

## Schedule "A"

### Procedures for the Sale and Investor Solicitation Process

On January 8, 2010, Canwest Publishing Inc. / Publications Canwest Inc. ("CPI"), Canwest (Canada) Inc. and Canwest Books Inc. (the "Applicants") obtained an initial order (the "Initial Order") under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* ("CCAA") from the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (the "Court"). The Initial Order also applies to Canwest Limited Partnership/Canwest Societe en Commandite (the "Limited Partnership", which together with the Applicants make up the "LP Entities"). As part of the Initial Order, the Court: (i) approved the Sale and Investor Solicitation Process (the "SISP") set forth herein to determine whether a Successful Bid (as defined below) can be obtained; and (ii) authorized CPI and the Limited Partnership to file the Senior Lenders CCAA Plan, pursuant to which, if there is no Successful Bid, 7272049 Canada Inc. ("AcquireCo") will acquire certain assets and assume certain liabilities of CPI (the "Credit Acquisition").

Set forth below are the procedures (the "SISP Procedures") to be followed with respect to a sale and investor solicitation process to be undertaken to seek a Successful Bid, and if there is a Successful Bid, to complete the transactions contemplated by the Successful Bid.

### Defined Terms

All capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Initial Order or in the Senior Lenders CCAA Plan, attached to the Initial Order. In addition, in these SISP Procedures:

**"CCAA Senior Lender Approval"** means a formal vote of the Senior Lenders under the CCAA, pursuant to which super majority approval of the Senior Lenders as required by the CCAA, being 66.7% by Cdn\$ and an absolute majority in number of the Senior Lenders that vote, is obtained;

**"Senior Secured Claims Amount"** means the aggregate amount owing (whether for principal, interest, fees, recoverable costs or otherwise) to the Senior Lenders and the Agent, as at the date upon which the transactions contemplated by the Successful Bid, if any, are completed, under:

- (i) the Senior Credit Agreement;
- (ii) all Hedging Agreements; and
- (iii) the LP Support Agreement,

in each case calculated based on the deemed conversion of claims denominated in US Dollars to Canadian Dollars on the Filing Date;

**"Superior Cash Offer"** means a credible, reasonably certain and financially viable offer that would result in a cash distribution to the Senior Lenders on closing of the transaction contemplated by the offer of the Senior Secured Claims Amount less a discount of Cdn \$25 million calculated as of the date of such closing (the "Reference Amount");

**“Superior Alternative Offer”** means a credible, reasonably certain and financially viable offer for the purchase of all or substantially all of the LP Property (for greater certainty, including any such offer where the cash component available for distribution to the Senior Lenders upon closing, if any, is less than the Reference Amount) or a reorganization of the LP Plan Entities, in each case approved by a CCAA Senior Lender Approval; and

**“Superior Offer”** means either a Superior Cash Offer or a Superior Alternative Offer.

### **Solicitation Process**

The SISP Procedures set forth herein describe, among other things, the LP Property available for sale and the opportunity for an investment in the LP Business, the manner in which prospective bidders may gain access to or continue to have access to due diligence materials concerning the LP Property and the LP Business, the manner in which bidders and bids become Qualified Bidders (as defined below) and Qualified Bids (as defined below), respectively, the receipt and negotiation of bids received, the ultimate selection of a Successful Bidder (as defined below) and the Court’s approval thereof (collectively, the **“Solicitation Process”**). The Monitor shall supervise the SISP Procedures and in particular shall supervise the Financial Advisor in connection therewith. The LP Entities are required to assist and support the efforts of the Monitor, the Financial Advisor, and the LP CRA as provided for herein. In the event that there is disagreement as to the interpretation or application of these SISP Procedures, the Court will have jurisdiction to hear and resolve such dispute.

### **Sale and Investment Opportunity**

A Confidential Information Memorandum describing the opportunity to acquire all or substantially all of the LP Property or invest in the LP Entities will be made available by the Financial Advisor to prospective purchasers or prospective strategic or financial investors that have executed a confidentiality agreement with the LP Entities. One or more Qualified Non-Binding Indications of Interest (as defined below) for less than substantially all of the LP Property will not be precluded from consideration as a Superior Cash Offer or Potential Superior Alternative Offer (as defined below).

### **"As Is, Where Is"**

The sale of the LP Property or investment in the LP Business will be on an "as is, where is" basis and without surviving representations or warranties of any kind, nature, or description by the Monitor, the LP Entities or any of their agents or estates, except to the extent set forth in the relevant sale or investment agreement with a Successful Bidder.

### **Free Of Any And All Claims And Interests**

In the event of a sale, all of the rights, title and interests of the LP Entities in and to the LP Property to be acquired will be sold free and clear of all pledges, liens, security interests, encumbrances, claims, charges, options, and interests thereon and there against (collectively, the **"Claims and Interests"**) pursuant to section 36(6) of the CCAA, such Claims and Interests to attach to the net proceeds of the sale of such LP Property (without prejudice to any claims or

causes of action regarding the priority, validity or enforceability thereof), except to the extent otherwise set forth in the relevant sale agreement with a Successful Bidder.

An investment in the LP Entities may, at the option of the Successful Bidder, include one or more of the following: a restructuring, recapitalization or other form of reorganization of the business and affairs of the LP Entities as a going concern; a sale of LP Property to a newly formed acquisition entity on terms described in the above paragraph; or a plan of compromise or arrangement pursuant to the CCAA or any applicable corporate legislation which compromises the Claims and Interests as set out therein.

### **Phase 1 - Initial Timing**

For a period of approximately eight weeks following the date of the Initial Order, or for such shorter period as the Monitor, in consultation with the Financial Advisor and the LP CRA, may determine appropriate (“**Phase 1**”), the Financial Advisor (with the assistance of the LP CRA and under the supervision of the Monitor and in accordance with the terms of the Initial Order) will solicit non-binding indications of interest from prospective strategic or financial parties to acquire the LP Property or to invest in the LP Entities (the “**Non-Binding Indications of Interest**”).

### **Publication Notice**

As soon as reasonably practicable after the granting of the Initial Order approving these SISP Procedures, but in any event no more than three (3) Business Days after the issuance of the Initial Order, the Monitor shall cause a notice of the sale and investor solicitation process contemplated by these SISP Procedures and such other relevant information which the Monitor, in consultation with the Financial Advisor, considers appropriate to be published in the National Post (National Edition). At the same time, the LP Entities shall issue a press release setting out the notice and such other relevant information in form and substance satisfactory to the Monitor, following consultation with the Financial Advisor, with Canada Newswire designating dissemination in Canada and major financial centres in the United States, Europe and Asia Pacific.

### **Participation Requirements**

Unless otherwise ordered by the Court or as otherwise determined by the Monitor (in consultation with the Financial Advisor, the LP CRA and the Agent), in order to participate in the Solicitation Process, each person (a “**Potential Bidder**”) must deliver to the Financial Advisor at the address specified in Schedule “1” hereto (including by email or fax transmission):

- (a) prior to the distribution of any confidential information by the Financial Advisor to a Potential Bidder (including the Confidential Information Memorandum), an executed confidentiality agreement in form and substance satisfactory to the Monitor, the Financial Advisor, the LP CRA and the LP Entities, which shall inure to the benefit of any purchaser of the LP Property or any investor in the LP Business. At the request of a Potential Bidder, the Confidential Information Memorandum shall also be provided to a proposed lender of such Potential Bidder that: (i) is reasonably acceptable to the

Financial Advisor; and (ii) executes a confidentiality agreement in form and substance satisfactory to the Monitor, the Financial Advisor, the LP CRA and the LP Entities; and

(b) on or prior to the Phase I Bid Deadline, as defined below, specific indication of the anticipated sources of capital for the Potential Bidder and preliminary evidence of the availability of such capital, or such other form of financial disclosure and credit-quality support or enhancement that will allow the Monitor, the Financial Advisor, the LP CRA and the Agent and each of their respective legal and financial advisors, to make, in their reasonable business or professional judgment, a reasonable determination as to the Potential Bidder's financial and other capabilities to consummate the transaction.

A Potential Bidder that has executed a confidentiality agreement, as described above, and delivers the documents described above, whose financial information and credit quality support or enhancement demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Monitor, in its reasonable business judgment, the financial capability of the Potential Bidder to consummate a transaction, and that the Monitor determines, in its reasonable business judgment, after consultation with the Financial Advisor, the LP CRA and the Agent is likely (based on availability of financing, experience and other considerations) to be able to consummate a Sale Proposal (as defined below) or an Investment Proposal (as defined below) will be deemed a "**Qualified Bidder**".

The determination as to whether a Potential Bidder is a Qualified Bidder will be made as promptly as practicable after a Potential Bidder delivers all of the materials required above. If it is determined that a Potential Bidder is a Qualified Bidder, the Financial Advisor will promptly notify the Potential Bidder that it is a Qualified Bidder.

### **Due Diligence**

The Financial Advisor shall provide any person seeking to become a Qualified Bidder that has executed a confidentiality agreement with a copy of the Confidential Information Memorandum. The Monitor, the Financial Advisor, the LP CRA and the LP Entities make no representation or warranty as to the information contained in the Confidential Information Memorandum or the information to be provided through the due diligence process in Phase 2 or otherwise, except, in the case of the LP Entities, to the extent otherwise contemplated under any definitive sale or investment agreement with a Successful Bidder executed and delivered by the LP Entities.

### **Phase 1**

#### **Seeking Non-Binding Indications of Interest by Qualified Bidders**

A Qualified Bidder that desires to participate in Phase 1 shall deliver written copies of a non-binding indication of interest to the Financial Advisor, at the address specified in Schedule "1" hereto (including by email or fax transmission), so as to be received by it not later than March 5, 2010 at 5:00 PM (Toronto time), or such other date or time as may be agreed by the Monitor, in consultation with the Financial Advisor and the LP CRA, and the Agent (the "**Phase 1 Bid Deadline**").

**Non-Binding Indications of Interest by Qualified Bidders**

A non-binding indication of interest submitted will be considered a Qualified Non-Binding Indication of Interest only if the bid is submitted on or before the Phase 1 Bid Deadline by a Qualified Bidder (pursuant to the criteria indicated above) and contains the following information (a “**Qualified Non-Binding Indication of Interest**”):

(a) An indication of whether the Qualified Bidder is offering to (i) acquire all or substantially all of the LP Property (a “**Sale Proposal**”) or (ii) make an investment in the LP Entities (an “**Investment Proposal**”);

(b) In the case of a Sale Proposal: it shall identify (i) the purchase price range (including liabilities to be assumed by the Qualified Bidder); (ii) any of the LP Property expected to be excluded or any additional assets desired to be included; (iii) the structure and financing of the transaction (including, but not limited to, the sources of financing for the purchase price, preliminary evidence of the availability of such financing and the steps necessary and associated timing to obtain the financing and any related contingencies, as applicable); (iv) any anticipated corporate, shareholder, internal or regulatory approvals required to close the transaction and the anticipated time frame and any anticipated impediments for obtaining such approvals; (v) additional due diligence required or desired to be conducted during Phase 2 (defined below), if any; (vi) any conditions to closing that the Qualified Bidder may wish to impose; (vii) any other terms or conditions of the Sale Proposal which the Qualified Bidder believes are material to the transaction; and (viii) whether, if the proposed transaction is completed, the newspapers operated by the LP Business and the National Post will continue to be “Canadian issues” of “Canadian newspapers” as defined in the *Income Tax Act* (Canada); and

(c) In the case of an Investment Proposal, it shall identify: (i) the direct or indirect investment target, whether the Limited Partnership or CPI or both; (ii) the aggregate amount of the equity and debt investment (including, the sources of such capital, preliminary evidence of the availability of such capital and the steps necessary and associated timing to obtain the capital and any related contingencies, as applicable) to be made in the LP Business; (iii) the underlying assumptions regarding the pro forma capital structure (including, the anticipated debt levels, debt service fees, interest and amortization); (iv) equity, if any, to be allocated to the Senior Secured Claims or to any other secured or unsecured creditors of the LP Entities; (v) the structure and financing of the transaction (including, but not limited to, whether and what portion of the Senior Secured Claims Amount is proposed to be paid on closing and all requisite financial assurance); (vi) any anticipated corporate, shareholder, internal or regulatory approvals required to close the transaction, the anticipated time frame and any anticipated impediments for obtaining such approvals; (vii) additional due diligence required or desired to be conducted during Phase 2, if any; (viii) any conditions to closing that the Qualified Bidder may wish to impose; (ix) any other terms or conditions of the Investment Proposal which the Qualified Bidder believes are material to the transaction; and (x) whether, if the proposed transaction is completed, the newspapers operated by the LP Business and the National Post will continue to be “Canadian issues” of “Canadian newspapers” as defined in the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

(d) In the case of a Sale Proposal or an Investment Proposal, it shall contain such other information reasonably requested by the Financial Advisor, in consultation with the LP CRA and the Agent.

Unless the Qualified Bidder otherwise indicates in its Sale Proposal or Investment Proposal, as the case may be, it shall be assumed for purposes of assessing the proposal that (i) substantially all of the employees of the LP Entities will become employees of the Qualified Bidder or remain employees of the LP Entities, as the case may be, and the proposed terms and conditions of employment to be offered to those employees will be substantially similar to their existing terms and conditions of employment; and (ii) all pension liabilities and assets related to any employees currently covered under any registered pension or retirement income plan or any post-retirement benefit plan will be assumed or purchased, as applicable, by the Qualified Bidder or will remain liabilities and assets of the LP Entities, as the case may be.

The Monitor, in consultation with the Financial Advisor and the LP CRA, may waive compliance with any one or more of the requirements specified herein and deem such non-compliant bids to be Qualified Non-Binding Indication of Interest, but only with the prior consent of the Agent, acting in consultation with the Steering Committee. Copies of all Qualified Non-Binding Indications of Interest shall be provided to the Agent on terms that permit the Agent to consult with respect thereto with the Steering Committee and other Senior Lenders on a confidential basis, subject only to the Monitor reserving its right not to provide information concerning the particulars of any of the Qualified Non-Binding Indications of Interest until after the conduct of the vote on the Senior Lenders CCAA Plan.

### **Assessment of Qualified Non-Binding Indications of Interest**

#### *I - Advance to Phase 2*

Within the one week period following the Phase 1 Bid Deadline, or by such other later date as may be agreed by the Monitor, in consultation with the Financial Advisor and the LP CRA, and the Agent, the Monitor will, in consultation with the Financial Advisor, the LP CRA and the Agent, assess the Qualified Non-Binding Indications of Interest received during Phase 1, if any, and will determine whether there is a reasonable prospect of obtaining either (a) one or more Superior Cash Offers; or (b) one or more Superior Alternative Offers (if prior to closing approved by CCAA Senior Lender Approval) that could generate value for the general unsecured creditors of the LP Entities. If the Monitor determines that there is such a reasonable prospect, the Monitor will recommend to the Special Committee that the SISP continue for a further seven weeks in accordance with these SISP Procedures (“**Phase 2**”). If the Special Committee accepts such recommendation, the SISP will immediately thereafter continue to Phase 2. If the Special Committee does not accept such recommendation, the Monitor will report to the Court that the Special Committee does not accept such recommendation, and will seek advice and directions from the Court with respect to the SISP.

If the SISP does not proceed to Phase 2 under the prior paragraph, the Monitor will forthwith advise the Agent and thereafter consult with the Agent, the LP CRA and the Financial Advisor to assess whether there is a reasonable prospect of a Qualified Non-Binding Indication of Interest resulting in a Superior Alternative Offer (a “**Potential Superior Alternative Offer**”).

If the Monitor determines that there is a Potential Superior Alternative Offer, the Monitor will forthwith so advise the Agent. If CCAA Senior Lender Approval has been obtained for the Senior Lenders CCAA Plan, and if the Agent, acting in consultation with the Steering Committee, considers it highly unlikely that the Potential Superior Alternative Offer would receive CCAA Senior Lender Approval, it may elect, by notice to the Monitor, for a delay of two weeks to consult with relevant Senior Lenders. If within those two weeks, the Agent provides satisfactory written confirmation to the Monitor that Senior Lenders holding more than 33.3% of the Senior Secured Claims do not support pursuing the Potential Superior Alternative Offer, it shall be deemed that there is no reasonable prospect of the Potential Superior Alternative Offer resulting in a Superior Alternative Offer. If the Agent does not so notify the Monitor within such period, the SISP will proceed to Phase 2.

## *II. Terminate SISP*

The Monitor shall recommend to the Special Committee that the SISP be terminated at the end of Phase 1 if:

1. no Qualified Non-Binding Indication of Interest is received by the Financial Advisor;  
or
2. the Monitor determines that there is no reasonable prospect that any Qualified Non-Binding Indication of Interest received will result in a Superior Cash Offer or in a Superior Alternative Offer.

If the Special Committee does not accept the Monitor's recommendation to terminate the SISP at the end of Phase 1, the Monitor shall advise the Court and seek advice and directions of the Court with respect to the SISP. If the SISP is terminated pursuant to the Monitor's recommendation or pursuant to Court Order, the LP Entities shall promptly, and if they do not, the Agent may: (i) apply for Court sanction of the Senior Lenders CCAA Plan in accordance with the Initial Order and (ii) take steps to complete the Credit Acquisition, subject to satisfaction of the conditions precedent under and compliance with the terms and conditions of (a) the Senior Lenders CCAA Plan, (b) the Acquisition and Assumption Agreement between Acquireco and the LP Entities (the "**Credit Acquisition Agreement**"), and (c) the LP Support Agreement made among the LP Entities and the Agent dated January 8, 2010 (the "**LP Support Agreement**"). The Financial Advisor shall also notify each Qualified Bidder that submitted a Qualified Non-Binding Indication of Interest that the SISP has been terminated.

## Phase 2

### Seeking Qualified Bids by Qualified Bidders

At the outset of Phase 2, the Monitor shall, in its reasonable business judgment, in consultation with the Financial Advisor, the LP CRA and the Agent, recommend to the Special Committee whether any Qualified Bidders should be eliminated from the SISP (the "**Elimination Recommendation**"). If the Special Committee disagrees with the Elimination Recommendation, the Monitor shall advise the Court and seek advice and directions of the Court with respect to the SISP.

During Phase 2, each Qualified Bidder that is not eliminated from the SISP in accordance with these SISP Procedures and, at the request of such a Qualified Bidder, a proposed lender of such Qualified Bidder that: (i) is reasonably acceptable to the Financial Advisor; and (ii) executes a confidentiality agreement in form and substance satisfactory to the Monitor, the Financial Advisor, the LP CRA and the LP Entities, shall have such due diligence access to materials and information relating to the LP Property and the LP Business as the Financial Advisor, in its reasonable business judgment, in consultation with Monitor, deems appropriate, having regard to the advance to Phase 2 and the requirements of a Qualified Purchase Bid (defined below) and a Qualified Investment Bid (defined below), including, as appropriate, meetings with senior management of the LP Entities and facility tours.

A Qualified Bidder that is not eliminated from the SISP in accordance with these SISP Procedures and which desires to participate in Phase 2 will deliver written copies of a Qualified Purchase Bid or a Qualified Investment Bid to the Financial Advisor at the address specified in Schedule "1" hereto (including by email or fax transmission) so as to be received by it not later than 5:00 pm (Toronto time) on the date which is seven (7) weeks following the commencement of Phase 2, or such other date or time as may be agreed by the Financial Advisor, in consultation with the Monitor and the LP CRA, and the Agent (the "**Phase 2 Bid Deadline**").

#### **Qualified Purchase Bids**

A bid submitted to acquire all or substantially all of the LP Property will be considered a Qualified Purchase Bid only if (i) the bid is submitted by a Qualified Bidder who submitted a Qualified Non-Binding Indication of Interest on or before the Phase 1 Bid Deadline, (ii) the Qualified Bidder was not eliminated from the SISP in accordance with these SISP Procedures and (iii) and the bid complies with all of the following (a "**Qualified Purchase Bid**"):

(a) it includes a letter stating that the bidder's offer is irrevocable until the earlier of (x) the selection of the Successful Bidder and (y) thirty (30) days following the Phase 2 Bid Deadline, provided that if such bidder is selected as the Successful Bidder, its offer shall remain irrevocable until the closing of the sale to the Successful Bidder;

(b) it includes a duly authorized and executed purchase agreement, including the purchase price for assets proposed to be acquired expressed in Canadian dollars (the "**Purchase Price**"), together with all exhibits and schedules thereto, and such ancillary agreements as may be required by the bidder with all exhibits and schedules thereto (or term sheets that describe the material terms and provisions of such agreements);

(c) it includes written evidence of a firm, irrevocable commitment for financing, or other evidence of ability to consummate the proposed transaction, that will allow the Monitor, in consultation with the Financial Advisor, the LP CRA and the Agent, to make a reasonable determination as to the Qualified Bidder's financial and other capabilities to consummate the transaction contemplated by the bid;

(d) it is not conditioned on (i) the outcome of unperformed due diligence by the bidder and/or (ii) obtaining financing;

(e) it fully discloses the identity of each entity that will be sponsoring or participating in the bid, and the complete terms of any such participation;

(f) it includes an acknowledgement and representation that the bidder: (i) has relied solely upon its own independent review, investigation and/or inspection of any documents and/or the assets to be acquired and liabilities to be assumed in making its bid; and (ii) did not rely upon any written or oral statements, representations, promises, warranties or guaranties whatsoever, whether express or implied (by operation of law or otherwise), regarding the assets to be acquired or liabilities to be assumed or the completeness of any information provided in connection therewith, except as expressly stated in the purchase agreement;

(g) it includes evidence, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Monitor: (i) of authorization and approval from the bidder's board of directors (or comparable governing body) with respect to the submission, execution, delivery and closing of the transaction contemplated by the bid and (ii) that, if the proposed transaction is completed, the newspapers operated by the LP Business and the National Post will continue to be "Canadian issues" of "Canadian newspapers" as defined in the *Income Tax Act (Canada)*;

(h) it is accompanied by a refundable deposit (the "**Deposit**") in the form of a wire transfer (to a bank account specified by the Monitor), or such other form acceptable to the Monitor, payable to the order of the Monitor, in trust, in an amount equal to Cdn\$10 million to be held and dealt with in accordance with these SISP Procedures;

(i) it (i) contains full details of the proposed number of employees of the LP Entities who will become employees of the bidder and the proposed terms and conditions of employment to be offered to those employees and (ii) identifies any pension liabilities and assets related to any employees currently covered under any registered pension or retirement income plan who will become employees of the bidder that the bidder intends to assume or purchase;

(j) it contains other information reasonably requested by the Financial Advisor, in consultation with the Monitor, the LP CRA and the Agent; and

(k) it is received by the Phase 2 Bid Deadline.

### **Qualified Investment Bids**

A bid submitted to make an investment in the LP Entities will be considered a Qualified Investment Bid only if (i) the bid is submitted by a Qualified Bidder who submitted a Qualified Non-Binding Indication of Interest on or before the Phase 1 Bid Deadline, (ii) the Qualified Bidder was not eliminated from the SISP in accordance with these SISP Procedures and (iii) the bid complies with all of the following (a "**Qualified Investment Bid**"):

(a) it includes a duly authorized and executed term sheet describing the terms and conditions of the proposed transaction, including details regarding the proposed

equity and debt structure of the LP Entities following completion of the proposed transaction (the "**Term Sheet**");

(b) it includes a letter stating that the bidder's offer is irrevocable until the earlier of (x) the selection of the Successful Bidder and (y) thirty (30) days following the Phase 2 Bid Deadline, provided that if such bidder is selected as the Successful Bidder, its offer shall remain irrevocable until the closing of the investment by the Successful Bidder;

(c) it includes written evidence of a firm, irrevocable commitment for financing, or other evidence of ability to consummate the proposed transaction, that will allow the Monitor, in consultation with the Financial Advisor, the LP CRA and the Agent, to make a reasonable determination as to the bidder's financial and other capabilities to consummate the transaction contemplated by the bid;

(d) it is not conditioned on (i) the outcome of unperformed due diligence by the bidder and/or (ii) obtaining financing;

(e) it fully discloses the identity of each entity that will be sponsoring or participating in the bid, and the complete terms of any such participation;

(f) it includes an acknowledgement and representation that the bidder: (i) has relied solely upon its own independent review, investigation and/or inspection of any documents in making its bid; and (ii) did not rely upon any written or oral statements, representations, promises, warranties or guaranties whatsoever, whether express or implied (by operation of law or otherwise), regarding the business of the LP Entities or the completeness of any information provided in connection therewith except as expressly stated in the Term Sheet;

(g) it includes evidence, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Monitor, (i) of authorization and approval from the bidder's board of directors (or comparable governing body) with respect to the submission, execution, delivery and closing of the transaction contemplated by the bid; and (ii) that, if the proposed transaction is completed, the newspapers operated by the LP Business and the National Post will continue to be "Canadian issues" of "Canadian newspapers" as defined in the *Income Tax Act* (Canada);

(h) it is accompanied by a refundable deposit (the "**Good Faith Deposit**") in the form of a wire transfer (to a bank account specified by the Monitor), or such other form acceptable to the Monitor, payable to the order of the Monitor, in trust, in an amount equal to Cdn\$10 million to be held and dealt with in accordance with these SISF Procedures,;

(i) it contains other information reasonably requested by the Monitor, the Financial Advisor, the LP CRA or the Agent; and

(j) it is received by the Phase 2 Bid Deadline.

Qualified Investment Bids and Qualified Purchase Bids shall hereinafter be referred to as “**Qualified Bids**” and each a “**Qualified Bid**”.

The Monitor, in consultation with the Financial Advisor and the LP CRA, may waive compliance with any one or more of the requirements specified herein and deem such non-compliant bids to be Qualified Investment Bids or Qualified Purchase Bids, as the case may be, but only with the prior consent of the Agent, acting in consultation with the Steering Committee. Copies of all Qualified Bids shall be provided to the Agent on terms that permit the Agent to consult with respect thereto with the Steering Committee and other Senior Lenders on a confidential basis, subject only to the Monitor reserving its right not to provide information concerning the particulars of any of the Qualified Bid until after the conduct of the vote on the Senior Lenders CCAA Plan.

If at any point during Phase 2, the Monitor determines, in consultation with the Financial Advisor, the LP CRA, and the Agent, that a Successful Bid will not be obtained by the Phase 2 Bid Deadline, (i) it will advise the Special Committee, the Financial Advisor, the LP CRA and the Agent of that fact; and (ii) following that advice, the Monitor and the LP Entities shall promptly, and if they do not, the Agent may, apply for Court sanction of the Senior Lenders CCAA Plan in accordance with the Initial Order, including completion of the Credit Acquisition, subject to satisfaction of the conditions precedent under and compliance with the terms and conditions of (a) the Senior Lenders CCAA Plan, (b) the Credit Acquisition Agreement and (c) the LP Support Agreement.

#### **No Qualified Bids**

If none of the Qualified Bids received by the Financial Advisor constitute Superior Offers, the LP Entities shall promptly, and if they do not, the Agent may, apply for Court sanction of the Senior Lenders CCAA Plan in accordance with the Initial Order, including completion of the Credit Acquisition, subject to satisfaction of the conditions precedent under and compliance with the terms and conditions of (a) the Senior Lenders CCAA Plan, (b) the Credit Acquisition Agreement and (c) the LP Support Agreement.

#### **Superior Cash Offer is Received**

If the Monitor determines in its reasonable business judgment following consultation with the Financial Advisor and the LP CRA, that one or more of the Qualified Bids is a Superior Cash Offer, the Monitor, in consultation with the Financial Advisor and the LP CRA, shall recommend (the “**Superior Cash Offer Recommendation**”) to the Special Committee that the most favourable Superior Cash Offer be selected and that a definitive agreement be negotiated and settled in respect of that Superior Cash Offer, conditional upon Court approval and conditional on the Superior Cash Offer closing within 60 days after the Phase 2 Bid Deadline, or such longer period as shall be agreed to by the Monitor, in consultation with the Financial Advisor and the LP CRA, and consented to by the Agent, acting in consultation with the Steering Committee.

If the Special Committee accepts the Superior Cash Offer Recommendation, the Monitor, in consultation with the Financial Advisor and the LP CRA, shall negotiate and settle a definitive

agreement in accordance with the recommendation but subject to the terms and conditions of the Senior Lenders CCAA Plan.

If the Special Committee does not wish to proceed with the Superior Cash Offer recommended by the Monitor, the Monitor shall advise the Court and seek advice and directions from the Court with respect to the SISP.

### **Superior Alternative Offer is Received**

If the Monitor does not receive a Superior Cash Offer but receives a Qualified Bid which the Monitor determines, in consultation with the Financial Advisor, the LP CRA and the Agent, is a Potential Superior Alternative Offer, the Monitor shall so advise the Agent. If CCAA Senior Lender Approval has been obtained for the Senior Lenders CCAA Plan, and if the Agent, acting in consultation with the Steering Committee, considers it highly unlikely that the Potential Superior Alternative Offer would receive CCAA Senior Lender Approval, it may elect, by notice to the Monitor, for a delay of two weeks to consult with relevant Senior Lenders. If within those two weeks, the Agent provides satisfactory written confirmation to the Monitor that Senior Lenders holding more than 33.3% of the Senior Secured Claims do not support pursuing the Potential Superior Alternative Offer, it shall be deemed that there is no reasonable prospect of the Potential Superior Alternative Offer resulting in a Superior Alternative Offer. If the Agent does not so notify the Monitor within such period, the Monitor, in consultation with the Financial Advisor and the LP CRA, shall recommend (the “**Superior Alternative Offer Recommendation**”) to the Special Committee that the Monitor, in consultation with the Financial Advisor and the LP CRA, and the Agent negotiate a definitive agreement in respect of the Potential Superior Alternative Offer, conditional upon Court approval and CCAA Senior Lender Approval and on the Superior Alternative Offer closing within 60 days after the Phase 2 Bid Deadline, or such longer period as shall be agreed to by the Monitor and the Agent acting in consultation with the Steering Committee.

In the event that the Special Committee does not accept the Superior Alternative Offer Recommendation, the Monitor shall so advise the Court and seek its advice and directions with respect to the SISP.

In the event that the Special Committee does accept the Superior Alternative Offer Recommendation, the Monitor, in consultation with the Financial Advisor and the LP CRA, and the Agent shall negotiate a definitive agreement in accordance with such recommendation and thereafter the Monitor, in consultation with the Financial Advisor and the LP CRA, or the Agent shall have the right to seek CCAA Senior Lender Approval of the Potential Superior Alternative Offer.

If within the two week delay referred to above, the Agent provides satisfactory written confirmation to the Monitor that Senior Lenders holding more than 33.3% of the Senior Secured Claims do not support pursuing the Potential Superior Alternative Offer or if CCAA Senior Lender Approval is sought but not obtained, then the LP Entities shall promptly, and if they do not, the Agent may, apply for Court sanction of the Senior Lenders CCAA Plan in accordance with the Initial Order, including completion of the Credit Acquisition, subject to satisfaction of

the conditions precedent under and compliance with the terms and conditions of (a) the Senior Lenders CCAA Plan, (b) the Credit Acquisition Agreement and (c) the LP Support Agreement.

Once a definitive agreement has been negotiated and settled in respect of the Superior Offer which has been selected by the Monitor or by Court Order (the “**Selected Superior Offer**”) in accordance with the provisions hereof, the Selected Superior Offer shall be the “**Successful Bid**” hereunder and the person(s) who made the Selected Superior Offer shall be the “**Successful Bidder**” hereunder.

### **Approval Motion**

The hearing to authorize some or all of the Applicants to enter into agreements with respect to the Successful Bid (the “**Approval Motion**”) will be held on a date to be scheduled by the Court upon application by the Applicants. The Approval Motion may be adjourned or rescheduled by the Monitor with the consent of the Agent, acting in consultation with the Steering Committee, without further notice by an announcement of the adjourned date at the Approval Motion. All Qualified Bids (other than the Successful Bid) shall be deemed rejected on and as of the date of approval of the Successful Bid by the Court.

### **Deposits**

All Deposits shall be retained by the Monitor and invested in an interest bearing trust account. If there is a Successful Bid, the Deposit (plus accrued interest) paid by the Successful Bidder whose bid is approved at the Approval Motion shall be applied to the purchase price to be paid or investment amount to be made by the Successful Bidder upon closing of the approved transaction and will be non-refundable. The Deposits (plus applicable interest) of Qualified Bidders not selected as the Successful Bidder shall be returned to such bidders within five Business Days of the date upon which the Successful Bid is approved by the Court. If there is no Successful Bid, all Deposits shall be returned to the bidders within five Business Days of the date upon which the SISIP is terminated in accordance with these procedures.

### **Approvals**

For greater certainty, the approvals required pursuant to the terms hereof are in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other approvals required by the CCAA or any other statute or are otherwise required at law in order to implement a Successful Bid or the Senior Lenders CCAA Plan.

**No Amendment**

There shall be no amendments to this SISP, including, for greater certainty the process and procedures set out herein, without the consent of the Agent, acting in consultation with the Steering Committee.

**Further Orders**

At any time during the Solicitation Process, the Monitor may, following consultation with the Financial Advisor, the LP CRA and the Agent, apply to the Court for advice and directions with respect to the discharge of its powers and duties hereunder.

**Schedule "1"**

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