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## **TABLE OF FOREIGN INVESTOR-STATE CASES AND CLAIMS UNDER NAFTA AND OTHER U.S. TRADE DEALS March 2013**

The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) included an array of new corporate investment rights and protections that were unprecedented in scope and power. NAFTA's extreme rules have been replicated in various U.S. "free trade agreements" (FTAs), including CAFTA, the Peru and Oman FTAs, and the recently passed deals with Korea, Panama and Colombia.

These special privileges provide foreign investors new rights to own and control other countries' natural resources and land, establish or acquire local firms, and to operate them under privileged terms relative to domestic enterprises. The scope of the "investments" covered by these rules is vast, including derivatives and other financial instruments, intellectual property rights, government licenses and permits, as well as more traditional forms of investment.

The pacts provide foreign firms with a way to attack domestic public interest, land use, regulatory and other laws if they feel that a domestic policy or government decision has undermined the firms' new trade pact privileges, such as threatening their "expected future profits." These firms have access under the trade deals to an investor-state enforcement system, which allows them to skirt national court systems and privately enforce their extraordinary new investor privileges by directly suing national governments. These "investor-state" cases are litigated outside the U.S. court system in special international arbitration bodies of the World Bank and the United Nations. A three-person panel composed of professional arbitrators listens to arguments in the case, with powers to award an unlimited amount of taxpayer dollars to corporations. Because the mechanism elevates private firms and investors to the same status as sovereign governments, it amounts to a privatization of the justice system.

If a corporation wins its private enforcement case, the taxpayers of the "losing" country must foot the bill. Over \$380 million in compensation has already been paid out to corporations in a series of investor-state cases under NAFTA-style deals. This includes attacks on natural resource policies, environmental protection and health and safety measures, and more. In fact, of the nearly \$14 billion in the 18 pending claims under NAFTA-style deals, all relate to environmental, energy, public health, land use and transportation policies – not traditional trade issues.

The investor-state system has numerous worrying implications. Many worry that it promotes the offshoring of jobs by providing special protections and rights for firms that relocate, removing the risk of foreign investors having to use local court systems. And the bipartisan National Conference of State Legislatures (the national association of U.S. state parliamentary bodies) has strongly opposed this system for its negative impact on federalism. States whose laws are challenged have no standing in the cases and must rely on the federal government to defend state policies which the federal government may or may not support.

**Key**

\*Indicates date Notice of Intent was filed, the first step in the investor-state process, when an investor notifies a government that it intends to bring a suit against that government.

\*\*Indicates date Notice of Arbitration was filed, the second step in the investor-state process, when an investor notifies an arbitration body that it is ready to commence arbitration under an FTA.

Corporation or Investor	Venue	Damages Sought (U.S.\$)	Status of Case	Issue
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## NAFTA Cases & Claims Against the United States

<b>Loewen</b> July 29, 1998* Oct. 30, 1998**	ICSID	\$725 million	Dismissed	<p>First NAFTA Chapter 11 case challenging a domestic court ruling. Canadian funeral home conglomerate challenged Mississippi state court jury's damage award in a private contract dispute and various rules of civil procedure relating to posting bond for appeal. The underlying case involved a local funeral home that claimed Loewen engaged in anti-competitive and predatory business practices in breach of contract.</p> <p>June 2003: Claim dismissed on procedural grounds. Tribunal found that Loewen's reorganization under U.S. bankruptcy laws as a U.S. corporation no longer qualified it to be a "foreign investor" entitled to NAFTA protection. However, the tribunal's ruling discussed the merits of the case, noting that domestic court rulings in private contract disputes are subject to NAFTA investor-state claims.</p> <p>October 2005: A U.S. District Court rejected an application by Loewen to vacate the procedural ruling and revive the case.</p>
<b>Mondev</b> May 6, 1999* Sept. 1, 1999**	ICSID	\$50 million	Dismissed	<p>Canadian real estate developer challenged Massachusetts Supreme Court ruling regarding local government sovereign immunity and land-use policy.</p> <p>October 2002: Claim dismissed on procedural grounds. Tribunal found that the majority of Mondev's claims, including its expropriation claim, were time-barred because the dispute on which the claim was based predated NAFTA.</p>
<b>Methanex</b> June 15, 1999* Dec. 3, 1999**	UNCITRAL	\$970 million	Dismissed	<p>Canadian corporation that produced methanol, a component chemical of the gasoline additive MTBE, challenged California phase-out of the additive, which was contaminating drinking water sources around the state.</p> <p>August 2005: Claim dismissed on procedural grounds. The tribunal ruled that it had no jurisdiction to determine Methanex's claims because California's MTBE ban did not have a</p>

				sufficient connection to the firm's methanol production to qualify Methanex for protection under NAFTA's investment chapter. Tribunal orders Methanex to pay U.S. \$3 million in legal fees. The tribunal permitted NGOs to submit amici briefs and Methanex allowed hearings to be open to the public.
<b>ADF Group</b> Feb. 29, 2000* July 19, 2000**	ICSID	\$90 million	Dismissed	Canadian steel contractor challenged U.S. Buy America law related to Virginia highway construction contract. January 2003: Claim dismissed on procedural grounds. Tribunal found that the basis of the claim constituted "government procurement" and therefore was not covered under NAFTA Article 1108. Starting with CAFTA, FTA investment chapters have included foreign investor protections for aspects of government procurement activities.
<b>Canfor</b> Nov. 5, 2001* July 9, 2002**	UNCITRAL	\$250 million	Consolidated	Canadian softwood lumber company sued for damages relating to U.S. anti-dumping and countervailing duty measures implemented in U.S.-Canada softwood lumber dispute. September 2005: Case consolidated with Tembec claim - see "Softwood Lumber" below.
<b>Kenex</b> Jan. 14, 2002* Aug. 2, 2002**	UNCITRAL	\$20 million	Arbitration never began	Canadian hemp production company challenged new U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency regulations criminalizing the importation of hemp foods. In 2004, Kenex won a U.S. federal court case that held the agency overstepped its statutory authority when issuing the rules. The NAFTA investor-state case was abandoned.
<b>James Baird</b> March 15, 2002*		\$13.58 billion	Arbitration never began	Canadian investor challenged U.S. policy of disposing nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain, Nevada site. Investor held patents for competing waste disposal method and location.
<b>Doman</b> May 1, 2002*		\$513 million	Arbitration never began	Canadian softwood lumber company sued for damages related to U.S. anti-dumping and countervailing duties measures implemented in U.S.-Canada softwood lumber dispute.
<b>Tembec Corp.</b> May 3, 2002* Dec. 3, 2003**	UNCITRAL	\$200 million	Consolidated	Canadian softwood lumber company sued for damages related to U.S. anti-dumping and countervailing duties measures implemented in U.S.-Canada softwood lumber dispute. September 2005: Consolidated with Terminal Forest Products and Canfor - see "Softwood Lumber" below.
<b>Ontario Limited</b> Sept. 9, 2002*		\$38 million	Arbitration never began	Canadian company filed suit seeking return of property after its bingo halls and financial records were seized during an investigation for RICO violations in Florida.
<b>Terminal Forest Products Ltd.</b> June 12,	UNCITRAL	\$90 million	Consolidated	Canadian softwood lumber company sued for damages related to U.S. anti-dumping and countervailing duties measures implemented in U.S.-Canada softwood lumber dispute.

2003* March 30, 2004**				September 2005: Case consolidated with Canfor and Tembec - see "Softwood Lumber" below.
<b>Glamis Gold Ltd.</b> July 21, 2003* Dec. 9, 2003**	UNCITRAL	\$50 million	Dismissed	Canadian company sought compensation for California law requiring backfilling and restoration of open-pit mines near Native American sacred sites. The company's American subsidiary had acquired federal mining claims and was in the process of acquiring approval from state and federal governments to open an open-pit cyanide heap leach mine. When backfilling and restoration regulations were issued by California, Glamis filed a NAFTA claim rather than proceed with its application in compliance with the regulations. The tribunal dismissed Glamis' claims in June 2009 on the grounds that – with the high price for gold, among other factors – the economic impact of the regulations did not a high enough dollar amount to constitute an indirect expropriation.
<b>Grand River Enterprises et. al.</b> Sept. 15, 2003* March 12, 2004**	UNCITRAL	\$340 million	Dismissed	Canadian tobacco manufacturer, its two individual owners, and one U.S. business associate who owned the trademark for the tobacco brand the company manufactured, sought damages over 1998 U.S. Tobacco Settlement, which requires tobacco companies to contribute to state escrow funds to help defray medical costs of smokers. The claimants had utilized loopholes in the escrow scheme to expand their U.S. sales – loopholes that the states ultimately closed. This loophole closing was a central basis of claimants' claim. January 2011: While finding that no NAFTA violation occurred, tribunal finds that U.S. must bear its own defense costs (even though three of the four claimants did not have a U.S. investment), noting that the U.S. did not consult with indigenous businesses before implementing the challenged aspects of the Tobacco Settlement. The tribunal also questioned whether these aspects of tobacco policy contributed to public health, despite deep drops in teenage smoking over the period.
<b>Canadian Cattlemen for Fair Trade</b> Aug. 12, 2004* March 16 2005-June 2, 2005**	UNCITRAL	\$235 million	Dismissed	Group of Canadian cattlemen and feedlot owners sought compensation for losses incurred when the U.S. halted imports of live Canadian cattle after the discovery of a case of BSE (mad cow disease) in Canada in May 2003. January 2008: Claim dismissed on procedural grounds. Tribunal ruled that the cattlemen did not have standing to bring the claim because they did not have an investment in the U.S., nor did they intend to invest in the U.S.
<b>Softwood Lumber Consolidated Proceeding</b>	ICSID		Concluded	September 2005: Tribunal approved U.S. request to consolidate Canfor, Terminal Forest and Tembec cases under ICSID rules. The Tembec case was withdrawn in 2005, but a dispute over litigation

Sept. 7, 2005				costs continued to be adjudicated by the NAFTA tribunal. July 2007: A final ruling in the Canfor and Terminal Forest cases was issued concluding the cases and apportioning costs in these cases and in the Tembec case. The Canfor and Terminal Forest cases were terminated after a new softwood lumber agreement was entered into by the U.S. and Canada in October 2006 which resolved many NAFTA and domestic court cases on the issue. The softwood lumber dispute was also litigated at the WTO and in NAFTA's state-state dispute resolution system before the 2006 agreement was reached.
<b>Domtar Inc.</b> April 16, 2007*	UNCITRAL	\$200 million	Arbitration never began	Canadian softwood lumber company filed suit post-2006 softwood lumber agreement to try to recover the money it paid out while U.S. countervailing duties were in place (See also "Softwood Lumber" case above.)
<b>Apotex</b> Dec. 12, 2008*	UNCITRAL	\$8 million	Pending	A Canadian generic drug manufacturer sought to develop a generic version of the Pfizer drug Zoloft (sertraline) when the Pfizer patent expired in 2006. Due to legal uncertainty surrounding the patent, the firm sought a declaratory judgment in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York to clarify the patent issues and give it the "patent certainty" to be eligible for final FDA approval of its product upon the expiration of the Pfizer patent. The court declined to resolve Apotex's claim and dismissed the case in 2004, and this decision was upheld by the federal circuit court in 2005. In 2006, the case was denied a writ of certiorari by the U.S. Supreme Court. Because the courts declined to clarify the muddled patent situation, another generic competitor got a head-start in producing the drug. Apotex challenged all three court decisions as a misapplication of U.S. law, NAFTA expropriation, discrimination and a violation of its NAFTA rights to a "minimum standard of treatment."
<b>CANACAR</b> April 2, 2009*	UNCITRAL	\$6 billion	Pending	A group of Mexican truckers filed a NAFTA Chapter 11 suit after Congress took action in 2009 to cancel a Bush administration pilot program allowing 26 Mexican carriers full access to U.S. roadways. The truckers claimed that this refusal of entry, combined with the U.S. policy that prohibits Mexican carriers from owning businesses in the United States that provide cross-border trucking services, violated the nondiscrimination and most favored nation provisions of NAFTA Chapter 11. They also alleged a violation of the minimum standard of treatment, arguing that the U.S. policies are not compliant with a 2001 NAFTA state-state panel decision on Mexican trucks. The claimants created a novel argument that, due to the fact that they pay certification fees to the

				Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, they have an "investment" in the United States and qualify as "investors" under Chapter 11. <sup>1</sup>
<b>Apotex</b> June 6, 2009**	UNCITRAL	\$8 million	Pending	Canadian drug manufacturer sought to develop a generic version of the Bristol Myers Squibb drug Pravachol (pravastatin sodium). The firm was unable to obtain approval from the FDA. Apotex filed a NAFTA Chapter 11 suit claiming that the United States violated the national treatment, minimum standard of treatment, and expropriation and compensation articles of NAFTA Chapter 11.
<b>Cemex</b> Sept. 2009*		N/A	Pending	Mexican cement company Cemex filed a notice of intent to bring a NAFTA Chapter 11 suit against the U.S. government after the state of Texas launched a lawsuit against Cemex for not paying royalties on metals the company extracted from state-owned land. <sup>2</sup>
<b>Apotex</b> Feb. 29, 2012**	ICSID	\$520 million	Pending	The Canadian drug company complaint is about various FDA import inspection practices, and alleged discrimination and inconsistent treatment relative to drug companies of other countries. <sup>3</sup>

## NAFTA Cases & Claims Against Canada

<b>Signa</b> March 4, 1996*		\$3.65 million	Withdrawn	Mexican generic drug manufacturer claimed that Canadian Patent Medicines "Notice of Compliance" regulations deprived it of Canadian sales for the antibiotic CIPRO.
<b>Ethyl</b> April 14, 1997*	UNCITRAL	\$250 million	<b>Settled; Ethyl win, \$13 million</b>	U.S. chemical company challenged Canadian environmental ban of gasoline additive MMT. July 1998: Canada loses NAFTA jurisdictional ruling, reverses ban, paid \$13 million in damages and legal fees to Ethyl.
<b>S.D. Myers</b> July 22, 1998* Oct. 30, 1998**	UNCITRAL	\$20 million	<b>S.D. Myers win, \$5 million</b>	U.S. waste treatment company challenged temporary Canadian ban of PCB exports that complied with multilateral environmental treaty on toxic-waste trade. November 2000: Tribunal dismissed S.D. Myers claim of expropriation, but upheld claims of discrimination and determined that the discrimination violation also qualified as a violation of the "minimum standard of treatment" foreign investors must be provided under NAFTA. Panel also stated that a foreign firm's "market share" in another country could be considered a NAFTA-protected investment. February 2001: Canada petitioned to have the NAFTA tribunal decision overturned in a Canadian Federal Court. January 2004: The Canadian federal court

				dismissed the case, finding that any jurisdictional claims were barred from being raised since they had not been raised in the NAFTA claim. The federal court judge also ruled that upholding the tribunal award would not violate Canadian "public policy" as Canada had argued.
<b>Sun Belt</b> Dec. 2, 1998* Oct. 12, 1999**		\$10.5 billion	Arbitration never began	U.S. water company challenged British Columbia bulk water export moratorium.
<b>Pope &amp; Talbot</b> Dec. 24, 1999* March 25, 1999**	UNCITRAL	\$508 million	<b>P&amp;T win, \$621,000</b>	U.S. timber company challenged Canadian implementation of 1996 U.S.-Canada Softwood Lumber Agreement.  April 2001: Tribunal dismissed claims of expropriation and discrimination, but held that the rude behavior of the Canadian government officials seeking to verify firm's compliance with lumber agreement constituted a violation of the "minimum standard of treatment" required by NAFTA for foreign investors. Panel also stated that a foreign firm's "market access" in another country could be considered a NAFTA-protected investment.
<b>United Parcel Service</b> Jan. 19, 2000* April 19, 1999**	UNCITRAL	\$160 million	Dismissed	UPS, the private U.S. courier company, claimed that the Canadian post office's parcel delivery service was unfairly subsidized because it was a part of the larger public postal service, Canada Post. As the first NAFTA case against a public service, the case was closely watched and included amici briefs submitted by the Canadian Union of Postal Employees and other citizen groups.  May 2007: Claims dismissed. The tribunal concluded that key NAFTA rules concerning competition policy from NAFTA Chapter 15 could not be invoked because UPS was inappropriately framing Canada Post as a "party" to Chapter 11. UPS's complaint that Canada Post received preferential treatment for publications was rejected as publications were protected under Canada's "cultural industries" exception. The tribunal also ruled that Canada's customs procedures did not discriminate against UPS, because the distinctions between postal traffic and courier shipments had been long established under the World Customs Organization. UPS's contention that Canada Post received preferential treatment by exempting rural route mail couriers from the application of the Canada Labor Code was dismissed with little discussion. A lengthy dissenting opinion was filed by one tribunalist, indicating that a similar case could generate a very different result.
<b>Ketcham and</b>		\$30	Withdrawn	U.S. softwood lumber firms challenged Canadian

<b>Tysa Investments</b> Dec. 22, 2000*		million		implementation of 1996 Softwood Lumber Agreement.
<b>Trammel Crow</b> Sept. 7, 2001*		\$32 million	Withdrawn	U.S. real estate company claimed discrimination over Canada Post's competitive bidding process.
<b>Crompton/Chemtura</b> Original notice of claim dated Nov. 6, 2001* Feb. 10, 2005**	UNCITRAL	\$100 million	Dismissed	U.S. chemical company, producer of pesticide lindane, a hazardous persistent organic pollutant, challenged voluntary agreement between manufacturers and the government to restrict production. In 2005, Crompton Corporation and Great Lakes Chemical Corporation merged, becoming Chemtura Corporation. Claims involve discrimination, performance requirements, expropriation and a violation of the "minimum standard of treatment" rule. In August 2010, the tribunal ruled against the company in part because the company's own actions initiated the ban.
<b>Albert J. Connolly</b> Feb. 19, 2004*		Not avail.	Arbitration never began	U.S. investor claimed real estate was expropriated by Canadian government to be used as a park.
<b>Contractual Obligations</b> June 15, 2004*		\$20 million	Arbitration never began	U.S. animation production company challenged Canadian federal tax credits available only to Canadian firms employing Canadian citizens and residents.
<b>Peter Pesic</b> July 2005*			Withdrawn	U.S. investor claimed that Canadian decision not to extend work visa impaired his investment in Canada.
<b>Great Lake Farms</b> Feb. 28, 2006* June 5, 2006**	UNCITRAL	\$78 million	Arbitration never began	U.S. agribusiness challenged Canadian provincial and federal restrictions on the exportation of milk to the U.S. alleging violation of NAFTA's most favored nation rule, "minimum standard of treatment" rule, expropriation and Chapter 15 rules on monopolies and state enterprises.
<b>Merrill and Ring Forestry</b> Sept. 25, 2006* Dec. 27, 2006**	UNCITRAL	\$25 million	Dismissed	U.S. forestry firm challenged Canadian federal and provincial regulations restricting the export of raw logs. Numerous labor groups have petitioned to submit amici briefs in the case. These groups want to maintain and strengthen Canada's raw log export controls at both the provincial and federal levels. They believed that the claim by Merrill would, if successful, lead to similar claims ultimately leading to the abandonment of log export controls which they deem essential to the continued employment of tens of thousands of Canadian workers. March 2010: Tribunal rules against Merrill and Ring Forestry but orders Canada to pay half of arbitration costs, amounting to about \$500,000.
<b>V. G. Gallo</b>	UNCITRAL	\$355.1	Dismissed	U.S. citizen owned a company that bought a



Oct. 12, 2006* March 30, 2007**		million		decommissioned open-pit iron ore mine in Northern Ontario. He challenged a 2004 decision by newly-elected Ontario government to block a proposed landfill on the site. Gallo claimed this decision was "tantamount to an expropriation" and deprived Gallo of a "minimum standard of treatment" under NAFTA. September 2011: Tribunal rules that Gallo did not have ownership of the mine at the time of the alleged infraction, but rules that Canada still has to cover own legal costs. <sup>4</sup>
<b>(Exxon) Mobil Investments and Murphy Oil</b> Aug. 2, 2007* Nov. 1, 2007**	ICSID	\$60 million	<b>Mobil win</b>	U.S. oil firms challenged 2004 Canada-Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Board's Guidelines for Research and Development Expenditures that require oil extraction firms to pay fees to support R&D in Canada's poorest provinces, Newfoundland and Labrador. Offshore oil fields in the region that had been developed after significant infusions of public and private funds were discovered to be far larger than anticipated, prompting a variety of new government measures. The NAFTA claim argued that the new guidelines violated NAFTA's prohibition on performance requirements. Subsequent agreements by oil companies to grant the provinces an increased equity stake in extraction projects in the region may affect this NAFTA case. The investor won their claim in May 2012. While the amount of the fine has yet to be determined, it is expected to include projected future lost profits. <sup>5</sup>
<b>Marvin Gottlieb et.al.</b> Oct. 30, 2007*		\$6.5 million	Arbitration never began	This case involved a number of U.S. citizens who invested in Canada's energy sector in vehicles called "energy trusts." The manner in which Canada taxed those trusts changed in 2006. Investors alleged that this change effectively eliminated the income trust model as an investment option and caused "massive destruction" to their holdings. April 2008: An exchange of letters between the U.S. and Canadian tax agencies confirmed that the claim under expropriation cannot proceed, but this determination did not affect the claims under the National Treatment, Most Favored Nation, and Fair and Equitable Treatment articles of NAFTA.
<b>Clayton/ Bilcon</b> Feb. 5, 2008* May 26, 2008**	UNCITRAL	\$188 million	Pending	Members of the Clayton family and a corporation they control, Bilcon, alleged that numerous provincial and federal agencies violated their NAFTA rights by placing unduly burdensome requirements on their plans to open a basalt quarry and a marine terminal in Nova Scotia. Specifically, they claimed that the federal and provincial environmental reviews were arbitrary, discriminatory and unfair.

<b>Georgia Basin</b> Feb. 5, 2008*			Other	Georgia Basin is a limited partnership based in Washington State that owns timber lands in British Columbia. It alleged that Canada's export controls on logs harvested from land in British Columbia under federal jurisdiction violated Canada's obligations regarding expropriation, "minimum standard of treatment," discrimination, most favored nation treatment and performance requirements. A tribunal decided on January 31, 2008 to not allow Georgia Basin to participate in the Merrill and Ring Forestry hearings, see above.
<b>Centurion Health</b> July 11, 2008* Jan. 5, 2009**	UNCITRAL	\$160 million	Terminated	A U.S. citizen and his firm, Centurion Health Corporation, challenged aspects of Canada's national health-care system and "serious inconsistencies" between provinces regarding private-sector provision of health-care service. Howard and his firm sought to take advantage of an "increasing openness" to private involvement in the Canadian health-care system in order to build a large, private surgical center in British Columbia. He claimed his project was thwarted by discriminatory and "politically motivated" road blocks. A tribunal terminated the claim in August 2010, because the investor had not made a deposit to cover the costs of arbitration.
<b>Dow Chemical</b> Aug. 25, 2008* Mar. 31, 2009**	UNCITRAL	\$2 million	Settled	Dow AgroSciences LLC, a subsidiary of the U.S. Dow Chemical Company, filed a NAFTA Chapter 11 claim for losses it alleged were caused by a Quebec provincial ban on the sale and certain uses of lawn pesticides containing the active ingredient 2,4-D. Other Canadian provinces are considering similar bans.
<b>Malbaie River Outfitters Inc.</b> Sept. 10, 2008* Dec. 2, 2010**		\$5 million	Withdrawn	U.S. citizen William Jay Greiner owned a business called Malbaie River Outfitters Inc., which provided fishing, hunting, and lodging for mostly American clients in the province of Quebec. Greiner claimed that by changing the lottery system for obtaining salmon fishing licenses in 2005, the provincial government of Quebec "severely damaged the investor's business." Also challenged was Quebec's decision to revoke Greiner's outfitter's license for three rivers which he contended effectively destroyed his business.
<b>David Bishop</b> Oct. 8, 2008*		\$1 million	Arbitration never began	U.S. citizen David Bishop claimed that his outfitting business Destinations Saumon Gaspésie Inc. was harmed by Quebec's 2005 changes to the lottery system for obtaining salmon fishing licenses in a manner similar to the Malbaie River Outfitters case above.
<b>Shiell Family</b> Oct. 8, 2008*		\$21.3 million	Arbitration never began	The Shiell family has dual American and Canadian citizenship and owned companies in both nations. They claimed that one of their companies, Brokerwood Products International, was forced into a fraudulent bankruptcy by the Bank of Montreal. The family claimed that it was not

				protected by the Canadian courts and various Canadian regulators in violation of Canada's NAFTA Chapter 11 obligations.
<b>Christopher and Nancy Lacich</b> Apr. 2, 2009*		\$1,178	Withdrawn	This case is very similar to the Gottlieb et.al case. Christopher and Nancy Lacich were U.S.-based investors involved in Canadian energy trusts when the government changed the tax structure of the trusts. Christopher and Nancy claimed that this taxation rule change constituted expropriation.
<b>Abitibi-Bowater Inc.</b> Apr. 23, 2009* Feb. 25, 2010**	UNCITRAL	\$467.5 million	<b>Settled, Abitibi-Bowater gets \$122 million</b>	In December 2008, AbitibiBowater closed a paper mill in Newfoundland, putting 800 employees out of work. The government of the province argued that various timber and water rights held by AbitibiBowater were contingent on its continued operation of the paper mill, pursuant to a 1905 concessions contract. Shortly after closure of the mill, Newfoundland seized water rights, timber rights, and equipment of the company. AbitibiBowater has claimed that Newfoundland's action constitutes expropriation under NAFTA. In August 2010, the government of Canada announced that it would pay AbitibiBowater \$122 million to settle the case.
<b>Detroit International Bridge Company</b> Jan. 25, 2010* April 29, 2011**		\$3,500 million	Pending	In February 2007, Canada enacted the International Bridges and Tunnels Act, which gave the government the power to mandate safety and security measures at international bridges, require approval before the transfer of ownership of international bridges or substantial structural changes to the bridge, and regulate toll fees, among other reforms. The Detroit International Bridge Company has claimed that this law constitutes expropriation of its investment (the Ambassador Bridge) and violates its right to a minimum standard of treatment.
<b>John R. Andre,</b> March 19, 2010*		\$5.6 million Canadian	Never began	Andre, a Montana investor, operates a caribou hunting lodge in the Northwest Territories, and complains that the territorial government expropriated his investment through its caribou conservation measures, among other allegations.
<b>St. Mary's VCNA, LLC,</b> May 13, 2011*		\$275 million	<b>Settled, investor gets \$15 million</b>	A Brazilian company with a U.S. subsidiary that in turn owns a Canadian company sought to engage in rock quarrying activities. The investor complained that various subfederal government actions slowed the permitting process, resulting in a "substantial deprivation of its interest in the Quarry Site."
<b>Mesa Power Group,</b> July 6, 2011*		\$775 million Canadian	Pending	The Ontario provincial government enacted a green jobs program that required that a certain percentage of the content of renewable energy programs be locally produced. The investor challenged the policy and a set of related measures as violating NAFTA.
<b>Mercer</b>		\$250	Pending	On April 30, 2012, US-based wood pulp company

		million		<p>Mercer International filed a \$250 million claim against Canada.<sup>6</sup> At issue is the treatment that Mercer’s subsidiary, the Celgar Pulp Mill, has received from the provincial government of British Columbia and BC Hydro, a public provincial power company. Mercer alleges that the public entities have been unfairly discriminating against Celgar by offering lower input electricity rates to its BC-based competitors. Celgar, like other mills, both purchases and generates electricity. Mercer claims that while domestic mills are permitted to sell their electricity at high rates and buy at low rates, provincial regulation has prevented Celgar from doing so. The company alleges violations of national treatment, most favored nation treatment, the minimum standard of treatment, and provisions concerning monopolies and state enterprises.<sup>7</sup> Nearly three-quarters of the \$250 million claim are for projected future lost profits.<sup>8</sup></p>
<p><b>Windstream Energy LLC,</b> October 15, 2012*</p>		\$475.2 million Canadian	Pending	<p>Windstream Energy, a U.S.-based energy corporation plans to launch an investor-state case over its inability to participate in Ontario’s green energy program, the same one targeted by Mesa Power Group (above). The corporation had contracted with Ontario’s provincial government to provide energy generated by an offshore wind farm located in Lake Ontario. But in February 2011, the provincial government declared a moratorium on offshore wind production, stating that time was needed to study the environmental impacts of the relatively new energy source (currently there are only a few freshwater offshore wind farms in the world). Windstream’s notice alleged that the moratorium “effectively annulled the existing regulatory framework” and thus contravened Canada’s NAFTA obligations concerning “fair and equitable treatment,” expropriation, and discrimination.</p>
<p><b>Eli Lilly and Company,</b> November 7, 2012*</p>		\$100 million Canadian	Pending	<p>Indiana-based Eli Lilly, the fifth-largest U.S. pharmaceutical corporation, has notified Canada that it <a href="#">intends to launch an investor-state case against the decision of Canadian courts</a> to invalidate the company’s patent for Strattera, a drug used to treat attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). A Canadian federal court and court of appeals both ruled that the patented drug failed to deliver the benefits that Eli Lilly had promised when applying for the patent’s monopoly protection rights. The resulting invalidation of the patent paves the way for Canadian drug producers to produce a less expensive, generic version of the ADHD drug. Eli Lilly’s notice argues that Canada’s entire legal basis for determining a patent’s validity—that a pharmaceutical corporation should be required to</p>

				deliver on its promises of a drug's utility in order to maintain the drug's patent—is "discriminatory, arbitrary, unpredictable and remarkably subjective." The company alleges violation of the NAFTA-guaranteed investor privilege of a "minimum standard of treatment," in addition to expropriation and national treatment allegations.
<b>Lone Pine Resources Inc.,</b> November 8, 2012*		\$250 million Canadian	Pending	In June 2011, Quebec passed a moratorium on the controversial practice of hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, for natural gas. The provincial government declared the moratorium so as to be able to conduct an environmental impact assessment of the extraction method widely accused of leaching chemicals and gases into groundwater and the air. Lone Pine Resources, a Delaware-headquartered gas and oil exploration and production company, had plans and permits to engage in fracking on over 30,000 acres of land directly beneath the St. Lawrence River. Lone Pine argues that the fracking moratorium nullified those permits. According to Lone Pine, such policymaking contravenes NAFTA's protections against expropriation and for "fair and equitable treatment."

### NAFTA Cases & Claims Against Mexico

<b>Amtrade International</b> April 21, 1995*		\$20 million	Arbitration never began	U.S. company claimed it was discriminated against by a Mexican company while attempting to bid for pieces of property, in violation of a pre-existing settlement agreement.
<b>Halchette</b> 1995			Arbitration never began	No documents regarding this case are public.
<b>Metalclad</b> Dec. 30, 1996* Jan. 2, 1997**	ICSID	\$90 million	<b>Metalclad win, \$15.6 million</b>	U.S. firm challenged Mexican municipality's refusal to grant construction permit for toxic waste facility unless the firm cleaned up existing toxic waste problems that had resulted in the facility being closed when it was owned by a Mexican firm from which Metalclad acquired the facility. Metalclad also challenged establishment of an ecological preserve on the site by a Mexican state government.  August 2000: Tribunal ruled that the denial of the construction permit and the creation of an ecological reserve are tantamount to an "indirect" expropriation and that Mexico violated NAFTA's "minimum standard of treatment" guaranteed foreign investors, because the firm was not granted a "clear and predictable" regulatory

				<p>environment.</p> <p>October 2000: Mexican government challenged the NAFTA ruling in Canadian court alleging arbitral error. A Canadian judge ruled that the tribunal erred in part by importing transparency requirements from NAFTA Chapter 18 into NAFTA Chapter 11 and reduced the award by \$1 million. In 2004, the Mexican federal government's effort to hold the involved state government financially responsible for the award failed in the Mexican Supreme Court.</p>
<p><b>Azinian, et al</b> Dec. 10, 1996* March 10, 1997**</p>	ICSID	\$17 million +	Dismissed	<p>U.S. firm challenged Mexican federal court decision revoking waste management contract for a suburb of Mexico City.</p> <p>November 1999: Claim dismissed. Tribunal ruled that the firm made a fraudulent misrepresentation with regard to its experience and capacity to fulfill the contract, and dismissed claims of expropriation and unfair treatment.</p>
<p><b>Feldman Karpa</b> Feb. 16, 1998* Apr. 7, 1999**</p>	ICSID	\$50 million	<b>Feldman Karpa win, \$1.5 million</b>	<p>U.S. cigarette exporter challenged denial of export tax rebate by Mexican government.</p> <p>December 2002: Tribunal rejected an expropriation claim, but upheld a claim of discrimination after the Mexican government failed to provide evidence that the firm was being treated similarly to Mexican firms in "like circumstances."</p> <p>December 2003: Canadian judge dismissed Mexico's effort to set aside award.</p>
<p><b>Waste Management</b> June 30, 1998* Sept. 29, 1998** Resubmitted: Sept. 18, 2000**</p>	ICSID	\$60 million	Dismissed	<p>U.S. waste disposal giant challenged City of Acapulco's revocation of waste disposal concession. The case also implicated the function of Mexican courts and the actions of Mexican government banks.</p> <p>April 2004: Claim dismissed. Tribunal found that the investor's business plan was based on unsustainable assumptions and that none of the government bodies named in the complaint failed to accord the "minimum standard of treatment," nor did the city's actions amount to an expropriation. Further, the tribunal ruled "it is not the function of Article 1110 to compensate for failed business ventures."</p>
<p><b>Scott Ashton Blair</b> May 21, 1999*</p>		Not avail.	Arbitration never began	<p>U.S. citizen purchased a residence and restaurant in Mexico and claimed he was victimized by Mexican government officials because he was a U.S. citizen.</p>
<p><b>Fireman's Fund</b> Nov. 15, 1999* Jan. 15,</p>	ICSID	\$50 million	Dismissed	<p>U.S. insurance corporation alleged that Mexico's handling of debentures, or bonds issued by a firm or government in return for long or medium term investment of funds, was discriminatory.</p> <p>July 2003: Tribunal dismissed most claims</p>

2002**				including claims of discrimination, but allowed the expropriation claim to proceed. July 2007: Tribunal ruled that, although there is a "clear case of discriminatory treatment," the only question before them was the question of expropriation and that the actions of the Mexican government did not rise to the level of expropriation.
<b>Adams, et al</b> Nov. 10, 2000* April 9, 2002**		\$75 million	Arbitration never began	U.S. landowners challenged Mexican court ruling that developer who sold them property did not own land and therefore could not convey it.
<b>Lomas Santa Fe</b> Aug. 28, 2001*		\$210 million	Arbitration never began	An American real estate development company claimed Mexican government expropriated land for the development of streets. It alleged the government's actions were rooted in discrimination.
<b>GAMI Investments</b> Oct. 1, 2001* April 9, 2002**	UNCITRAL	\$55 million	Dismissed	U.S. investors in Mexican sugar mills challenged failure of government to ensure profitability of mills and September 2001 expropriation of five mills. November 2004: Tribunal dismissed all claims and awarded no costs, after Mexican Supreme Court reversed the challenged expropriations.
<b>Francis Kenneth Haas</b> Dec. 12, 2001*			Arbitration never began	American citizen claimed he was cheated out of his rights in an investment firm held with former Mexican business partners.
<b>Calmark</b> Jan. 11, 2002*		\$400,000	Arbitration never began	U.S. company challenged Mexican domestic court decisions regarding a development project planned for Cabo San Lucas, alleging company was cheated out of property and compensation by various individuals.
<b>Robert J. Frank</b> Feb. 12, 2002* Aug. 5, 2002**	UNCITRAL	\$1.5 million	Arbitration never began	U.S. citizen challenged government confiscation of property alleged to be his in Baja California, Mexico.
<b>Thunderbird Gaming</b> March 21, 2002* Aug. 1, 2002**	UNCITRAL	\$100 million	Dismissed	Canadian company operating three video gaming facilities in Mexico challenged government closure of facilities. Government contended that most forms of gambling have been illegal in Mexico since 1938. January 2006: Tribunal dismissed all claims and ordered Thunderbird to pay Mexico \$1.25 million for costs. Tribunal ruled that the company failed to demonstrate that it was treated in a discriminatory manner or in a manner that

				violated the "minimum standard of treatment" rule. The tribunal also ruled that no expropriation occurred because the firm did not have a vested right to conduct the prohibited business activity. February 2007: U.S. court rejects Thunderbird's petition to vacate ruling.
<b>Corn Products International</b> Jan. 28, 2003* Oct. 21, 2003**	ICSID	\$325 million	<b>Corn Products win, \$58.38 million</b>	U.S. company producing high fructose corn syrup (HFCS), a soft drink sweetener, sought compensation from Mexican government for imposition of a tax on beverages sweetened with HFCS, but not Mexican cane sugar. See ADM and Cargill cases below. April 2009: January 2008 award finally became public. Tribunal ruled for CPI on the merits, then began a monetary damages assessment. Panel dismissed most claims but found that Mexico violated the national treatment rule by "fail[ing] to accord CPI, and its investment, treatment no less favourable than that it accorded to its own investors in like circumstances, namely the Mexican sugar producers who were competing for the market in sweeteners for soft drinks." August 2009 tribunal awards CPI \$58.38 million.
<b>ADM/Tate &amp; Lyle</b> Oct. 14, 2003* Aug. 4, 2004**	ICSID	\$100 million	<b>ADM win, \$33.5 million</b>	U.S. company producing high fructose corn syrup sought compensation against Mexican government for imposition of a tax on beverages made with HFCS, but not Mexican cane sugar. Mexico argued that the tax was legitimate because the U.S. had failed to open its market sufficiently to Mexican cane sugar exports under NAFTA. November 2007: NAFTA tribunal ruled that the HFSC tax was discriminatory and a NAFTA-illegal performance requirement, but did not find it was an expropriation. This issue was also litigated in the WTO, which issued a ruling against Mexico and in favor of the U.S. in 2006.
<b>Bayview Irrigation</b> Aug. 27, 2004* Jan. 19, 2005**	ICSID	\$554 million	Dismissed	Group of 17 U.S. irrigation districts charged that Mexico diverted water owned by U.S. water districts from the Rio Grande to help irrigate Mexican farmland at the cost of U.S. farms. June 2007: Case dismissed on procedural grounds. Tribunal issued a jurisdictional ruling that the claimants, who were located in the U.S. and whose investment was located in the U.S., did not qualify as "foreign investors" under NAFTA.
<b>Cargill</b> Sept. 30, 2004* Dec. 29, 2004**	ICSID	\$100 million	<b>Cargill win, \$77.3 million</b>	U.S. company producing high fructose corn syrup sought compensation against Mexican government for imposition of a tax on beverages sweetened with HFCS, but not Mexican cane sugar. See ADM and Corn Products cases above. Sept. 2009: Tribunal rules in favor of Cargill awarding \$77.3 million, the largest award in a



				NAFTA investment dispute to date. The larger award was due in part to Cargill's so-called "upstream losses," i.e. the losses connected to its U.S. operations. August 2010: An Ontario court rejects Mexico's request to set aside the award.
<b>Internacional Vision (INVISA), et. al</b> Feb. 15, 2011*		\$9.7 million	Pending	In 2000, a group of U.S. investors were awarded a ten-year concession to erect billboards on the Tijuana-California border crossing. In 2009, Mexico chose not to grant the investors an extension of the concession. The investors claim that the removal of their billboards violated fair and equitable treatment, national treatment, and constituted an indirect expropriation.

### CAFTA Cases & Claims Against The Dominican Republic

<b>TCW Group et. al.</b> March 15, 2007* June 17, 2008**	UNCITRAL	\$600 million	<b>Settled, investor gets \$26.5 million</b>	The Dominican Republic (DR) allowed private companies to buy half of the shares in electric utilities in the late 1990s. Tourism revenues dropped following the September 2001 attacks, leading to mounting economic difficulties. In September 2002, the DR responded by delaying a utility rate increase that had been scheduled to go into effect in 2003. <sup>9</sup> In April 2003, Baninter – one of the largest banks in the DR – collapsed, setting off a banking crisis and increase in poverty. <sup>10</sup> In November 2004, the U.S. AES Corporation sold its 50 percent stake in Ede Este, the electric utility servicing the eastern part of the island, to a Cayman Islands holding company for \$2. This company was owned by other Cayman and U.S. companies in an eight layer ownership scheme ultimately owned by Nevada-registered firm TCW, in turn controlled by French multinational Société Générale (SG). <sup>11</sup> The corporate group admitted it "has not independently committed additional capital" after that date, <sup>12</sup> and AES maintained a contract to manage the facilities for the new owners. <sup>13</sup> In 2007, SG launched an investor-state claim against the DR under the France-DR BIT, and TCW against the DR under CAFTA. Their claim in both proceedings was expropriation of Ede Este-related assets, among other claims. The damages sought were 300 million times their purchase price. The complaint related to decisions made prior to SG's indirect acquisition of the investment, and prior to CAFTA and the France-DR BIT entering into force. After the tribunal constituted under the France-DR BIT ruled that the claim had merit in the jurisdictional phase, DR settled both arbitrations for \$26.5 million, saying it was cheaper than continuing arbitration. <sup>14</sup>
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## CAFTA Cases & Claims Against El Salvador

<p><b>Pac Rim Cayman LLC</b> Dec. 9, 2008* April 30, 2009**</p>	ICSID	\$200 million <sup>15</sup>	Pending	<p>Pacific Rim Mining Corp., a Canadian-based multinational firm, sought to establish a massive gold mine using water-intensive cyanide ore processing in the basin of El Salvador’s largest river, Rio Lempa. This proposed project as well as applications filed by various companies for 28 other gold and silver mines, generated a major national debate about the health and environmental implications of mining in El Salvador, a densely populated country the size of Massachusetts with limited water resources.<sup>16</sup> Leaders of El Salvador’s major political parties, the Catholic Church and a large civil society network expressed concerns.<sup>17</sup> In December 2007, Pacific Rim had reincorporated one of its subsidiaries based in the Cayman Islands as a Nevada corporation – Pac Rim Cayman LLC.<sup>18</sup> In April 2008, the new U.S. subsidiary sent a letter to the Salvadoran government first threatening a CAFTA claim.<sup>19</sup> Pacific Rim never completed the feasibility study necessary to obtain an exploitation permit for its mine and in July 2008 ceased exploratory drilling.<sup>20</sup> Then, in December 2008, the company filed a “notice of intent”, the first step in instigating a formal CAFTA investment suit.<sup>21</sup> The filing claimed that the Salvadoran government’s failure to issue the company the exploitation permit it needed in order to operate the mine violated its CAFTA foreign investor rights. The case is currently in the jurisdictional phase, after ICSID ruled in August 2010 against El Salvador’s attempt to have the case dismissed due to so-called “preliminary objections.”</p>
<p><b>Commerce Group Corp.</b> March 16, 2009* July 2, 2009**</p>	ICSID	\$100 million	Application for annulment in process	<p>The Commerce Group Corporation, a mining firm registered and based in Wisconsin,<sup>22</sup> saw the environmental permits for its gold mining and milling operations in Northeastern El Salvador revoked after the company failed its environmental audit.<sup>23</sup> In April 2010, the Salvadoran Supreme Court ruled that the company had been accorded due process during and after the audit.<sup>24</sup> But Commerce Group had launched parallel CAFTA attacks related to its environmental permits in March 2009, claiming expropriation and denial of fair and equitable treatment. March 2011: The case was dismissed on a technicality: If Commerce Group had simply written a letter to the Salvadoran judiciary informing it that it was waiving its right to</p>

				<p>challenge revocation of its environmental permits in Salvadoran courts, then Commerce Group's attack on Salvadoran mining policy would likely be going forward under CAFTA. Indeed, when El Salvador attempted to recoup its estimated \$800,000 in legal costs, the tribunal sided with Commerce Group that its case was not frivolous.<sup>25</sup></p> <p>July 2011: Commerce Group requested an annulment of the award.</p>
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## CAFTA Cases & Claims Against Guatemala

<p><b>Railroad Development Corporation</b> June 14, 2007**</p>	ICSID	\$64 million	<b>RDC win, \$11.3 million</b>	<p>Guatemala privatized and concessioned its railroad system in 1997 to a subsidiary of U.S. Railroad Development Corporation, which had presented proposals to rehabilitate the entire network in five phases. In its first eight years of operation, RDC only completed the first phase.<sup>26</sup> Unsatisfied with the slow progress, in 2006 Guatemala declared parts of the RDC scheme "injurious to the interests of the state" (<i>lesivo</i>), the first step in an administrative legal process to determine whether a contract should be revoked.<sup>27</sup> While no decision had been reached, RDC initiated a CAFTA claim the following year, alleging the <i>lesivo</i> declaration itself to be an indirect expropriation, a case of national treatment, and a violation of fair and equitable treatment. The majority of the \$64 million damages claim was for the alleged loss of future anticipated profits.<sup>28</sup> In June 2012, the ICSID tribunal produced an \$11.3 million judgment in favor of RDC and against Guatemala. While the tribunal determined the national treatment and indirect expropriation accusations to be baseless, it upheld the allegation that Guatemala's non-binding <i>lesivo</i> had failed to afford RDC a minimum standard of "fair and equitable treatment." In doing so, the tribunal borrowed a broad interpretation from the NAFTA investor case <i>Waste Management II</i>: that a violation of the minimum standard of treatment includes any government action that is "arbitrary, grossly unfair, unjust or idiosyncratic."<sup>29</sup> For more information, see <a href="http://citizen.typepad.com/eyesontrade/2012/07/railroading-sovereignty.html">http://citizen.typepad.com/eyesontrade/2012/07/railroading-sovereignty.html</a>.</p>
<b>Tampa Electric Company</b>	ICSID	Unknown	Pending	<p>Guatemala privatized its electricity distribution system in 1998. In August 2008, it lowered the electricity rates that the privatized utility could</p>

<p><b>(TECO) Guatemala Holdings LLC</b> Jan. 13, 2009* Oct. 20, 2010**</p>				<p>charge. A holding company Deca II has a majority stake of the utility (EEGSA), and Spanish energy company Iberdrola was the majority owner of Deca II, and launched a claim for damages under the Spain-Guatemala BIT. The U.S. company TECO Guatemala Holdings LLC – a subsidiary of TECO Energy Inc. – indirectly held a 24 percent ownership stake in Deca II, and began threatening a CAFTA claim launched a CAFTA claim as early as September 2008. The official notice of arbitration was filed on Oct. 20, 2010 – TECO sold its indirect stake in Deca II the next day.<sup>30</sup></p>
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### Peru FTA Cases & Claims Against Peru

<p><b>Renco Group, Inc. / Doe Run Peru</b> Dec. 29, 2010*</p>	<p>UNCITRAL</p>	<p>\$800 million</p>	<p>Pending</p>	<p>Doe Run Peru, a company owned indirectly by Renco Group through a Cayman Islands holding company, failed to meet its environmental clean-up commitments under a 1997 privatization deal of one of the world's most polluted sites: a metal smelter in La Oroya, Peru. The Peruvian government granted two extensions of the 2007 date by which Doe Run was to have built a sulfur oxide treatment facility – a commitment that the corporation has still failed to meet four years after the initial due date. In 2007 and 2008, Doe Run was challenged in class action lawsuits in Missouri courts, claiming damages for toxic emissions since the 1997 stock transfer.<sup>31</sup> December 2010: Renco – owned by Ira Rennert, a wealthy GOP donor – launches a major D.C. lobbying blitz, enlisting Obama administration officials to intervene with Peru on the company's behalf.<sup>32</sup> The company also launched an \$800 million investor-state claim against Peru under the bilateral FTA. The company claims a violation of fair and equitable treatment (FET), stating that Peru should have assumed liability for the class action cases. (In fact, in 1997, Doe Run agreed to assume liability for injury claims related to its own emissions.<sup>33</sup>) Renco also argues a FET violation, because the sulfur plant cost more than the company expected, and the company expected extensions of its compliance period. (In fact, in 1997, Doe Run signed a contract saying it had done its own due diligence on the costs.<sup>34</sup>) Renco claims a national treatment violation, stating that Centromin, the Peruvian state-owned enterprise that previously owned the smelter, was granted extensions of its obligation to remediate the soils. Renco also states that Doe Run was</p>
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				placed in involuntary bankruptcy by one of its suppliers, and complains that the Peruvian government has made a claim under these proceedings for the costs of finalizing the sulfur plant – a move the company says “has the potential to culminate in an expropriation.” <sup>35</sup>
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## Oman FTA Cases & Claims Against Oman

<p><b>Adel a Hamadi al Tamimi</b>  April 19, 2011* <sup>36</sup>  Dec. 5, 2011** <sup>37</sup></p>	<p>ICSID</p>	<p>\$560 million</p>	<p>Pending</p>	<p>Mr. Al Tamimi is a UAE native, naturalized U.S. citizen and real estate developer in New England who invested in Oman through two UAE shell companies.<sup>38</sup> In 2006, his companies concluded ten-year lease agreements with the Oman Mining Company LLC (OMCO, a state-owned enterprise) related to a limestone quarrying/crushing operation.<sup>39</sup> OMCO committed to “use its best endeavors” to obtain “the necessary environmental and operating permits.”<sup>40</sup> In August 2007, OMCO told al Tamimi’s companies that the permits had been obtained, and that he was contractually required to commence operations,<sup>41</sup> which he did in September. Within weeks, officials from the Commerce and Environmental Ministries told al Tamimi that the final permits had not been obtained, and various stop-work orders were issued.<sup>42</sup></p> <p>As al Tamimi states, “OMCO now had to make a choice: it could fulfill its obligations under the Lease Agreements, which would mean disobeying or confronting the Environmental and Commerce Ministries, or it could use whatever leverage it had over the Companies and exert every effort to get them to suspend their operations until a solution could be found to the permitting issues. It chose the latter.”</p> <p>By April 2008, al Tamimi had ceased operations.<sup>43</sup> Al Tamimi racked up various environmental fees, which he apparently did not pay.<sup>44</sup> In April 2009, OMCO told al Tamimi that he was in violation of environmental laws,<sup>45</sup> and in May 2009, he was arrested.<sup>46</sup> After being convicted of stealing and breaking environmental laws by a criminal court in November 2009, his conviction was overturned by an appeals court in June 2010.<sup>47</sup></p> <p>Al Tamimi alleges that Oman expropriated his property rights by terminating the leases and bringing “the full force of the police power of the State to ensure cessation of all activities...”<sup>48</sup> He additionally claims that Oman undermined “his</p>
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				legitimate expectations” that he would be able to conduct quarrying operations and failed to provide “protection and security,” in violation of the U.S.-Oman FTA’s FET standard. <sup>49</sup> He also says that other quarrying operations which he “believes to be owned and controlled by nationals of Oman” have been allowed to operate quarrying operations, in violation of the FTA’s national treatment obligations. <sup>50</sup>
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## Summary

<b>Total Claims Filed under NAFTA-style Deals:</b>	<b>80 Cases</b> <sup>51</sup>			
<b>Dismissed Cases (Won by Govts):</b>	<b>17 Cases</b>			Loewen, Mondev, Methanex, Glamis Gold Ltd., Canadian Cattlemen for Fair Trade, Grand River, United Parcel Service, Merrill and Ring Forestry, Chemtura, Azinian, et al, Waste Management, Fireman’s Fund, GAMI Investments, Thunderbird Gaming, Bayview Irrigation, V.G. Gallo, ADF Group
<b>Cases Won by Investors (or resulting in payments to investors):</b>	<b>13 Cases</b>	<b>\$379.7 million paid to foreign investors</b>		Ethyl, S.D. Myers, Pope & Talbot, AbitibiBowater, Metalclad, Karpa, Corn Products International, ADM/Tate & Lyle, Cargill, TCW Group, Mobil Investments, RDC, St. Mary’s

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<sup>24</sup> Administrative Litigation Chamber 308-2006 English translation at page 12.

<sup>25</sup> Commerce Group Corp. and San Sebastian Gold Mines Inc. v. Republic of El Salvador, Award, ICSID Case No. ARB/09/17, March 14, 2011, at paragraph 137.

<sup>26</sup> “Third Statement of Henry Posner III,” *International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes: Railroad Development Corporation v. The Republic of Guatemala*, October 5, 2010, see paras. 3-9.

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<sup>29</sup> Railroad Development Corporation and Republic of Guatemala: Award, International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes, June 29, 2012, <http://italaw.com/sites/default/files/case-documents/ita1051.pdf>, at para. 219.

<sup>30</sup> “TECO challenges Guatemalan tariff actions,” *Tampa Bay Business Journal*, Jan. 21, 2009; Transcript of Progress Energy at Merrill Lynch Global Power and Gas Conference, September 24, 2008. According to TECO’s 10-K filing for FY 2010, page 53: “On Jan. 13, 2009, TGH delivered a Notice of Intent to the Guatemalan government that it intended to file an arbitration claim against the Republic of Guatemala under the Dominican Republic Central America – United States Free Trade Agreement (DR – CAFTA) alleging a violation of fair and equitable treatment of its investment in EEGSA. On Oct. 20, 2010, TGH filed a Notice of Arbitration with the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes to proceed with its arbitration claim. The arbitration was prompted by actions of the Guatemalan government in July 2008 which, among other things, unilaterally reset the distribution tariff for EEGSA at levels well below the tariffs in effect at the time that the distribution tariff was reset. These actions caused a significant reduction in earnings from EEGSA. As discussed above, until Oct. 21, 2010, TGH held a 24% ownership interest in EEGSA through a holding company DECA II when TGH’s interest was sold. In connection with the sale of TGH’s ownership interest in EEGSA, TGH reserved the right to pursue the arbitration claim described above. Iberdrola is in international arbitration under the bilateral trade treaty in place between the Republic of Guatemala and the Kingdom of Spain.”

<sup>31</sup> Sister Kate Reid and Megan Heeney as Next Friends of AAZA et. al. v. Doe Run Resources Corporation et. al., U.S. District Court, E.D. Missouri, Second Amended Petition for Damages, Personal Injury, Dec. 5, 2007. See limitation of damages claim at paras 33 and 39.

<sup>32</sup> Keenan Steiner, “Current and former officials intervene on company’s behalf in battle with Peru,” Sunlight Foundation, March 8, 2011. Rennert’s donation history available on Sunlight Foundation webpage.

<sup>33</sup> Doe Run Resources Corporation, Form S-4, as filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, May 11, 1994. Available at: <http://sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1061112/0001047469-98-018990.txt>. See Exhibit 10.6, Article 5.4. After 2006, the company assumed full liability for “acts that are solely attributable to its operations after that period,” claims that are attributable to Doe Run’s default on its PAMA obligations at any time, and a proportionate share of its contribution to other damages at any time. The filing also clearly states: “Doe Run Peru also is subject to claims for alleged personal injury and property and other damages resulting from release of certain substances into the environment, including lead, to the extent such liabilities were not retained and are not satisfied by Centromin.”

<sup>34</sup> Ibid, see Article 7.1 from Stock Transfer Certificate (Exhibit 10.6). Article 7.1 of the Stock transfer certificate states: “THE INVESTOR represents that it has carried out its own investigation, examination, information and evaluation during the “due diligence” process, directly or through third parties, on the basis of information accessible, available and provided by CENTROMIN...THE INVESTOR assumes the responsibility of the due diligence on the basis of information accessible and provided by CENTROMIN. Consequently, THE INVESTOR cannot claim any responsibility for COPRI, its members, to CEPRI-CENTROMIN, its members or advisers, to CENTROMIN, or the Peruvian State for the information that the INVESTOR has failed to review concerning the COMPANY or the La Oroya Metallurgical Complex, which has been provided to THE INVESTOR through the due diligence process.”

<sup>35</sup> For information on Renco Group’s investor-state claim, see *Renco Group, Inc. v. The Republic of Peru*, Claimant’s Notice of Intent to Commence Arbitration, Dec. 29, 2010.

<sup>36</sup> See Notice of Intent, *Adel A Hamadi al Tamimi v. Sultanate of Oman*, (April 19, 2011). Available at: [http://omanusfta.com/documents/Al%20Tamimi Notice%20of%20Intent 19APRIL2011.pdf](http://omanusfta.com/documents/Al%20Tamimi%20Notice%20of%20Intent%2019APRIL2011.pdf). [Henceforth: “Notice of Intent, Al Tamimi v. Oman.”]

<sup>37</sup> See Request for Arbitration, *Adel A Hamadi al Tamimi v. Sultanate of Oman*, (Dec. 5, 2011). Available at: [http://italaw.com/documents/Tamimi v Oman RequestForArbitration\\_5Dec2011.pdf](http://italaw.com/documents/Tamimi_v_Oman_RequestForArbitration_5Dec2011.pdf) [Henceforth, “Request for Arbitration, Al Tamimi v. Oman.”]

<sup>38</sup> Request for Arbitration, *Al Tamimi v. Oman*, at paras. 11, 19-21; Notice of Intent, *Al Tamimi v. Oman*, at para. 7.

<sup>39</sup> Request for Arbitration, *Al Tamimi v. Oman*, at paras. 2, 24.

<sup>40</sup> Request for Arbitration, *Al Tamimi v. Oman*, at para. 26.

<sup>41</sup> Request for Arbitration, *Al Tamimi v. Oman*, at para. 38.

<sup>42</sup> Request for Arbitration, *Al Tamimi v. Oman*, at para. 40.

<sup>43</sup> Request for Arbitration, *Al Tamimi v. Oman*, at paras. 47-48.

<sup>44</sup> Request for Arbitration, *Al Tamimi v. Oman*, at para. 53.

<sup>45</sup> Request for Arbitration, *Al Tamimi v. Oman*, at para. 55.

<sup>46</sup> Request for Arbitration, *Al Tamimi v. Oman*, at para. 59.

<sup>47</sup> Request for Arbitration, *Al Tamimi v. Oman*, at paras. 60-62.

<sup>48</sup> Request for Arbitration, *Al Tamimi v. Oman*, at paras. 91-92.

<sup>49</sup> Request for Arbitration, *Al Tamimi v. Oman*, at paras. 93-97.

<sup>50</sup> Request for Arbitration, *Al Tamimi v. Oman*, at para. 99.

<sup>51</sup> This does not double-count the three NAFTA softwood lumber cases that were consolidated.