paid to the U.S. Department of Commerce not later than July 31, 2005; and \$13,407 shall be paid to the U.S. Department of Commerce not later than November 30, 2005. Payment of the remaining \$160,875 shall be suspended until December 31, 2005, and thereafter shall be waived, provided that during the period of suspension, North

Settlement Agreement North Pass Ltd. Page 3 of 6 Pass has committed no violations of the Act, or any regulation, order, or license issued thereunder and North Pass has made the payment of \$53,625 described above in a timely manner. Payment shall be made in the manner specified in the

b. The timely payment of the civil penalty agreed to in paragraph 2.a. is hereby made

a condition to the granting, restoration, or continuing validity of any export license,

License Exception, permission, or privilege granted, or to be granted, to North

Pass. Failure to make timely payment of the civil penalty set forth above may

result in the denial of all of North Pass's export or reexport privileges for a period

of one year from the date of imposition of the penalty.

3. Subject to the approval of this Agreement pursuant to paragraph 8 hereof, North Pass

hereby waives all rights to further procedural steps in this matter (except with respect to any

alleged violations of this Agreement or the Order, if entered), including, without limitation, any

right to: (a) an administrative hearing regarding the allegations in the proposed charging letter; (b)

request a refund of any civil penalty paid pursuant to this Agreement and the Order, if entered; (c)

request any relief from the Order, if entered, including without limitation relief from the terms of

a denial order under 15 C.F.R. § 764.3(a)(2); and (d) seek judicial review or otherwise contest the

validity of this Agreement or the Order, if entered.

attached instructions.

4. Upon entry of the Order and timely payment of the \$53,625 civil penalty, BIS will not

initiate any further administrative proceeding against North Pass in connection with any violation

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of the Act or the Regulations arising out of the transactions detailed in the proposed charging letter.

- 5. BIS will make the proposed charging letter, this Agreement, and the Order, if entered, available to the public.
- 6. This Agreement is for settlement purposes only. Therefore, if this Agreement is not accepted and the Order is not issued by the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement pursuant to Section 766.18(a) of the Regulations, no Party may use this Agreement in any administrative or judicial proceeding and the Parties shall not be bound by the terms contained in this Agreement in any subsequent administrative or judicial proceeding.
- 7. No agreement, understanding, representation or interpretation not contained in this Agreement may be used to vary or otherwise affect the terms of this Agreement or the Order, if entered, nor shall this Agreement serve to bind, constrain, or otherwise limit any action by any other agency or department of the United States Government with respect to the facts and circumstances addressed herein.
- 8. This Agreement shall become binding on the Parties only if the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement approves it by entering the Order, which will have the same force and effect as a decision and order issued after a full administrative hearing on the record.

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9. Each signatory affirms that he has authority to enter into this Settlement Agreement and to bind his respective party to the terms and conditions set forth herein.

BUREAU OF INDUSTRY AND SECURITY,

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

NORTH PASS LTD.

Acting Director

Office of Export Enforcement

Date: **JAN 2 6** 2005

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BUREAU OF INDUSTRY AND SECURITY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20230

| In the Matter of: |) |
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| North Pass Ltd. | <i>)</i>) |
| 1941 Heath Parkway, Suite #1 |) |
| Fort Collins, Colorado 80524 |) |
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| Respondent. |) |
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ORDER

The Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce ("BIS") has notified North Pass Ltd. ("North Pass") of its intention to initiate an administrative proceeding against North Pass pursuant to Section 766.3 of the Export Administration Regulations (currently codified at 15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (2004)) ("Regulations")¹ and Section 13(c) of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C. app. §§ 2401-2420 (2000)) ("Act"),² by issuing a proposed charging letter issued to North Pass that alleged that North Pass committed 135 violations of the Regulations. Specifically, the charges are:

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Whereas, BIS and North Pass having entered into a Settlement Agreement pursuant to Section 766.18(a) of the Regulations whereby they agreed to settle this matter in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth therein, and

Whereas, I have approved the terms of the Settlement Agreement; IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

FIRST, that a civil penalty of \$214,500 is assessed against North Pass, of which \$13,406 shall be paid to the U.S. Department of Commerce within 30 days from the date of entry of the Order; \$13,406 shall be paid to the U.S. Department of Commerce not later than April 30, 2005; \$13,406 shall be paid to the U.S. Department of Commerce not later than July 31, 2005; and \$13,407 shall be paid to the U.S. Department of Commerce not later than November 30, 2005. Payment of the remaining \$160,875 shall be suspended until December 31, 2005, and thereafter shall be waived, provided that during the period of suspension, North Pass has committed no violations of the Act, or any regulation, order, or license issued thereunder and North Pass has made the payment of \$53,625 described above in a timely manner. Payment shall be made in the manner specified in the attached instructions.

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SECOND, that, pursuant to the Debt Collection Act of 1982, as amended (31 U.S.C.

§§ 3701-3720E (2000)), the civil penalty owed under this Order accrues interest as more fully

described in the attached Notice, and, if payment is not made by the due date specified herein,

North Pass will be assessed, in addition to the full amount of the civil penalty and interest, a

penalty charge and an administrative charge, as more fully described in the attached Notice.

THIRD, that the timely payment of the civil penalty set forth above is hereby made a

condition to the granting, restoration, or continuing validity of any export license, License

Exception, permission, or privilege granted, or to be granted, to North Pass. Accordingly, if

North Pass should fail to pay the civil penalty in a timely manner, the undersigned may enter an

Order denying all of North Pass' export privileges for a period of one year from the date of entry

of this Order.

FOURTH, that the proposed charging letter, the Settlement Agreement, and this Order

shall be made available to the public.

This Order, which constitutes the final agency action in this matter, is effective

immediately.

Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce

for Export Enforcement

Entered this 1St day of February 2005

Order

North Pass Ltd.

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