

SUPERIOR COURT
(Commercial Division)

CANADA

PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC
DISTRICT OF MONTRÉAL

N°: 500-11-048114-157

DATE: February 1, 2016

PRESIDING: THE HONOURABLE STEPHEN W. HAMILTON J.S.C.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT, R.S.C. 1985, c.
C-36, AS AMENDED:**

CLIFFS QUÉBEC IRON MINING ULC

WABUSH IRON CO. LIMITED

WABUSH RESOURCES INC.

ARNAUD RAILWAY COMPANY

Petitioners

-and-

INVESTISSEMENT QUÉBEC

-and-

SOCIÉTÉ FERROVIAIRE ET PORTUAIRE DE POINTE-NOIRE S.E.C.

Mises-en-cause

-and-

**THE LAND REGISTRAR FOR THE REGISTRY OFFICE FOR THE REGISTRATION DIVISION
OF SEPT-ÎLES**

**THE REGISTRAR OF THE REGISTER OF PERSONAL AND MOVABLE REAL RIGHTS
(QUÉBEC)**

Mises-en-cause

-and-

FTI CONSULTING CANADA INC.

Monitor

APPROVAL AND VESTING ORDER

- [1] **ON READING** the Petitioners' *Motion for the Issuance of an Approval and Vesting Order with respect to the sale of certain assets* as amended and re-amended (the "**Motion**"), the affidavit and the exhibits in support thereof, as well as the 17th and 18th Reports of the Monitor dated January 22 and 27, 2016, (the "**Report**");
- [2] **SEEING** the service of the Motion;
- [3] **SEEING** the submissions of the Petitioners' and the Monitor's attorneys;
- [4] **SEEING** that it is appropriate to issue an order approving the transaction (the "**Transaction**") contemplated by the agreement entitled Asset Purchase Agreement (the "**Purchase Agreement**") dated as of December 23, 2015 by and among Cliffs Québec Iron Mining ULC ("**CQIM**"), Wabush Iron Co. Limited, Wabush Resources Inc. and Arnaud Railway Company, as vendors (collectively, the "**Vendors**") and Investissement Québec, as purchaser, as assigned to the Mise-en-cause Société ferroviaire et portuaire de Pointe-Noire s.e.c. (the "**Purchaser**"), as assignee pursuant to an Assignment and Assumption Agreement dated as of January 29, 2016, and executed on February 1st, 2016, among Investissement Québec, the Purchaser and the Vendors (the "**Assignment and Assumption Agreement**"), a copy of the Purchase Agreement and the Assignment and Assumption Agreement were filed respectively as Exhibits R-10 and R-23 to the Motion, and vesting in the Purchaser all of the Vendors' right, title and interest in and to all of the Purchased Assets (as defined in the Purchase Agreement).

FOR THESE REASONS, THE COURT HEREBY:

- [5] **GRANTS** the Motion.
- [6] **ORDERS** that all capitalized terms in this Order shall have the meaning given to them in the Purchase Agreement unless otherwise indicated herein.

SERVICE

- [7] **ORDERS** that any prior time period for the presentation of this Motion is hereby abridged and validated so that this Motion is properly returnable today and hereby dispenses with further service thereof.
- [8] **PERMITS** service of this Order at any time and place and by any means whatsoever.

SALE APPROVAL

- [9] **ORDERS AND DECLARES** that the Transaction is hereby approved, and the execution of the Purchase Agreement by the Vendors is hereby authorized and approved, *nunc pro tunc*, without prejudice to the rights of creditors to object to the allocation of proceeds as among them and as among the Vendors, in each case for distribution purposes only.

- [10] **AUTHORIZES AND DIRECTS** the Monitor to hold the Deposit, *nunc pro tunc*, and to apply, disburse and/or deliver the Deposit or the applicable portions thereof in accordance with the provisions of the Purchase Agreement and this Order.

EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTATION

- [11] **AUTHORIZES AND DIRECTS** the Vendors, the Purchaser and the Monitor to perform all acts, sign all documents and take any necessary action to execute any agreement, contract, deed, provision, transaction or undertaking stipulated in or contemplated by the Purchase Agreement (Exhibit R-10), with such non-material alterations, changes, amendments, deletions or additions thereto as may be agreed to but only with the consent of the Monitor, and any other ancillary document which could be required or useful to give full and complete effect thereto.

AUTHORIZATION

- [12] **ORDERS and DECLARES** that this Order shall constitute the only authorization required by the Vendors to proceed with the Transaction and that no shareholder approval, if applicable, shall be required in connection therewith.

VESTING OF THE PURCHASED ASSETS

- [13] **ORDERS and DECLARES** that upon the issuance of a Monitor's certificate substantially in the form appended as **Schedule "A"** hereto (the "**Certificate**"), all rights, title and interest in and to the Purchased Assets shall vest absolutely and exclusively in and with the Purchaser, free and clear from any and all right, title, benefits, priorities, claims (including claims provable in bankruptcy in the event that the Vendors should be adjudged bankrupt), liabilities (direct, indirect, absolute or contingent), obligations, interests, prior claims, security interests (whether contractual, statutory or otherwise), liens, charges, hypothecs, mortgages, pledges, trusts, deemed trusts (whether contractual, statutory, or otherwise), assignments, judgments, executions, writs of seizure or execution, notices of sale, options, agreements, rights of distress, legal, equitable or contractual setoff, adverse claims, levies, taxes, disputes, debts, charges, options to purchase, rights of first refusal or other pre-emptive rights in favour of third parties, restrictions on transfer of title, or other claims or encumbrances, whether or not they have attached or been perfected, registered, published or filed and whether secured, unsecured or otherwise (collectively, the "**Encumbrances**"), including without limiting the generality of the foregoing all Encumbrances created by order of this Court and all charges, security interests or charges evidenced by registration, publication or filing pursuant to the Civil Code of Québec, or any other applicable legislation providing for a security interest in personal or movable property, excluding however, the permitted encumbrances, easements and restrictive covenants listed on **Schedule "B"** hereto (the "**Permitted Encumbrances**") and, for greater certainty, **ORDERS** that all of the Encumbrances affecting or relating to the Purchased Assets, other than the Permitted Encumbrances, be expunged and discharged as against the Purchased Assets, in each case effective as of the applicable time and date of the Certificate.
- [14] **ORDERS and DIRECTS** the Vendors to serve a copy of this Order to every party to the Assigned Agreements.
- [15] **ORDERS and DIRECTS** the Monitor, upon receipt of payment in full of the Cash Purchase Price, applicable Transfer Taxes payable by the Purchaser on Closing and the

Cure Costs payable by the Purchaser on Closing or evidence that such Cure Costs have been paid directly to the applicable counterparty, and of each of the Conditions Certificates, to (i) issue forthwith its Certificate concurrently to the Vendors and the Purchaser; and (ii) file forthwith after issuance thereof a copy of the Certificate with the Court.

- [16] **DECLARES** that the Monitor shall be at liberty to rely exclusively on the Conditions Certificates in issuing the Certificate, without any obligation to independently confirm or verify the waiver or satisfaction of the applicable conditions.
- [17] **AUTHORIZES and DIRECTS** the Monitor to receive and hold the Cash Purchase Price and to remit the Cash Purchase Price in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

CANCELLATION OF SECURITY REGISTRATIONS

- [18] **ORDERS** the Land Registrar of the Registry Office for the Registration Division of Sept-Îles, upon presentation of the Certificate in the form appended as Schedule "A" and a certified copy of this Order accompanied by the required application for registration and upon payment of the prescribed fees, to publish this Order and (i) to make an entry on the Land Register showing the Purchaser as the owner of the immovable property identified in **Schedule "C"** hereto (the **"Immovable Property"**) and (ii) to cancel any and all Encumbrances on the Immovable Property (other than Permitted Encumbrances), including, without limitation, the registrations published at the said Registry Office listed on **Schedule "D"** hereto.

NET PROCEEDS

- [19] **ORDERS** that any amounts payable to the Vendors in accordance with the Purchase Agreement (the **"Proceeds"**) shall be remitted to the Monitor and shall, subject to the provisions of this Order, be held by the Monitor on behalf of the Vendors pending further order of the Court.
- [20] **AUTHORIZES AND DIRECTS** the Monitor, as soon as practicable after Closing, to remit (i) to the applicable counterparty(ies) to each Assigned Contract, the Cure Costs received by the Monitor from the Purchaser on Closing, and (ii) to the Vendors for remittance to the applicable taxing authorities in accordance with Applicable Law, the Transfer Taxes received by the Monitor from the Purchaser on Closing, in the case of clause (i), in the amounts and to the persons as directed by the Purchaser and Vendor in writing to the Monitor on Closing.
- [21] **ORDERS** that for the purposes of determining the nature and priority of the Encumbrances, the balance of the Proceeds remaining following deduction for applicable Cure Costs (if any) and Transfer Taxes (if any is payable) that are remitted by the Monitor pursuant to Paragraph 20 of this Order (the **"Net Proceeds"**) shall stand in the place and stead of the Purchased Assets, and that upon the issuance of the Certificate, all Encumbrances except for the Permitted Encumbrances shall attach to the Net Proceeds with the same priority as they had with respect to the Purchased Assets immediately prior to the Closing, as if the Purchased Assets had not been sold and remained in the possession or control of the person having that possession or control immediately prior to the Closing.

- [22] **ORDERS** that the Purchaser shall have no recourse or claim of any kind against the Net Proceeds.

INTERIM DISTRIBUTION FROM NET PROCEEDS

- [23] **AUTHORIZES and DIRECTS** the Monitor, as soon as practicable after the Closing of the Transaction, to remit from the Net Proceeds attributable to the Wabush CCAA Parties to Cliffs Mining Company (the "**Interim Lender**") on behalf of the Wabush CCAA Parties the amount necessary to repay the Interim Lender in full the total amount outstanding under the Interim Financing Documents, including the Interim Lender Expenses (as each term is defined in the order of this Court dated May 20, 2015) (collectively, the "**Interim Lender Repayment**"), as such amounts were approved by the order of this Court granted on May 20, 2015 and as rectified by an order granted on May 28, 2015.

REMITTANCE OF SALE ADVISOR FEE

- [24] **AUTHORIZES and DIRECTS** the Monitor as soon as practicable after the Closing of the Transaction, to remit from the applicable Net Proceeds of each of the CCAA Parties to Moelis & Company LLC (the "**Sales Advisor**") amounts owing by each of the CCAA Parties, if any, in respect of the Transaction Fees (as that term is defined in the Engagement Letter) due and payable in accordance with the engagement letter (the "**Engagement Letter**") dated March 23, 2015 and secured by the Sale Advisor Charge (the "**Sale Advisor Fee**"), both as approved by the Order of this Court on April 17, 2015.

RELEASE OF FUNDS TO FUND COSTS AND EXPENSES OF THE WABUSH CCAA PARTIES

- [25] **AUTHORIZES and DIRECTS** the Monitor to fund the costs and expenses of the Wabush CCAA Parties (the "**Expense Payments**") out of the Net Proceeds (after the Interim Lender Repayment and payment of Sale Advisor Fee in accordance with this Order) by way of weekly draws by the Wabush CCAA Parties against cash flow projections to be prepared by the Wabush CCAA Parties from time to time and as approved by the Monitor and subject to the Monitor holding such reserves as it considers necessary to secure the CCAA Charges (as defined in the Initial Order).

- [26] **ORDERS** that notwithstanding:

- a) the pendency of these proceedings;
- b) any assignment in bankruptcy;
- c) any application for a bankruptcy or receivership order now or hereafter issued pursuant to the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act (the "**BIA**") or otherwise and any order issued pursuant to any such application; or
- d) the provisions of any federal or provincial legislation;

The remittance of the Interim Lender Repayment and the Sales Advisor Fee and the Expense Payments in accordance with this Order is to be binding on any trustee in bankruptcy or receiver that may be appointed, and shall not be void or voidable nor deemed to be a settlement, fraudulent preference, assignment, fraudulent conveyance,

transfer at undervalue or other reviewable transaction under the BIA or any other applicable federal or provincial legislation, as against the Vendors, the Purchaser or the Monitor, and shall not constitute oppressive or unfairly prejudicial conduct pursuant to any applicable federal or provincial legislation.

- [27] **AUTHORIZES** the Monitor to take any and all steps which the Monitor, in its sole discretion and in consultation with the Vendors, may deem necessary in order to give effect to the above orders for the Interim Lender Repayment, the Sales Advisor Fee or the Expense Payments. Any such remittances made by the Monitor will be made without prejudice to any arguments concerning the allocation of such remittances amongst the CCAA Parties and the CCAA Parties will subsequently bring a motion on notice to the service list for an order allocating the remittances amongst the CCAA Parties.

PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

- [28] **ORDERS** that, pursuant to sub-section 7(3)(c) of the *Canada Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act* or any similar provision of any applicable provincial legislation, the Vendors are authorized and permitted to disclose and transfer to the Purchaser all human resources and payroll information in the Vendors' records pertaining to the Vendors' past and current employees. The Purchaser shall maintain and protect the privacy of such information and shall be entitled to use the personal information provided to it in a manner which is in all material respects identical to the prior use of such information by the Vendors.

VALIDITY OF THE TRANSACTION

- [29] **ORDERS** that notwithstanding:

- a) the pendency of these proceedings;
- b) any assignment in bankruptcy;
- c) any application for a bankruptcy or receivership order now or hereafter issued pursuant to the BIA or otherwise and any order issued pursuant to any such application; or
- d) the provisions of any federal or provincial legislation;

the vesting of the Purchased Assets contemplated in this Order, as well as the execution of the Purchase Agreement pursuant to this Order, are to be binding on any trustee in bankruptcy or receiver that may be appointed, and shall not be void or voidable nor deemed to be a settlement, fraudulent preference, assignment, fraudulent conveyance, transfer at undervalue or other reviewable transaction under the BIA or any other applicable federal or provincial legislation, as against the Vendors, the Purchaser or the Monitor, and shall not constitute oppressive or unfairly prejudicial conduct pursuant to any applicable federal or provincial legislation.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

- [30] **DECLARES** that, subject to other orders of this Court, nothing herein contained shall require the Monitor to take control, or to otherwise manage all or any part of the

Purchased Assets. The Monitor shall not, as a result of this Order, be deemed to be in possession of any of the Purchased Assets within the meaning of environmental legislation, the whole pursuant to the terms of the CCAA.

- [31] **DECLARES** that no action lies against the Monitor by reason of this Order or the performance of any act authorized by this Order, except by leave of the Court. The entities related to the Monitor or belonging to the same group as the Monitor shall benefit from the protection arising under the present paragraph.

CONFIDENTIALITY

- [32] **ORDERS** that the summary of Qualified Bids filed with the Court as Exhibit R-17 shall be sealed, kept confidential and not form part of the public record, but rather shall be placed, separate and apart from all other contents of the Court file, in a sealed envelope attached to a notice that sets out the title of these proceedings and a statement that the contents are subject to a sealing order and shall only be opened prior to the Closing of the Transaction on further Order of the Court.

GENERAL

- [33] **DECLARES** that the Vendors and the Purchaser shall be authorized to take all steps as may be necessary to effect the discharge of the Encumbrances.
- [34] **DECLARES** that this Order shall have full force and effect in all provinces and territories in Canada.
- [35] **DECLARES** that the Monitor shall be authorized to apply as it may consider necessary or desirable, with or without notice, to any other court or administrative body, whether in Canada, the United States of America or elsewhere, for orders which aid and complement this Order. All courts and administrative bodies of all such jurisdictions are hereby respectfully requested to make such orders and to provide such assistance to the Monitor as may be deemed necessary or appropriate for that purpose.
- [36] **REQUESTS** the aid and recognition of any court or administrative body in any Province of Canada and any Canadian federal court or administrative body and any federal or state court or administrative body in the United States of America and any court or administrative body elsewhere, to act in aid of and to be complementary to this Court in carrying out the terms of this Order.
- [37] **ORDERS** the provisional execution of the present Order, including without limiting the general application of the foregoing, the Interim Lender Repayment and the Sales Advisor Fee, notwithstanding any appeal and without the requirement to provide any security or provision for costs whatsoever.

THE WHOLE WITHOUT COSTS, save in case of contestation.


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