

NO. S-235306 VANCOUVER REGISTRY

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

BETWEEN:

NATIONAL BANK OF CANADA

PETITIONER

AND:

1239583 B.C. LTD.

RESPONDENT

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Name of applicant: FTI Consulting Canada, Inc. ("FTI") in its capacity as court-appointed receiver and receiver-manager (the "Receiver") without security, of the assets, property and undertakings (the "Property") of 1239583 B.C. Ltd. (the "Debtor").

TO: The attached Service List (Schedule "A")

TAKE NOTICE that an application will be made by the applicant to the presiding judge at the courthouse at 800 Smithe Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, on Wednesday, the 25th day of September, 2024 at 9:45 a.m. for the orders set out in Part 1 below.

The applicant estimates that the application will take 20 minutes.

- This matter is within the jurisdiction of an associate judge.
- This matter is not within the jurisdiction of an associate judge.

PART 1: ORDER(S) SOUGHT

- An order substantially in the form attached hereto as Schedule "B" (the "Approval and Vesting Order"), among other things:
 - (a) approving the completion and consummation of the sale transaction (the
 "Transaction") of the land legally known as PID 008-620-741 and municipally

known as 9250 Somers Road, Port Alberni, British Columbia (the **"Farm**") contemplated by the contract of purchase and sale dated July 18, 2024 and assignment of contract of purchase and sale addendum dated August 16, 2024 (collectively, the **"Purchase Agreement**") between the Receiver, as vendor, and Brian Dielissen and Lisa Marie Dielissen (the **"Purchasers**") as purchasers; and

- (b) effective upon the Receiver filing a certificate with the Court, substantially in the form attached as Schedule "B" to the Approval and Vesting Order, vesting the purchased assets described in the Purchase Agreement (the "Purchased Assets"), in the Purchasers free and clear of all claims and encumbrances; and
- An Order substantially in the form attached as Schedule "C" (the "Approval and Discharge Order") among other things:
 - (a) approving the activities and conduct of the Receiver, as described in the First Receiver's Report, dated October 10, 2023 (the "First Report") and the Second Receiver's Report, dated September 10, 2024 (the "Second Report", and collectively with the First Report, the "Receiver's Reports");
 - (b) declaring that, as of the date of the Receiver's Reports and based on the evidence that is currently before the Court, the Receiver has satisfied (i) all of its duties and obligations as Receiver; and (ii) its obligations under and pursuant to the terms of the Orders granted in the within proceedings up to and including the date thereof;
 - approving the Receiver's interim statement of receipts and disbursements with respect to the Debtor and the Property, for the period ending September 5, 2024, as set out in paragraphs 21 and 22 of the Second report;
 - (d) approving the fees and disbursements of the Receiver (the "Receiver's Fees") and the Receiver's external counsel, McCarthy Tétrault LLP (the "Receiver's Counsel" and the "Receiver's Counsel's Fees"), for the period from the commencement of the Receiver's mandate, along with the estimated fees of the Receiver and the Receiver's counsel up to the closing and completion of the Transaction (the "Estimated Completion Fees"), as set out in the Affidavit of H. Lance Williams, sworn on September 10, 2024 (the "Receiver's Counsel's Fee

Affidavit") and the Affidavit of Tom Powell, sworn on September 10, 2024 (the "Receiver's Fee Affidavit" and collectively with the Receiver's Counsel's Fee Affidavit, the "Fee Affidavits"), and paragraphs 26 – 9 of the Second Report; and

- (e) ordering and declaring that, immediately upon the Receiver filing a certificate with the Court, substantially in the form attached as Schedule "B" to the Approval and Discharge order (the "Discharge Certificate"), confirming that (i) the Transaction has been completed to the satisfaction of the Receiver; and (ii) all outstanding amounts secured by the Receiver's Charge (as defined in the Receivership Order (defined below)) have been satisfied:
 - (i) the Receiver shall be discharged, and declaring that, notwithstanding the discharge of the Receiver, the Receiver remains empowered with residual jurisdiction to take such steps and actions as it deems necessary to address any ancillary or incidental matters, as required in connection with its capacity as Receiver following the termination of the within proceedings, and that FTI shall continue to have the benefit of all orders made in these proceedings in relation to its capacity as Receiver; and
 - (ii) FTI shall be released and discharged from any and all liability that FTI now has or may hereafter have by reason of, or in any way arising out of, the actions or omissions of FTI while acting in its capacity as Receiver herein, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, FTI shall be forever released and discharged from any and all liability relating to matters that were raised, or which could have been raised, in the within proceedings;
- (f) authorizing the distribution of the net proceeds of sale received by the Receiver from the Transaction to National Bank of Canada (the "Bank") on account of the amount owing to the Bank by the Debtor.
- 3. Such further and other relief as this Honourable Court may deem just.

PART 2: FACTUAL BASIS

Background

- The Debtor is indebted to the Bank and has a municipal address of Town Center Tower, 7 – 32330 South Fraser Way, Abbotsford, British Columbia, V2T 1X1.
- 2. 1132759 B.C. Ltd. ("**113 Co.**") is a predecessor company to the Debtor by amalgamation, and is also indebted to the Bank.

3. The indebtedness owing by the Debtor to the Bank was \$5,977,355.84 as at July 19, 2023, plus fees, interest, and other amounts accruing under the various agreements between the Debtor and the Bank (the "Indebtedness") and there have been no payments on account of the Indebtedness since that date. The Debtor cannot repay the Bank, and accordingly, the Bank sought the appointment of the Receiver.

Affidavit #1 of Erin Welte, made July 24, 2023 (the "First Welte Affidavit") at Exhibit "A"

4. On September 8, 2023 (the "Appointment Date"), the Supreme Court of British Columbia (the "Court") granted an order (the "Receivership Order"), which among other things, appointed FTI as the Receiver of the Property pursuant to section 243 of the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. B-3 (the "BIA") and section 39 of the Law and Equity Act, R.S.B.C. 1996 c. 253 (the "LEA") and granted the Receiver the authority to list, market, and sell the Property.

> Receivership Order at para 1 Second Report at para 1

5. On October 24, 2023, the Court granted an order authorizing and directing the Receiver to file an assignment in bankruptcy on behalf of the Debtor, pursuant to section 49 of the BIA (the "Bankruptcy Order"). The Receiver made and assignment in bankruptcy on behalf of the Debtor on November 21, 2023.

> Bankruptcy Order at para 1 Second Report at para 3

6. Pursuant to the Bankruptcy Order, FTI was authorized to act as trustee in bankruptcy of the Debtor in accordance with the provisions of the BIA.

Bankruptcy Order at para 2

The Farm

7. The Debtor is the registered owner of the Farm and the Bank has a first-ranking mortgage and assignment of rents registered against the Farm under instrument nos. CA9759425 and CA9759426, respectively.

> Affidavit #1 of Donna Barnes made July 18, 2023 (the "First Barnes Affidavit") at Exhibit "C"

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8. In addition to the land, the Farm consists of two houses, a large interconnected barn, and some smaller buildings, including a shed.

First Welte Affidavit at para 21

9. Under the Receivership Order, the Receiver has the power to take and maintain possession and control of the Property, manage, operate and carry on the business of the Debtor, and market and sell the Property (subject to Court approval if any one transaction exceeds \$500,000 or if the aggregate of transactions exceeds \$1,000,000).

Receivership Order at para 2

10. The Receivership Order allows the Receiver to apply for any vesting order necessary to convey the Property or any part or parts thereof to a purchaser or purchasers, free and clear of any liens or encumbrances.

Receivership Order at para 2(m)

11. At the time of the First Report, the Property of the Debtor consisted of the Farm, and various farm machinery and equipment. The Debtor's principal business was the planting and growing of vegetable crops, including broccoli, cauliflower, and pumpkins.

First Report at para 2

12. Once the Receiver took control of the Property, it became clear that the farm operations were not sustainable and the Receiver sought to close down the operations. Given the state of the farm operations, the Receiver determined that the appropriate course of action was to stop all operations and seek to liquidate the land and assets.

First Report at para 13

Second Report at para 12(c)

13. The Receiver also discovered that a number of workers were living on the Farm. The workers were employed by 1366328 B.C. Ltd. ("136 Co."), a related company to the Debtor, and 136 Co. asserted that it had a lease over the Farm (the "Lease"). Between October 12, 2023 and April 18, 2024, the Receiver facilitated the relocation of the workers. The Receiver also had to defend a notice of dispute brought by 136 Co. pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act*, SBC 2002, c 78 (the "RTA") in which 136 Co. produced the Lease and claimed to be a tenant under the RTA. On April 18, 2024,

Arbitrator Buchan with the Residential Tenancy Branch dismissed 136 Co.'s application to cancel the One Month Notice issued by the Receiver on behalf of the Debtor.

Second Report at para 12(e) and (f) and Appendix "D"

Decision: 910135775 (Residential Tenancy Branch) of Arbitrator Buchan pronounced April 18, 2024

Marketing and Sale of the Farm and the Purchase Agreement

- 14. Pursuant to its mandate to maximize recovery for the Debtor's secured lenders, the Receiver commenced sale efforts with respect to the Debtor's assets.
- 15. The Receiver solicited competing proposals from three real estate agents to act as listing agent for the Farm. The Receiver, in consultation with the Bank, reviewed the proposals and selected Landquest Realty Corp. ("Landquest") to act as exclusive listing agent.

Second Report at para 13

- 16. The decision to engage Landquest was supported by:
 - Landquest's extensive experience with properties located in rural Western Canada and specifically on Vancouver Island, where their proposed marketing strategy would target the wide range of interested parties that would be likely to transaction the Farm;
 - Landquest's commission structure was competitive with the other proposals received; and
 - (c) Landquest's proposed listing price.

Second Report at para 14

17. On or around February 20, 2024, Landquest listed the Farm for sale. The original list price was \$2.8 million and the price was revised twice during the listing period to \$2.49 million on April 16, 2024 and \$2.19 million on June 24, 2024, respectively.

Second Report at para 15

- 18. The marketing campaign for the Farm (the "Marketing Process") undertaken by Landquest included the following efforts:
 - (a) website listings on Realtor.ca and Landquest.com;
 - (b) social media posts on Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram;
 - placing advertisements in the National Post, BC Outdoors Magazine, and Beef in BC Magazine; and
 - (d) distributing physical mailout flyers to approximately 1,750 addresses in the areas immediately surrounding the Farm.

Second Report at para 16

- 19. Over the course of the Marketing Process, the following interest was shown in the Farm:
 - (a) the website listing received over 10,000 views;
 - (b) social media posts reached over 20,000 individuals;
 - (c) print media ads were run approximately once a month;
 - (d) 30 parties called or messaged Landquest to inquire about the Farm; and
 - (e) three offers were received.

Second Report at para 17

20. On July 18, 2024, the Purchasers offered to purchase the Farm on the terms set out in the Purchase Agreement.

Second Report at para 18 and Appendix "A"

- 21. The key terms of the Purchase Agreement are summarized as follows:
 - (a) the purchase price is \$1.75 million (the "Purchase Price");
 - (b) a deposit of \$100,000 is held by the Purchasers' real estate agent in trust and will form part of the Purchase Price;

- (c) it is conditional upon financing, which has since been satisfied on August 16, 2024;
- (d) it is conditional upon the approval of this Honourable Court; and
- (e) closing is to occur no later than 30 days after the Purchase Agreement is approved by this Honourable Court.

Second Report at para 19

- 22. In accordance with the Receivership Order, and as set out in the Second Report, the Receiver has accepted the Purchase Agreement and is presenting it to the court for approval.
- 23. The sales process and manner in which offers have been received has been fair, with the interests of all parties being considered.

Second Report at para 20(a)

24. The sale of the Farm is just, appropriate, and in the best interest of the administration of the Debtor's estate.

Second Report at para 20(e)

25. The Farm has been listed and exposed to the market since February 2024. The Receiver believes that the offer represents the highest and best purchase price offered for the Farm. Attempting to hold and list the Farm for a longer period of time would incur substantial holding costs related to preserving the Farm, and administering the Receivership.

Second Report at para 20(b) and (c)

26. The Bank, as the senior secured creditor of the Debtor, is the only party with a financial interest in the sale. It supports the proposed sale to the Purchasers.

Second Report at para 20(d)

27. The Receiver is satisfied that the Purchase Agreement represents market value, that being the most any party is willing to pay after a full and proper marketing process was undertaken. Based on the information that is currently available to it, the Receiver is of

the view that the Purchase Agreement is the best available offer and asks the Court to grant the Approval and Vesting Order.

Second Report at paras 20 and 35

Distribution to the Bank

- 28. In connection with the approval of the Purchase Agreement and Transaction, the Receiver also seeks an Order permitting it to distribute the net proceeds of the Transaction as follows:
 - (a) a repayment of the receiver's borrowings of \$400,000; and
 - (b) distribution of the remaining funds, net of costs to complete the administration of the receivership proceedings to the Bank.

Second Report at para 26

29. The estimated net proceeds available for distribution to the Bank are \$1,280,000. Even after such distribution, the Bank is expected to continue to suffer a material shortfall.

Second Report at para 27 and 28

 Following the closing of the Purchase Agreement, there will be no further recoveries to the estate.

Second Report at para 29

Activities of the Receiver

- 31. The activities and conduct of the Receiver are set out and described in further detail in the Receiver's Reports.
- 32. The Receiver's activities since the Appointment Date include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - (a) corresponding with the family members of Jaswant Bath, a director of the Debtor, to advise them of the Receivership and obtain information in respect of the Property;

- (b) visiting the Farm on two occasions to observe the Property and meet with the manager of the Farm;
- (c) engaging Accurate Effective Bailiffs Ltd. to assist the Receiver with identifying and documenting machinery and equipment located at the Farm and reviewing the value of farm equipment;
- engaging and reviewing the opinion of an agricultural consultant to provide the Receiver with a preliminary assessment of the standing crops at the Farm and identifying any constraints to the harvesting and marketing of the crops;
- (e) winding down all farming operations other than certain limited activities to protect and preserve the value of the Farm;
- engaging a security guard to secure and preserve the value of the Farm;
- (g) locating certain of the Debtor's farm equipment (the "Kubota Equipment"), removed from the Farm by a bailiff on the instructions of an equipment financier, namely Kubota Canada Ltd. ("Kubota"), and notifying Kubota of the Receivership Order and the Receiver's interest in the Kubota Equipment;
- (h) engaging a bailiff to seek to locate a 2011 Newmar motorhome which was removed from the Farm subsequent to the Appointment Date;
- arranging payment for food and supplies required for the wellbeing of contract agricultural workers living in a bunkhouse on the Farm;
- delivering Residential Tenancy Act Notices to end Tenancy to individuals living at the Farm and responding to a Notice of Dispute Resolution brought by 136 Co;
- (k) retaining McCarthy Tétrault LLP to act as independent legal counsel to the Receiver;
- attending to insurance matters including correspondence with BFL Canada Risk and Insurance Service Inc. regarding property and liability insurance coverage for the Farm;

- arranging for the issuance of a Receiver Certificate in respect of receiver borrowings provided by the Bank;
- (o) attending to various statutory notices and other duties of the Receiver pursuant to the Receivership Order, the BIA, and other applicable statutes;
- (p) corresponding with the RCMP with respect to certain matters involving the conduct of the principal of the Debtor;
- (q) assigning the Debtor into bankruptcy pursuant to the Bankruptcy Order;
- (r) engaging Landquest to act at listing agent to market the Farm for sale and responding to various offers and inquiries in respect of the marketing efforts; and
- (s) preparing the Receiver's Reports.

First Report at para 9 (a) – (l) Second Report at para 12 (a) – (n)

Fees and Disbursements of the Receiver and the Receiver's Counsel

33. Pursuant to paragraphs 21 and 22 of the Receivership Order, the Receiver and the Receiver's Counsel are to be paid their reasonable fees and disbursements, in each case, at their standard rates and charges. The Receivership Order further provides that the Receiver and Receiver's Counsel shall pass their accounts from time to time, and for this purpose the accounts of the Receiver and the Receiver's Counsel are referred to a judge of the Court and may be heard on a summary basis.

Receivership Order at paras 21 and 22

34. A summary of the fees and disbursements of the Receiver and the Receiver's Counsel, incurred at their ordinary hourly rates, is included at paragraphs 30 - 32 and Appendices "B" and "C" to the Second Report. Further details with respect to such fees and disbursements are set out in the Fee Affidavits.

35. The table below summarizes the Receiver's Fees, which are broken down as follows (i)
 \$143,616.92 in respect of fees and disbursements; and (ii) GST in the amount of
 \$7,180.87:

Amount	Invoice Date	Invoice Number
\$46,713.04	September 30, 2023	102900000599
\$49,342.14	October 31, 2023	10290000667
\$25,107.08	November 30, 2023	102900000739
\$1,449.53	December 31, 2023	102900000820
\$7,101.99	February 6, 2024	102900000923
\$6,074.78	March 6, 2024	102900001007
\$1,906.80	March 31, 2024	102900001095
\$6,706.88	May 7, 2024	102900001205
\$1,932.00	June 7, 2023	102900001325
\$4,463.55	July 11, 2024	102900001411
\$150,797.79	TOTAL:	

Second Report at para 30 and Appendix "B"

Receiver's Fee Affidavit at paras 3 and 4 and Exhibits "A" - "J"

36. The table below summarizes the Receiver's Counsel's Fees, which are broken down as follows: (i) \$66,902.00 in respect of invoiced fees; (ii) \$560.50 in respect of invoiced disbursements; and (iii) \$8,053.52 in respect of invoiced taxes:

Invoice Number	Invoice Date	Amount
8567372	August 25, 2023	\$1,230.88
8568459	September 18, 2023	\$572.32
8570110	October 26, 2023	\$15,480.61
8572152	8572152 November 30, 2023 \$20,613.23	
8573109	8573109 December 20, 2023 \$10,909.08	
8574358	December 31, 2023	\$1,022.78

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Invoice Number	Invoice Date	Amount
8575683	February 20, 2024	\$20,000.88
8577094	March 21, 2024	\$406.56
8578641	April 16, 2024	\$135.52
8579614	May 8, 2024	\$1,355.20
8584420	August 26, 2024	\$802.49
8585302	August 31, 2024	\$2,986.48
	TOTAL:	\$75,516.02

Second Report at paras 30 and Appendix "C"

Receiver's Counsel's Fee Affidavit at paras 3 and 4 and Exhibits "A" - "L"

37. The Receiver has reviewed the Receiver Counsel's invoices in respect of the above and has determined that they were reasonably necessary and appropriate in the circumstances, that all services described in the invoices were rendered to the Receiver, and that all charges are fair and reasonable in the circumstances.

Second Report at para 33

Receiver's Fee Affidavit at para 10

38. The Second Report includes a summary of the Estimated Completion Fees, subject to certain assumptions as detailed therein, and assumes the Estimated Completion Fees to be \$40,000. The Estimated Completion Fees are largely comprised of accrued professional fees of the Receiver and the Receiver's legal counsel as well as for final operating expenses to be incurred between the Second Report and the closing of the Purchase Agreement.

Second Report at paras 27 and 28

39. The Receiver and its legal counsel anticipate having additional fees and disbursements of approximately \$25,000 to complete the administration of the Receivership proceedings, including accrued and unpaid amounts.

Second Report at para 34

PART 3: LEGAL BASIS

Approval of the Purchase Agreement

40. Paragraph 2(k) of the Receivership Order granted the Receiver the power to, among other things:

market any or all of the Property, including advertising and soliciting offers in respect of the Property or any part or parts thereof and negotiating such terms and conditions of the sale as the Receiver considers appropriate.

Receivership Order at para 2(k)

41. Both subsection 243(1) of the BIA and section 39 of the LEA provide the court with jurisdiction to grant a receiver the authority to take any action that the Court considers advisable and where the Court determines that it is just and convenient to do so.

BIA s. 243(1) LEA s. 39

- 42. The factors considered by a court when determining whether to approve a sale in receivership proceedings include:
 - (a) whether the receiver has made a sufficient effort to get the best price and has not acted improvidently;
 - (b) the interests of all parties;
 - (c) the efficacy and integrity of the process by which offers are obtained; and
 - (d) whether there has been unfairness in the working out of the process.

Royal Bank v. Soundair Corp. 1991 CanLII 2727 (ONCA) [Soundair]; See also, e.g.: Kruger v. Wild Goose Vintners Inc., 2021 BCSC 1406 at para. 26; Farm Credit Canada v. Gidda, 2015 BCSC 2188, at paras. 17 - 19; and Cox v. Seymour Village Management Inc., 2015 BCSC 275 at paras. 13 - 14.

- 43. A commercially reasonable, efficacious, and fair marketing process of the Farm was conducted by the Receiver.
- 44. Specifically, among other things, as described in further detail in the Receiver's Reports:
 - the Marketing Process undertaken by Landquest produced a fair, transparent, and reasonable sales process which sufficiently solicited parties interested in the Farm;
 - (b) the Receiver made sufficient efforts to market the Property over the months of February 2024 to present;
 - (c) the Farm was widely exposed to the market, as well as potentially interested parties known to the Receiver, for a sufficient length of time; and
 - (d) the Receiver received three offers and ultimately decided that the current offer was the highest and best purchase price offered for the Farm.

Second Report at paras 13 - 19

45. The Receiver is of the opinion that the Purchase Agreement is reasonable and ought to be approved.

Second Report at para 20(e)

46. The price to be paid for the Farm pursuant to the Purchase Agreement represents the highest and best price that can be obtained for the Farm in the circumstances. The Purchase Agreement, as proposed, is in the best interests of the estate of the Debtor and the stakeholders of the Debtor, as no higher or better offer for the Farm was received within the listing period and the Purchase Agreement is commercially reasonable. The Receiver made sufficient efforts through its marketing to obtain the best price for the Property.

Second Report at para 20

47. In this case, the Bank was owed the Indebtedness pursuant to various credit facilities. The Bank holds various registered and first ranking security over the Property, including a collateral mortgage dated February 2, 2022, general security agreements dated February 2, 2022, and personal guarantees from 113 Co. and Jaswant Bath. The Bank is the party with the primary economic interest, and will suffer a material shortfall. Accordingly, the support of the Bank should be a material consideration for the Court..

First Barnes Affidavit at Exhibits "C" and "F" – "I"

48. The Bank supports the Receiver's acceptance of the Purchase Agreement.

Second Report at para 20(d)

49. In light of the above-noted considerations, the Receiver submits that the Purchase Agreement should be approved.

Approval of the Receiver's Activities and Conduct

- 50. The Receiver's Reports outline specific activities taken by the Receiver to date, for which the Receiver is seeking approval by this Court.
- 51. The Court has the inherent jurisdiction to review the activities of a court-appointed receiver and, if satisfied that the receiver has acted reasonably, prudently, and not arbitrarily, to approve the activities set out in the applicable receiver's report(s). This assessment is made on an objective basis.

Leslie & Irene Dube Foundation Inc. v P218 Enterprises Ltd., 2014 BCSC 1855, at para. 54

52. There are good policy reasons for the Court to provide a level of protection to a receiver by approving its activities, provided that the benefit of approval is limited to the receiver itself.

Hanfeng Evergreen Inc. (Re), 2017 ONSC 7161 at para. 17

53. The activities of the Receiver are detailed in the Receiver's Reports, pursuant to which the Receiver has reported to the Court and all other interested parties and stakeholders throughout these proceedings. The Receiver carried out a transparent, timely, and efficient sale process with respect to the Property, and acted reasonably to preserve and maximize the value of the Property, to the benefit of all of the Debtor's stakeholders. All of the Receiver's activities to date were necessary or appropriate and were conducted in accordance with its powers under the Receivership Order. 54. The Receiver respectfully submits that its activities, as described in the Receiver's Reports, have been carried out in a reasonable, prudent, and not arbitrary manner, and accordingly, the Receiver seeks approval of same.

Approval of the Receiver's Fees and the Receiver's Counsel's Fees

55. The Receivership Order expressly provides that the accounts of the Receiver and the Receiver's Counsel be referred to a judge of this Honourable Court and that the passage of those accounts be heard on a summary basis.

Receivership Order at para. 21

56. There is no fixed rate or scale for determining a receiver's compensation. The governing principles is that a receiver's compensation should be measured by the fair and reasonable value of its services.

Confectionately Yours Inc., Re, [2002] O.J. No. 3569 at para. 44 citing Belyea v. Federal Business Development Bank, [1983] N.B.J. No. 41 (NB CA)

- 57. The British Columbia Court of Appeal listed the following relevant considerations in determining whether a receiver's compensation is fair and reasonable:
 - (a) the value of the assets;
 - (b) complications and difficulties encountered by the Receiver;
 - (c) degree of assistance provided by [the debtor company];
 - (d) time spent by the Receiver;
 - (e) Receiver's knowledge, experience and skill;
 - (f) diligence and thoroughness;
 - (g) responsibilities assumed;
 - (h) results; and
 - (i) cost of comparable services.

0409725 B.C. Ltd. (Bankruptcy of), 2019 BCSC 451 at para 21 citing Bank of Montreal v. Nican Trading Co., 1990 CanLII 454, [1990] B.C.J. No. 340 (BC CA) at pp. 9 - 10.

58. Similar factors are considered with respect to the accounts of legal counsel to a receiver:

"The court must scrutinize the accounts carefully to assure that the appropriate lawyers are performing services to the receiver on the same basis and factors as the receivers. Where legal accounts have no relevance to the receivership, the court will reduce the fees. Similar factors are considered on the taxation or assessment of the legal accounts, namely:

- (1) the time expended;
- (2) the complexity of the receivership;
- (3) the degree of responsibility assumed by the lawyers;
- (4) the amount of money involved, including reference to the debt, amount of proceeds after realization, payments to the creditors;
- (5) the degree and skill of the lawyers involved;
- (6) the results achieved;
- (7) the ability of the client to pay; and
- (8) the client's expectations as to the fee."

Redcorp Ventures Ltd. (Re), 2016 BCSC 188 at para. 33, citing F. Bennett, Bennett on Receiverships, 2nd ed. (Scarborough: Carswell, 1999).

- 59. The Receiver respectfully submits that the Receiver's fees and disbursements, and the fees and disbursements of the Receiver's Counsel, are reasonable and appropriate given the activities carried out by such persons in these proceedings. All services undertaken by the Receiver's Counsel were completed at the request of the Receiver and were necessary for the administration of the Debtor's estate.
- 60. Specifically, in respect of the Receiver's fees, the Receiver submits that:
 - the fees were properly and necessarily incurred, and commensurate with fees charged by other firms of similar size and experience for work of a similar nature and complexity, in British Columbia;
 - (b) the work completed by the Receiver was appropriately delegated to professionals with the appropriate seniority and hourly rates;
 - the results of the Receiver's efforts to date are reasonable and to the benefit of the Debtors' estates and stakeholders;

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- (d) the Receiver's activities, as set out in the Receiver's Reports, have been performed diligently and with an appropriate degree of thoroughness;
- (e) the Receiver's fees are reasonable in light of the value of the Property; and,
- (f) the Receiver's services were performed in a prudent and economical manner.
- 61. In respect of the Receiver's Counsel's fees, the Receiver submits that:
 - the fees were properly and necessarily incurred, and commensurate with fees charged by other firms of similar size and experience for work of a similar nature and complexity, in British Columbia;
 - (b) the work completed by the Receiver's Counsel was appropriately delegated to professionals with the appropriate seniority and hourly rates;
 - (c) the Receiver's Counsel's services were performed in a prudent and economical manner; and
 - (d) the Receiver's Counsel's invoices were provided, to the Receiver, when issued. The Receiver has reviewed the invoices and confirmed that it approves the same.
- 62. The Receiver also seeks approval of the Estimated Completion Fees and submits that:
 - (a) the Estimated Completion Fees are reasonable in the circumstances and in light of the remaining matters to be completed in connection with the completion of the Transaction, the administration of the Debtors' estates, and remaining ancillary matters; and,
 - (b) the same factors as set out in paragraphs 60 and 61, above, apply with respect to the Estimated Completion Fees, *mutatis mutandis*.

Receiver's Discharge

63. Upon the completion of the Transaction and the payment of all amounts outstanding under the Receiver's Charge, the administration of the Debtors' estates will be substantially complete. It is reasonable, appropriate, prudent, and economical to address Debtors' estates with respect to professional fees.

PART 4: MATERIAL TO BE RELIED ON

- 1. Affidavit #1 of Erin Welte, made July 24, 2023;
- 2. Affidavit #1 of Donna Barnes made July 18, 2023;
- 3. Affidavit #1 of Tom Powell, made September 10, 2024;
- 4. Affidavit #1 of Lance Williams, made September 10, 2024;
- 5. First Report of the Receiver, dated October 10, 2024;
- 6. Second Report of the Receiver, dated September 10, 2024; and
- 7. Such further and other materials as counsel may advise and this Honourable Court may permit.

TO THE PERSONS RECEIVING THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION: If you wish to respond to this notice of application, you must, within 5 business days after service of this notice of application or, if this application is brought under Rule 9-7, within 8 business days after service of this notice of application

- (a) file an application response in Form 33,
- (b) file the original of every affidavit, and of every other document, that
 - (i) you intend to refer to at the hearing of this application, and
 - (ii) has not already been filed in the proceeding, and
- (c) serve on the applicant 2 copies of the following, and on every other party of record one copy of the following
 - (i) a copy of the filed application response;
 - a copy of each of the filed affidavits and other documents that you intend to refer to at the hearing of this application and that has not already been served on that person;

(iii) if this application is brought under Rule 9-7, any notice that you are required to give under Rule 9-7(9).

DATE: September 11, 2024

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Signature of Lawyer for the Applicant McCarthy Tétrault LLP (H. Lance Williams, Ashley Bowron and Angelica Kovac)

Part 1 of

APPENDIX

THIS APPLICATION INVOLVES THE FOLLOWING:

- discovery: comply with demand for documents
- discovery: production of additional documents
- □ other matters concerning document discovery
- □ extend oral discovery
- other matter concerning oral discovery
- □ amend pleadings
- □ add/change parties
- summary judgment
- □ summary trial
- □ service
- □ mediation
- □ adjournments
- proceedings at trial
- □ case plan orders: amend
- □ case plan orders: other
- □ experts
- none of the above

SCHEDULE "A"

NO. S-235306 VANCOUVER REGISTRY

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

BETWEEN:

NATIONAL BANK OF CANADA

PETITIONER

AND:

1239583 B.C. LTD.

RESPONDENT

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SCHEDULE "B"

NO. S-235306 VANCOUVER REGISTRY

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

BETWEEN:

NATIONAL BANK OF CANADA

PETITIONER

AND:

1239583 B.C. LTD.

RESPONDENT

ORDER MADE AFTER APPLICATION (APPROVAL AND VESTING ORDER)

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE

WEDNESDAY, THE 25TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024

ON THE APPLICATION of FTI Consulting Canada Inc. ("FTI"), in its capacity as the courtappointed receiver and receiver-manager (the "Receiver") of the assets, properties and undertakings of 1239583 B.C. Ltd. (the "Debtor"), coming on for hearing at Vancouver, British Columbia, on the 25th day of September, 2024; AND ON HEARING H. Lance Williams, counsel for the Receiver, and those other counsel listed on Schedule "A" hereto; AND UPON READING the material filed, including the First Receiver's Report, dated October 11, 2023 (the "First Report ") and the Second Receiver's Report, dated September 10, 2024 (the "Second Report");

THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES THAT:

 The sale transaction (the "Transaction") contemplated by the contract of purchase and sale dated July 18, 2024 and assignment of contract of purchase and sale addendum dated August 16, 2024 (collectively, the "Purchase Agreement") between the Debtor, by and through the Receiver and Brian Dielissen and Lisa Marie Dielissen (the "**Purchasers**"), a copy of which is attached as Appendix "A" to the Second Report is hereby approved, and the Purchase Agreement is commercially reasonable. The execution of the Purchase Agreement by the Receiver is hereby authorized and approved, and the Receiver is hereby authorized and directed to take such additional steps and execute such additional documents as may be necessary or desirable for the completion of the Transaction and for the conveyance to the Purchasers of the assets described in the Purchase Agreement (the "**Purchased Assets**").

- 2. Upon delivery by the Receiver to the Purchaser of a certificate substantially in the form attached as Schedule "B" hereto (the "Receiver's Certificate"), all of the Debtor's right, title and interest in and to the Purchased Assets described in the Purchase Agreement and listed on **Schedule** "C" hereto shall vest absolutely in the Purchasers in fee simple, free and clear of and from any and all security interests (whether contractual, statutory, or otherwise), hypothecs, mortgages, trusts or deemed trusts (whether contractual, statutory, or otherwise), liens, executions, levies, charges, or other financial or monetary claims, whether or not they have attached or been perfected, registered or filed and whether secured, unsecured or otherwise (collectively, the "Claims") including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing: (i) any encumbrances or charges created by the Order of this Court dated September 8, 2023; (ii) all charges, security interests or claims evidenced by registrations pursuant to the Personal Property Security Act of British Columbia or any other personal property registry system; and (iii) those Claims listed on **Schedule** "D" hereto (all of which are collectively referred to as the "Encumbrances", which term shall not include the permitted encumbrances, easements and restrictive covenants listed on Schedule "E" hereto), and, for greater certainty, this Court orders that all of the Encumbrances affecting or relating to the Purchased Assets are hereby expunged and discharged as against the Purchased Assets.
- 3. Upon presentation for registration in the Land Title Office for the Land Title District of Victoria of a certified copy of this Order, together with a letter from McCarthy Tétrault LLP, solicitors for the Receiver, authorizing registration of this Order, the British Columbia Registrar of Land Titles is hereby directed to:
 - enter the Purchasers as the owners of the Lands, as identified in Schedule "B" hereto, together with all buildings and other structures, facilities and

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improvements located thereon and fixtures, systems, interests, licenses, rights, covenants, restrictive covenants, commons, ways, profits, privileges, rights, easements and appurtenances to the said hereditaments belonging, or with the same or any part thereof, held or enjoyed or appurtenant thereto, in fee simple in respect of the Lands, and this Court declares that it has been proved to the satisfaction of the Court on investigation that the title of the Purchasers in and to the Lands is a good, safe holding and marketable title and directs the BC Registrar to register indefeasible title in favour of the Purchasers as aforesaid; and

- (b) having considered the interest of third parties, to discharge, release, delete and expunge from title to the Lands all of the registered Encumbrances except for those listed in Schedule "E".
- 4. For the purposes of determining the nature and priority of Claims, the net proceeds from the sale of the Purchased Assets shall stand in the place and stead of the Purchased Assets, and from and after the delivery of the Receiver's Certificate all Claims shall attach to the net proceeds from the sale of the Purchased Assets with the same priority as they had with respect to the Purchased Assets immediately prior to the sale, as if the Purchased Assets had not been sold and remained in the possession or control of the person having had possession or control immediately prior to the sale.
- 5. The Receiver is to file with the Court a copy of the Receiver's Certificate forthwith after delivery thereof.
- 6. Subject to the terms of the Purchase Agreement, vacant possession of the Purchased Assets, including any real property, shall be delivered by the Receiver to the Purchasers at 12:00 noon on the Closing Date (as defined in the Purchase Agreement), subject to the permitted encumbrances as set out in the Sale Agreement and listed on Schedule "E".
- 7. The Receiver, with the consent of the Purchasers, shall be at liberty to extend the Closing Date to such later date as those parties may agree without the necessity of a further Order of this Court.

- 8. The Receiver, with the consent of the Purchasers, shall be at liberty to make amendments or modifications to the Purchase Agreement that would not be materially prejudicial to the interest of the Debtor's stakeholders and to extend the Closing Date to such later date as those parties may agree without the necessity of a further Order of this Court.
- 9. Notwithstanding:
 - (a) these proceedings;
 - (b) any applications for a bankruptcy order in respect of the Debtor now or hereafter made pursuant to the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* and any bankruptcy order issued pursuant to any such applications; and
 - (c) any assignment in bankruptcy made by or in respect of the Debtor,

the vesting of the Purchased Assets in the Purchaser pursuant to this Order shall be binding on any trustee in bankruptcy that may be appointed in respect of the Debtor and shall not be void or voidable by creditors of the Debtor, nor shall it constitute or be deemed to be a transfer at undervalue, fraudulent preference, assignment, fraudulent conveyance or other reviewable transaction under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* or any other applicable federal or provincial legislation, nor shall it constitute oppressive or unfairly prejudicial conduct pursuant to any applicable federal or provincial legislation.

- 10. The Receiver or any other party have liberty to apply for such further or other directions or relief as may be necessary or desirable to give effect to this Order.
- 11. Endorsement of this Order by counsel appearing on this application, other than counsel for the Receiver, is hereby dispensed with.

THIS COURT HEREBY REQUESTS the aid and recognition of any court, tribunal, regulatory or administrative body, wherever located, to give effect to this Order and to assist the Receiver and its agents in carrying out the terms of this Order. All courts, tribunals, regulatory and administrative bodies are hereby respectfully requested to make such orders and to provide such assistance to the Receiver, as an officer of this Court, as may be necessary or desirable to

give effect to this Order or to assist the Receiver and its agents in carrying out the terms of this Order.

THE FOLLOWING PARTIES APPROVE OF THE FORM OF THIS ORDER AND CONSENT TO EACH OF THE ORDERS, IF ANY, THAT ARE INDICATED ABOVE AS BEING BY CONSENT:

Lawyer for FTI Consulting Canada Inc. McCarthy Tétrault LLP (H. Lance Williams)

BY THE COURT

REGISTRAR

SCHEDULE "A"

LIST OF COUNSEL

Name of Counsel	Party Represented

SCHEDULE "B"

NO. S-235306 VANCOUVER REGISTRY

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

BETWEEN:

NATIONAL BANK OF CANADA

PETITIONER

AND:

1239583 B.C. LTD.

RESPONDENT

RECEIVER'S CERTIFICATE

- Pursuant to an Order of Justice Francis of the Supreme Court of British Columbia (the "Court") dated September 8, 2023, FTI Consulting Canada Inc. was appointed as the receiver and manager (the "Receiver") of the property, assets and undertakings of 1239583 B.C. Ltd., including the land legally described as PID: 008-620-741 District Lot 72, Alberni District, and buildings thereon.
- 2. Pursuant to the Approval and Vesting and Order of the Court dated September •, 2024, the Court, among other things, approved the contract of purchase and sale dated July 18, 2024 and assignment of contract of purchase and sale addendum dated August 16, 2024 between 1239583 B.C. Ltd., by and through the Receiver, and Brian Dielissen and Lisa Marie Dielissen (the "**Purchasers**"), and the transactions contemplated thereby, and providing for the occurrence of certain events in the specified sequence upon delivery by the Receiver to the Purchasers of a certificate confirming (i) payment by the Purchasers of the Purchase Price; (ii) that the conditions to completion as set out in Article 3 of the Purchase Agreement have been satisfied or waived by the Receiver and the Purchasers; and (iii) the Transaction has been completed to the satisfaction of the Receiver.
- 3. Unless otherwise indicated herein, the capitalized terms have the meanings set out in the Purchase Agreement.

THE RECEIVER HEREBY CONFIRMS AND CERTIFIES THE FOLLOWING:

- 4. The Purchasers have paid and the Receiver has received the Purchase Price payable on the Completion Date pursuant to the Purchase Agreement;
- 5. The conditions to closing set out in Article 3 of the Purchase Agreement have been satisfied or waived by the Receiver and the Purchasers; and
- 6. The Transaction has been completed, to the satisfaction of the Receiver.

DATE THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2024

FTI Consulting Canada Inc., in its capacity as the court-appointed receiver and manager of the assets, properties, and undertakings of 1239583 B.C. Ltd., and not in its personal capacity.

Per:

Name: Title:

SCHEDULE "C"

Purchased Assets

1. Those lands in the Province of British Columbia legally described as:

Parcel Identifier 008-620-741 District Lot 72 Alberni District

and all buildings, structures, and improvements thereon.

SCHEDULE "D"

Encumbrances to be Discharged against Purchased Assets

Land Title Office

- 1. Mortgage in favour of National Bank of Canada registered on March 3, 2022, under instrument number CA9759425
- 2. Assignment of Rents in favour of National Bank of Canada registered on March 3, 2022, under instrument number CA9759426

Personal Property Registry of British Columbia

3. Base Registration Number 572887N in favour of National Bank of Canada

SCHEDULE "E"

PERMITTED ENCUMBRANCES, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS RELATED TO REAL PROPERTY

Exceptions and Reservations in favour of Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company registered under instrument number M76300.

SCHEDULE "C"

NO. S-235306 VANCOUVER REGISTRY

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

BETWEEN:

NATIONAL BANK OF CANADA

PETITIONER

AND:

1239583 B.C. LTD.

RESPONDENT

ORDER MADE AFTER APPLICATION (FEE APPROVAL AND DISCHARGE ORDER)

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BEFORE THE HONOURABLE

WEDNESDAY, THE 25TH DAY

OF SEPTEMBER, 2024

ON THE APPLICATION of FTI Consulting Canada Inc. ("FTI"), in its capacity as the courtappointed receiver and receiver-manager (the "Receiver") of the assets, properties and undertakings (the "Property") of 1239583 B.C. Ltd. (the "Debtor"), coming on for hearing at Vancouver, British Columbia, on the 25th day of September, 2024; AND ON HEARING H. Lance Williams, counsel for the Receiver, and those other counsel listed on Schedule "A" hereto; AND UPON READING the material filed, including the First Receiver's Report, dated October 11, 2023 (the "First Report ") and the Second Receiver's Report, dated September 10, 2024 (the "Second Report" and, collectively with the First Report, the "Receiver's Reports") and the affidavit of H. Lance Williams, sworn on September 10, 2024 and the affidavit of Tom Powell, sworn on September 10, 2024 (collectively, the "Fee Affidavits");

THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES THAT:

APPROVAL OF ACTIVITIES AND FEES

1. The activities of the Receiver, as set out in the Receiver's Reports, are hereby approved.

- 2. The fees and disbursements of the Receiver and its counsel, as set out in the Fee Affidavits and Receiver's Reports, including the estimate of fees to conclude matters, be and are hereby approved, without the necessity of a formal passing of accounts in respect of any such fees incurred or charged after the date of this Order.
- 3. After payment of the fees and disbursements of the Receiver as herein approved, the Receiver shall pay all funds remaining in its hands to National Bank of Canada.

DISCHARGE AND RELEASE OF RECEIVER

- 4. Effective immediately upon the Receiver filing with this Court a certificate substantially in the form attached as Schedule "B" hereto (the "Receiver's Discharge Certificate"), confirming that (i) the Transaction (as defined in the Approval and Vesting Order) has been completed to the satisfaction of the Receiver, and (ii) all outstanding amounts secured by the Receiver's Charge (as defined in the Order of Justice Francis made September 8, 2023 (the "Receivership Order")) have been satisfied:
 - (a) FTI, in its capacity as Receiver, is hereby discharged as receiver and receivermanager of the Property;
 - (b) notwithstanding the discharge of the Receiver, the Receiver shall remain Receiver for the performance of such incidental duties as may be required to complete the administration of the receivership herein; and the Receiver shall continue to have the benefit of the provisions of all Orders made in this proceeding, including all approvals, protections and stays of proceedings in favour of FTI in its capacity as Receiver; and
 - (c) FTI shall be released and discharged from any and all liability that FTI now has or may hereafter have by reason of, or in any way arising out of, the acts or omissions of FTI while acting in its capacity as Receiver herein, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, FTI shall be forever released and discharged from any and all liability relating to matters that were raised, or which could have been raised, in the within proceedings.
- 5. Notwithstanding any provision herein, this Order shall not affect any person to whom notice of these proceedings was not delivered as required by the *Bankruptcy and*

Insolvency Act and regulations thereto, any other applicable enactment or any other Order of this Court.

6. Endorsement of this Order by counsel appearing on this application, other than counsel for the Receiver, is hereby dispensed with.

THE FOLLOWING PARTIES APPROVE OF THE FORM OF THIS ORDER AND CONSENT TO EACH OF THE ORDERS, IF ANY, THAT ARE INDICATED ABOVE AS BEING BY CONSENT:

Lawyer for FTI Consulting Canada Inc. McCarthy Tétrault LLP (H. Lance Williams)

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RECEIVER'S DISCHARGE CERTIFICATE

- A. All capitalized terms used in this Receiver's Certificate and not otherwise defined shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Order Made After Application (Fee Approval and Discharge) pronounced by the Honourable Justice ● of the Supreme Court of British Columbia (the "Court"), in the within proceedings, on ●, 2024 (the "Fee Approval and Discharge Order").
- B. Pursuant to the Fee Approval and Discharge Order, the Court provided for the discharge of the Receiver, upon the filing of this certificate by the Receiver, confirming that: (i) the Transaction (as defined in the Approval and Vesting Order) has been completed, to the satisfaction of the Receiver; and (ii) all outstanding amounts secured by the Receiver's Charge (as defined in the Receivership Order) have been satisfied.

THE RECEIVER HEREBY CONFIRMS AND CERTIFIES THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. The Transaction has been completed, to the satisfaction of the Receiver.
- 2. All outstanding amounts secured by the Receiver's Charge have been satisfied.

DATE THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2024

FTI CONSULTING CANADA INC., in its capacity as the court-appointed receiver and manager of the assets, properties, and undertakings of 1239583 B.C. Ltd., and not in its personal capacity.

Per:

Name: Title: