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**DATE:** OCTOBER 16, 2014

**SUBJECT:** SEARS HOLDINGS CORPORATION - RIGHTS DISTRIBUTION  
OPTION SYMBOLS: SHLD/1SHLD/2SHLD  
NEW SYMBOLS: SHLD2/1SHLD2/2SHLD2  
DATE: 10/17/14

Sears Holdings Corporation (SHLD) has declared a Rights distribution to Sears Holdings Corporation Shareholders, as described below:

**RIGHTS:** One (1) Right entitles the holder to purchase 0.375643 of a share of Sears Canada Inc. (SRSC)

**PRICE:** \$9.50 per whole SRSC share

**DISTRIBUTION RATIO:** One transferable Right per each SHLD Common Share

**RECORD DATE:** October 16, 2014

**EXPIRATION:** 5:00 p.m. New York City Time on November 7, 2014, unless extended

**SUBSCRIPTION AGENT:** Computershare, Inc.

**GUARANTY PERIOD:** Unknown

Sears Holdings Corporation Rights began trading regular way on NASDAQ under the symbol "SHLDR" on October 16, 2014.

**CONTRACT ADJUSTMENT**

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 17, 2014

**OPTION SYMBOLS:** SHLD becomes SHLD2  
1SHLD becomes 1SHLD2  
2SHLD becomes 2SHLD2

**STRIKE DIVISOR:** 1

**CONTRACT MULTIPLIER:** 1

**NEW MULTIPLIER:** 100 (e.g., a premium of 1.50 yields \$150)

NEW DELIVERABLE  
PER CONTRACT

- 1) 100 Sears Holdings Corporation (SHLD) Common Shares
- 2) 100 Sears Holdings Corporation Rights (SHLDR)

SETTLEMENT  
ALLOCATION:

SHLD: 95%  
SHLDR: 5%

CUSIPS:

SHLD: 812350106  
SHLDR: 812350130

THE ALLOCATION OF THE AGGREGATE STRIKE PRICE AMOUNT IS BEING PROVIDED SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE INTERFACE BETWEEN OCC AND THE NATIONAL SECURITIES CLEARING CORPORATION (NSCC), AND IS NOT INTENDED TO BE USED FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE, TRANSACTION OR CUSTOMER ACCOUNT STATEMENTS.

**SETTLEMENT**

The SHLD and SHLDR components of the SHLD2/1SHLD2/2SHLD2 exercise/assignment activity will settle through National Securities Clearing Corporation (NSCC).

NOTE: It is anticipated that the Rights will be suspended from trade on NASDAQ on November 5, 2014. The Rights are expected to expire on November 7, 2014. The SHLDR component of adjusted options SHLD2/1SHLD2/2SHLD2 will remain a part of the SHLD2/1SHLD2/2SHLD2 deliverable until the Rights have expired. Once the expiration of the Rights has been confirmed, the SHLDR component will be removed from the SHLD2/1SHLD2/2SHLD2 deliverable. This change to the deliverables is expected to be effective on November 10, 2014.

**PRICING**

The underlying price of SHLD2/1SHLD2/2SHLD2 will be determined as follows:

$$\text{SHLD2} = \text{SHLD} + \text{SHLDR}$$

**FURTHER CONTRACT ADJUSTMENT**

When the Rights expire, adjusted SHLD2 options will be further adjusted to no longer call for the delivery of the Rights. **No adjustment will be made to the adjusted contracts to compensate for any in-the-money value the SHLD Rights may have at the time of their expiration.**

**EXERCISE CONSIDERATIONS**

**The Rights are anticipated to be suspended from trading on November 5, 2014 and expire on November 7, 2014. Call option holders who wish to exercise their adjusted options to obtain the Rights for subsequent exercise, sale or other purposes bear sole responsibility for determining when to exercise their options as well as complying with all terms and conditions of the Rights offering applicable to Rights exercise or delivery. It is unknown if provisions for guaranteed delivery are available.**

**DELIVERY SETTLEMENT AND PROTECT PROVISIONS**

Option contracts which are exercised, and physically-settled security Futures contracts which mature, will require the settlement of all component securities included in the contract deliverable at the time of the option contract exercise, including rights, warrants, or similar instruments. Additional entitlements (such as due bills, eligibility to participate in tender offers, elections, etc.) may also automatically attach to securities deliverable upon option exercise. Conversely, exercised calls and or matured Futures contracts

may be unable to realize the benefit of securities or entitlements **not** associated to the contract deliverable at the time of the option exercise or Option contract maturity.

Except in unusual cases, securities deliverable as a result of equity option exercises and or Option contract maturity are settled through National Securities Clearing Corporation (NSCC).

Rights and obligations of Members with respect to securities settling at NSCC as a result of an option exercise/assignment are governed by the rules of NSCC. NSCC has its own rules which enable purchasers of securities to protect themselves for value which may be lost if timely delivery is not made to them of securities subject to specific deadlines, such as the expiration of a tender offer, rights offering, election, or similar event. These rules are generally called protect or liability notice procedures, and are intended to protect purchasers by binding the delivering parties to liability if such value is lost because timely delivery is not effected. Purchasers of securities must observe the rules and procedures of NSCC to avail themselves of such protect provisions of NSCC. Questions regarding these provisions should be addressed to NSCC.

## **SPECIAL RISKS**

### **Call Holders/ Put Writers**

**As a result of the adjustment described above, the Rights will be part of the adjusted SHLD2/1SHLD2/2SHLD2 options deliverable, but only until the Rights expire, after which time they will be dropped from the deliverable of the option contract. When the Rights expire and are dropped from the deliverable of the option contract, any value the Rights may have had will no longer be associated with the option contract. As a result, holders of in-the-money calls may be disadvantaged unless they exercise in sufficient time to obtain the Rights. After the Rights expire and are dropped from the deliverable of the option contract, holders of short put positions who are assigned will be required to purchase SHLD stock whose value may have been substantially diminished by the Rights distribution.**

### **Uncovered Short Obligations**

Holders of assigned calls or exercised puts, and holders of short positions in physically-settled security Futures at maturity who do not possess the underlying security at the time of assignment or exercise are subject to special risk. Suspension of trading of the underlying security, inability to borrow the security, or similar events may preclude the possibility of effecting timely delivery, thereby exposing persons with an obligation to deliver to liability if timely delivery is not effected (See Delivery Settlement and Protect Provisions above).

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