

If You Are an Illinois Resident Who Bought a TV, Monitor, Notebook Computer, Cell Phone, MP3 Player, or Other Product Containing a Flat Panel Screen between January 1, 1998 to December 31, 2006,

This Lawsuit And Settlements May Affect You.

The Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois authorized this notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

- Please read this notice carefully. Your legal rights are affected whether you act or don't act.
- There is a lawsuit involving the price of thin-film-transistor liquid-crystal-display ("TFT-LCD") Flat Panels purchased indirectly from the Defendants. "Indirectly" means that you purchased the TFT-LCD Flat Panel from someone other than the company that manufactured the component TFT-LCD Flat Panel. In most cases, this means that you bought a product containing a TFT-LCD Flat Panel from a retailer.
- The lawsuit was brought by the Illinois Attorney General on behalf of the State of Illinois and as *parens patriae* on behalf of Illinois consumers (including individuals and businesses) as purchasers of TVs, monitors, notebook computers, cell phones, MP3 players or other devices containing a TFT-LCD Flat Panel indirectly from the Defendants **for their own use and not for resale**, anytime from January 1, 1998, to December 31, 2006. Defendants deny all of the claims in the lawsuit. See Question 5 below for more details.
- Settlements have been reached with five Defendants and one alleged co-conspirator (together called the "Settling Defendants") and the lawsuit is continuing against the remaining three Defendants (together called the "Non-Settling Defendants").
- The settlements total over \$104.6 million. The Settling Defendants have also agreed not to engage in the conduct that is the subject of the lawsuit and will cooperate with the litigation against Non-Settling Defendants. The ongoing litigation is seeking money and an order prohibiting the Non-Settling Defendants' alleged behavior that is the subject of the lawsuit.

YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS LAWSUIT AND SETTLEMENTS	
SUBMIT A CLAIM	Under this option, if you submit a claim by October 4, 2016, you may be entitled to receive a payment. You would give up your rights to sue the Defendants about the claims in this case.
EXCLUDE YOURSELF	Under this option, you would <u>not</u> be included in the ongoing lawsuits or settlements. You would receive no benefits, but you would retain any rights you currently have to sue the Defendants about the claims in this case. <u>Illinois state governmental entities may not exclude themselves from the Settlements.</u>
DO NOTHING	If you do nothing, you will not receive any payment and you will give up your rights to sue the Defendants about the claims in this case.

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Basic Information

1. What is this Notice about?

This Notice is to inform you about the status and partial settlement of ongoing litigation which may affect your rights. You have the right to know about the lawsuit and about your legal rights and options before the Court or the jury decide whether the claims being made against the Defendants on your behalf are correct.

The Court in charge is the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois. The case is called *Illinois v. AU Optronics Corp.*, No. 10 CH 34472. The Illinois Attorney General is called the Plaintiff, and the companies it sued are called the Defendants (see Question 6).

2. What is the lawsuit about?

The lawsuit claims that the Defendants conspired to fix, raise, maintain or stabilize prices of TFT-LCD Flat Panels resulting in overcharges to consumers who bought products containing the TFT-LCD Flat Panels. The Defendants deny Plaintiff’s allegations or that indirect purchasers suffered any overcharge. The Court has not yet decided who is right.

3. What is a TFT-LCD Flat Panel?

TFT-LCD Flat Panels (thin-film-transistor liquid-crystal-display panels) are the glass display panels used in many flat screen televisions, monitors, notebook computers, and handheld devices such as color-screen cell phones and MP3 players.

4. What is *parens patriae* authority?

The doctrine of *parens patriae* allows the Illinois Attorney General to bring a lawsuit under the antitrust laws on behalf of its citizens to recover damages. The Illinois Attorney General may also seek injunctive relief and civil penalties.

5. How do I know if I may recover damages in the Illinois Attorney General's *parens patriae* lawsuit?

Illinois consumers: The Illinois Attorney General is seeking monetary damages incurred by any Illinois resident (person or business) that purchased TFT-LCD panel products between January 1, 1998 and December 31, 2006, while residing in Illinois and **for their own use and not for resale**. Therefore, if you or your business purchased one or more TFT LCD panel products between January 1, 1998 and December 31, 2006 while residing in Illinois, you may recover damages in this lawsuit by filing a claim. TFT-LCD panel products include most notebook computers with color displays, flat screen monitors, TVs referred to as LCD or LED TVs, cell phones, MP3 players and other small-screen devices with high resolution color displays.

If you resided outside Illinois when you purchased your TFT-LCD panel products you may not recover damages in this lawsuit and will retain any right you may have to sue the Defendants for monetary relief.

Illinois political subdivisions: The Illinois Attorney General has settled potential claims on behalf of Illinois counties, municipalities, townships and other political subdivisions that purchased TFT-LCD panel products between January 1, 1998, and December 31, 2006, for their own use and not for resale. If you are an Illinois county, municipality, township or other political subdivision that purchased TFT-LCD panel products during this time, you may recover damages in this lawsuit by filing a claim.

Illinois state governmental entities: The Illinois Attorney General is also seeking monetary damages on behalf of the State of Illinois, including its state governmental entities. Illinois state governmental entities may not exclude themselves from the lawsuit.

6. Who are the Defendant companies?

The Defendants are manufacturers and/or suppliers of TFT-LCD Flat Panels.

The Settling Defendant companies are:

- Chunghwa Picture Tubes Ltd. ("Chunghwa")
- Epson Imaging Devices Corp, formerly known as Sanyo Epson Imaging Devices Corporation and Epson Electronics America, Inc. ("Epson")
- LG Display Co., Ltd. and LG Display America, Inc. ("LG")
- Hitachi, Ltd., Hitachi Displays, Ltd. and Hitachi Electronic Devices (USA), Inc. ("Hitachi")
- Chimei Innolux Corp., Chi Mei Optoelectronics USA, Inc. and CMO Japan Co. Ltd. ("Chi Mei")
- Sharp Corp. and Sharp Electronics Corp. ("Sharp")

The Non-Settling Defendant companies are:

- AU Optronics Corp. and AU Optronics Corp. America, Inc. ("AU Optronics")
- Toshiba Corp., Toshiba Mobile Display Co., Ltd., Toshiba America Electronic Components, Inc., and Toshiba America Information Systems, Inc. ("Toshiba")

- Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd., Samsung Semiconductor, Inc., and Samsung Electronics America, Inc. (“Samsung”)

7. Why are there settlements but the lawsuit is continuing?

Settlements have been reached with Chunghwa, Epson, LG, Hitachi, Chi Mei and Sharp. Non-Settling Defendants (AU Optronics, Toshiba, and Samsung) have not agreed to settle so the lawsuit continues against them.

Additional money may become available as a result of a trial or future settlements. Alternatively, the litigation may be resolved in favor of the Non-Settling Defendants, in which case no additional money would become available. There is no guarantee as to what will happen.

The Settlements’ Benefits

8. What do the settlements provide?

There are six settlements, totaling \$104,646,436.

Chunghwa Settlement: Chunghwa will pay \$696,436 into the Settlement Fund.

Epson Settlement: Epson will pay \$4.75 million into the Settlement Fund.

LG Settlement: LG will pay \$37.8 million into the Settlement Fund.

Hitachi Settlement: Hitachi will pay \$10.4 million into the Settlement Fund.

Chi Mei Settlement: Chi Mei will pay \$39 million into the Settlement Fund.

Sharp Settlement: Sharp will pay \$12 million into the Settlement Fund.

Any interest earned will be added to the Settlement Fund. The cost to administer the Settlements as well as the Illinois Attorney General’s fees and costs will come out of the Settlement Fund (see Question 17). We expect that small fixed portions of the remainder of the Settlement Fund will be distributed pro rata to the State of Illinois and state governmental entities (approximately 1.2%) and Illinois political subdivisions, such as townships and municipalities (approximately 10.2%). We expect that the remainder Settlement Fund (approximately 88.6%) will be used to pay individual and business consumers in Illinois.

9. How much money can I get?

The maximum amount you could potentially recover equals three times the actual amount you were overcharged for each device containing a TFT-LCD panel. This amount will vary by device, ranging from \$270 for a TV to \$20 for a small-screen device. If there is not enough money recovered to pay the maximum amount, your recovery will depend on the number of claims per device submitted and the total recovery. We expect that such a pro rata distribution will allow for at least \$20 per claimed device and will increase if there are additional settlements or the Illinois Attorney General prevails at trial.

It’s possible that any money remaining after claims are paid will be distributed to charities, governmental entities, or other beneficiaries.

In order to receive a payment you will need to file a valid claim (see Question 11). The Claim Form provides additional details on how to submit a claim. Further information is available at www.illinoislcdsettlement.com or by calling 1-800-949-0146.

10. When will I get a payment?

No money will be distributed yet. The Plaintiff will pursue the lawsuit against the Non-Settling Defendants and will complete the litigation before any claims are paid. Plaintiff believes that money could be paid by the Non-Settling Defendants through additional settlements or as a result of winning the lawsuit. All funds received in this case will be distributed together at the conclusion of the lawsuit or as ordered by the Court.

How To Get A Payment

11. How can I get a payment?

If you meet the requirements described in Question 5 and you want to participate in the Settlements, you must complete and submit a Claim Form. We urge you to submit a Claim Form online at www.illinoislcdsettlement.com. If you do not file online, you can also file a paper Claim Form by mail.

The Claim Form can be found at www.illinoislcdsettlement.com or you can obtain a copy by calling, toll free, 1-800-949-0146. If you choose to submit your claim online, you must do so on or before **October 4, 2016**. If you choose to submit a Claim Form by mail, it must be postmarked by **October 4, 2016**, and mailed to:

LCD Illinois Claims
c/o A.B. Data, Ltd.
P.O. Box 170500
Milwaukee, WI 53217

Remaining in the Lawsuit

12. What am I giving up if I stay in the lawsuit?

You will give up your right to sue the Defendants on your own for the claims in this case unless you exclude yourself from the lawsuit. You also will be bound by all current and future settlements and directions by the Court relating to the lawsuit.

In return for paying the Settlement amounts, the Settling Defendants (and certain related entities defined in the Settlement Agreements) will be released from all claims relating to the facts underlying this lawsuit, as more fully described in the Settlement Agreements. The Settlement Agreements describe the released claims in detail, so read them carefully since those descriptions are binding on you. If you have any questions, you can call 1-800-949-0146, or you can of course talk to your own lawyer at your own expense if you have questions about what this means. The Settlement Agreements and the specific releases are available at www.illinoislcdsettlement.com.

Excluding Yourself from the Lawsuit

13. How do I get out of the lawsuit?

To exclude yourself from the lawsuit, you must send a letter (or request for exclusion) by mail stating that you want to be excluded from Illinois v. AU Optronics Corp., No. 10 CH 34472. Your letter or request for exclusion must also include your name, your address, your telephone number and your signature. You must mail your exclusion request no later than **June 4, 2016**, to:

LCD Illinois Indirect Exclusions
c/o A.B. Data, Ltd.
P.O. Box 170500
Milwaukee, WI 53217

14. If I don't exclude myself, can I sue for the same thing later?

No. Unless you exclude yourself, you give up any right to sue the Defendants for the claims in this case.

15. If I exclude myself, can I still get benefits from the lawsuit?

No. If you exclude yourself, you will not get any benefit as a result of the Settlements, trial, or judgment in this case.

The Lawyers Representing You

16. Do I have a lawyer representing me?

As noted above, the Illinois Attorney General is representing consumers as *parens patriae* and state governmental entities in Illinois (see Question 5). You do not have to pay the Illinois Attorney General separately. If you wish to seek the advice of your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense.

17. How will the lawyers be paid?

Under the terms of the Settlements, the parties expect that 10% of the Settlement Fund will be awarded to the Illinois Attorney General for fees and costs, including the cost to administer the Settlements.

The Trial

18. When and where will the trial against the Non-Settling Defendants take place?

If the cases are not dismissed or settled, the Plaintiff will have to prove its claims against the Non-Settling Defendants. The trial date has not been set yet.

During the trial, a decision will be reached about whether the Plaintiff or the Non-Settling Defendants are right about the claims in the lawsuit. There is no guarantee that the Plaintiff will win any additional money or benefits for consumers.

19. What is the Plaintiff asking for from the Non-Settling Defendants?

The Plaintiff is asking for money for Illinois consumers and for civil penalties. The Plaintiff is also seeking an order to prohibit the Non-Settling Defendants' alleged behavior that is the subject of the lawsuit.

20. Will I get money after the trials?

If you file a valid claim (see Question 11), you will receive a portion of the current settlements at a later date. If the Plaintiff obtains additional settlements or prevails at trial, you will receive a portion of those recoveries, in addition to what you are entitled to under the current settlements, up to three times the estimated actual damages that you suffered. If you file a valid claim, you will be paid once after the lawsuit is resolved against all Defendants. You will not receive two separate payments. Important information about the case will be posted on the website, www.illinoislcdsettlement.com, as it becomes available.

Get More Information

21. Where can I get more information?

The Notice summarizes the lawsuit and the Settlements. You can get more information about the lawsuit and Settlements at www.illinoislcdsettlement.com, by calling 1-800-949-0146, or writing to Illinois LCD Claims, c/o A.B. Data, Ltd., P.O. Box 170500, Milwaukee, WI 53217.