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JUDICIAL CENTRE CALGARY May 29, 2020
Justice Eidsvik

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

**AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR
ARRANGEMENT OF DOMINION DIAMOND MINES ULC,
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DOMINION DIAMOND CANADA ULC, WASHINGTON
DIAMOND INVESTMENTS, LLC, DOMINION DIAMOND
HOLDINGS, LLC AND DOMINION FINCO INC.**

DOCUMENT **APPLICATION**

ADDRESS FOR SERVICE AND CONTACT INFORMATION OF PARTY FILING THIS DOCUMENT **(SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED INITIAL ORDER)**
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NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENTS

This application is made against you. You are a respondent. You have the right to state your side of this matter before the Court. To do so, you must be in Court when the application is heard as shown below:

Date: May 29, 2020

Time: 9:15 a.m.

Where: Calgary Courts Centre, 601 – 5th Street S.W., Calgary (Virtual Courtroom Via Webex)

Before: The Honourable Justice Eidsvik

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Remedy claimed or sought:

1. The applicants, Dominion Diamond Mines ULC (“**Dominion Diamond**”), Dominion Diamond Delaware Company, LLC, Dominion Diamond Canada ULC, Washington Diamond Investments, LLC, Dominion Diamond Holdings, LLC, and Dominion Finco Inc. (together, the “**Applicants**”) seek an order (the “**Second ARIO**”) substantially in the form attached as **Schedule “A”** to this Application, among other things:

- (a) to the extent required, abridging the time for service of this application, deeming service of this application and supporting materials to be good and sufficient, and dispensing with any further service thereof;
- (b) subject to approval by the Monitor, authorizing and directing Dominion Diamond, Washington Diamond Investments, LLC, and Dominion Diamond Holdings, LLC, as vendors (collectively, the “**Dominion Vendors**”), to negotiate and finalize a definitive “stalking horse” agreement of purchase and sale (such definitive agreement being the “**Stalking Horse Bid**”) with Washington Diamond Investments Holdings II, LLC, or its designated nominee, as purchaser (the “**Stalking Horse Bidder**”), substantially in accordance with the terms of the “stalking horse” term sheet (the “**Stalking Horse Term Sheet**”) negotiated among the Dominion Vendors and the Stalking Horse Bidder;
- (c) approving a sale and investment solicitation process (“**SISP**”) with respect to the Dominion Vendors’ business and assets which will, among other things, allow the Dominion Vendors to seek to identify any superior bid to the Stalking Horse Bid;
- (d) authorizing the Dominion Vendors to reimburse the Stalking Horse Bidder for certain fees incurred by it in connection with the negotiation of the Stalking Horse

Term Sheet, the Stalking Horse Bid and the SISP and approving certain bid protections in favour of the Stalking Horse Bidder should a bid superior to that of the Stalking Horse Bid be selected in accordance with the SISP;

- (e) approving the interim financing term sheet (the “**Interim Financing Term Sheet**”) between Dominion Diamond, as borrower, and an affiliate of the Stalking Horse Bidder, Washington Diamond Lending, LLC, and the other lenders party thereto (collectively the “**Interim Lenders**”), as lenders, and Credit Suisse AG, Cayman Islands Branch, as the administrative agent and collateral agent of the Applicants’ revolving credit facility lenders, and granting the Interim Lenders’ Charge (as defined in the Second ARIO) on the terms and with the priority set out in the proposed Second ARIO;
- (f) approving the Financial Advisor Agreement (as defined below) between the Applicants and Evercore Group L.L.C. (“**Evercore**”) and granting the Financial Advisor Charge (as defined in the Second ARIO) on the terms and with the priority set out in the proposed Second ARIO;
- (g) approving a key employee retention plan (“**KERP**”) for a limited number of the Applicants’ key employees (the “**Key Employees**”), authorizing and directing the Applicants to enter into the KERP and to pay Incentive Bonuses (as defined in the Second ARIO) to each of the Key Employees, and granting the KERP Charge (as defined in the Second ARIO) on the terms and with the priority set out in the proposed Second ARIO; and
- (h) extending the Stay Period (as defined in the Initial Order granted by this Court on April 22, 2020, as amended and restated by the Order of this Court granted on May 1, 2020) from June 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020.

2. Such further and other relief as this Court deems just.

Basis for this claim:

Capitalized terms

3. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Notice of Application have the meanings ascribed to them in the Second ARIO.

Background

4. The Applicants' ability to conduct their business and generate revenue has been constrained by their highly-leveraged capital structure, and recently and seriously impaired by the sudden and rapidly spreading coronavirus pandemic that has severely limited the Applicants' ability to move their rough diamond inventory from the point of extraction at the Ekati Mine and Diavik Mine to the Applicants' sorting facilities for further movement for eventual sale on the world market.

5. The Applicants' inability to generate revenues from ordinary course sales of diamond inventory, among other factors, has created a liquidity crisis for the Applicants that has rendered them insolvent and in urgent need of protection under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*, RSC 1985, c C-36, as amended (the "**CCAA**").

6. On April 22, 2020, upon the application of the Applicants, this Court granted an initial order (the "**Initial Order**") with respect to the Applicants under the CCAA.

7. On May 1, 2020, this Court granted an amended and restated initial order (the "**ARIO**") that, among other things, extended the Stay Period from May 2, 2020 to June 1, 2020.

The Stalking Horse Term Sheet, SISP, and Interim Financing Term Sheet

8. In their Application to this Court for the Initial Order, the Applicants advised that their restructuring plan while under CCAA protection would involve, among other things, efforts to:

- (a) undertake a sale and investment solicitation process to maximize the value of the Applicants' business and property for the benefit of stakeholders; and
- (b) obtain interim financing necessary to pursue the Applicants' restructuring efforts in the context of these CCAA proceedings, including the funding of operating disbursements, the costs associated with implementing their restructuring plans, and the costs of administering these CCAA proceedings.

9. Following several weeks of discussions and negotiations, the Applicants' restructuring efforts have culminated in the Stalking Horse Bidder's integrated restructuring proposal (the "**Restructuring Proposal**"), which consists of the following three (3) key interconnected components:

- (a) the Stalking Horse Term Sheet which forms the basis of the proposed Stalking Horse Bid, which would in turn set the “floor price” for the acquisition of substantially all the Dominion Vendors’ business and assets;
- (b) the SISP that provides for a process to identify potentially higher and better offers than provided for by the Stalking Horse Bid; and
- (c) the Interim Financing Term Sheet which provides the Applicants with funding required to meet their operational and administrative expenses through to the completion of the SISP.

10. While the Stalking Horse Bid may, or may not, be the final or best bid at the end of the SISP, in the view of the Applicants and the Financial Advisor it provides significant value by, among other things, (a) setting a “floor price” that will potentially be bested by any bids received under the SISP; and (b) demonstrating that there will be a going concern outcome for the Applicants’ business.

11. The terms of the SISP, which will govern the solicitation of potentially higher and better offers for the Applicants’ assets than provided for in the Stalking Horse Bid, provide an appropriate test for whether the Stalking Horse Bid delivers the best possible result for all stakeholders. The implementation of the SISP will result in a fair and reasonable process that will adequately canvass the market in order to maximize value for the Applicants’ assets for the benefit of the Applicants’ stakeholders.

12. The terms of the Interim Financing Term Sheet are fair and reasonable in the circumstances, are necessary, and are in the best interest of the Applicants and their stakeholders having regard to, among other things, (a) the period during which the Applicants are expected to be subject to these CCAA proceedings; (b) the timelines provided for by the SISP; and (c) how the Applicants’ business and financial affairs are to be managed during these CCAA proceedings and the SISP process.

13. Approval of the Stalking Horse Term Sheet, the SISP, and the Interim Financing Term Sheet, which together comprise the integrated Restructuring Proposal, will enhance the prospects of a viable restructuring of the Applicants’ business and financial affairs, including by allowing for the effective execution of the SISP, and assist the Applicants’ efforts to maximize value through these CCAA proceedings.

14. The Monitor supports this Court's approval of the Stalking Horse Term Sheet, the SISP, and the Interim Financing Term Sheet on the terms set out in the proposed Second ARIO.

Key Employment Retention Plan (KERP) Approval and Charge

15. The Applicants, in consultation with the Monitor, have developed a KERP for a limited number of Key Employees identified by the Applicants as important for advancing Dominion's restructuring efforts.

16. It is in the best interests of the Applicants and their stakeholders that the Key Employees continue their employment with the Applicants. The KERP is designed to facilitate and encourage the continued participation of Key Employees in the business and the restructuring.

17. The Applicants believe the terms of the KERP, which have been developed in consultation with the Monitor, are reasonable and critical to ensuring that the Key Employees continue in their employment and a successful restructuring and that the KERP Charge is reasonable and necessary in the circumstances.

18. The Applicants are seeking an order sealing the Confidential Merrin Affidavit Exhibit, which includes commercially sensitive information on the Key Employees and the KERP. This information, if disclosed, would reveal personal and confidential information about the Key Employees to potential market competitors, which could negatively impact the ability of the Applicants to retain these Key Employees and would likely frustrate their restructuring plans. The salutary effects of sealing the Confidential Merrin Affidavit Exhibit on the Court record outweigh the deleterious effects of granting this relief.

Financial Advisor Agreement Approval and Charge

19. Dominion Diamond engaged Evercore as a financial advisor to Dominion prior to the commencement of these CCAA proceedings pursuant to an engagement letter dated April 8, 2020 between Dominion Diamond and Evercore (as amended on April 22, 2020, the "**Financial Advisor Agreement**").

20. The terms of Evercore's engagement, as set out in the Financial Advisor Agreement, were negotiated among Dominion and Evercore, in consultation with the Monitor, and are within the range of comparable market arrangements.

21. The Applicants believe that the engagement of Evercore pursuant to the Financial Advisor Agreement has been, and will continue to be, in the best interest of the Applicants and their stakeholders.

22. The Applicants require the expertise, knowledge, and continued participation of the Financial Advisor as they pursue restructuring efforts for the benefit of their stakeholders and believe that the Financial Advisors' Charge is reasonable and necessary to ensure their continued assistance and participation in these proceedings. The Applicants do not possess the necessary expertise to pursue the restructuring efforts without the Financial Advisor's expertise.

A Stay Extension is Necessary and Appropriate

23. The Applicants request that the Stay Period that is currently set to expire on June 1, 2020 be extended until August 31, 2020.

24. Since the granting of the Initial Order, the Applicants have acted, and are continuing to act, in good faith and with due diligence to maintain the stability of their business and financial affairs as the Applicants pursue restructuring efforts for the benefit of their stakeholders.

25. The length of the stay extension sought by the Applicants is reasonable having regard to the current state of the Applicants' restructuring plans and the timelines set out in the SISP.

26. With the benefit of the interim financing to be provided pursuant to the Interim Financing Term Sheet, the Applicants will have sufficient funds to continue their operations and fund these CCAA proceedings through the proposed extension of the Stay Period to August 31, 2020.

27. The Monitor supports the requested extension of the Stay Period.

Affidavit or other evidence to be used in support of this application:

28. The Applicants intend to rely upon the following materials:

- (a) the affidavit of John Startin, sworn May 21, 2020;
- (b) the affidavit of Brendan Bell, sworn May 21, 2020;
- (c) the affidavit of Patrick Merrin, sworn May 11, 2020;
- (d) Fourth Report of the Monitor, to be filed; and

- (e) such further and other evidence as counsel may advise and this Honourable Court may permit.

Applicable Rules:

- 29. The Alberta *Rules of Court* (AR 124/2010); and

Applicable Acts and Regulations:

- 30. The Applicants will rely upon and refer to the following during the making of the application:
 - (a) the CCAA; and
 - (b) such further and other Acts and regulations as counsel may advise.

Any irregularity complained of or objection relied on:

- 31. None.

How application is proposed to be heard or considered:

- 32. Oral submission by counsel at an application to be heard via Webex before the Honourable Madam Justice K.M. Eidsvik at 9:15 a.m. on May 29, 2020.

AFFIDAVIT EVIDENCE IS REQUIRED IF YOU WISH TO OBJECT.

WARNING

If you do not come to Court either in person or by your lawyer, the Court may give the applicant what they want in your absence. You will be bound by any order that the Court makes. If you want to take part in this application, you or your lawyer must attend in Court on the date and at the time shown at the beginning of the form. If you intend to rely on an affidavit or other evidence when the application is heard or considered, you must reply by giving reasonable notice of the material to the applicant.

SCHEDULE "A"

SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED INITIAL ORDER

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DATE ON WHICH ORDER WAS PRONOUNCED: May 29, 2020

LOCATION OF HEARING: Calgary

NAME OF JUDGE WHO MADE THIS ORDER: The Hon. Madam Justice K. Eidsvik

UPON the application of Dominion Diamond Mines ULC, Dominion Diamond Delaware Company, LLC, Dominion Diamond Canada ULC, Washington Diamond Investments, LLC, Dominion Diamond Holdings, LLC, and Dominion Finco Inc. (collectively, the “**Applicants**”); **AND UPON** having read the Applicants' Notice of Application, filed, the Affidavit of Brendan Bell, sworn May 21, 2020, filed, the Affidavit of Patrick Merrin, sworn May 11, 2020 (the “**Merrin Affidavit**”), filed, the Affidavit of John Startin, sworn May 21, 2020 (the “**Startin Affidavit**”), filed, and the Affidavit of Service of [-], filed; **AND UPON** being advised that the secured creditors who are likely to be affected by the charges created herein have been provided notice of this application; **AND UPON** hearing counsel for the Applicants, counsel for the Monitor, and any other counsel present; **AND UPON** reading the Fourth Report of FTI Consulting Canada Inc. (the “**Monitor**”), filed;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DECLARED THAT:

SERVICE

1. The time for service of the notice of application for this order (the “**Order**”) is hereby abridged and deemed good and sufficient and this application is properly returnable today.

APPLICATION

2. The Applicants are companies to which the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* (Canada) (the “**CCAA**”) applies.

PLAN OF ARRANGEMENT

3. The Applicants shall have the authority to file and may, subject to further order of this Court, file with this Court a plan of compromise or arrangement (the “**Plan**”).

POSSESSION OF PROPERTY AND OPERATIONS

4. The Applicants shall:
 - (a) remain in possession and control of their current and future assets, undertakings and properties of every nature and kind whatsoever, and wherever situate including all proceeds thereof (the “**Property**”);
 - (b) subject to further order of this Court, continue to carry on business in a manner consistent with the preservation of their business (the “**Business**”) and Property;

- (c) be authorized and empowered to continue to retain and employ the employees, consultants, agents, experts, accountants, counsel and such other persons (collectively “**Assistants**”) currently retained or employed by them, with liberty to retain such further Assistants as they deem reasonably necessary or desirable in the ordinary course of business or for the carrying out of the terms of this Order; and
 - (d) be entitled to continue to utilize the central cash management system currently in place as described in the Affidavit of Kristal Kaye sworn April 21, 2020 or replace it with another substantially similar central cash management system (the “**Cash Management System**”) and that any present or future bank providing the Cash Management System shall not be under any obligation whatsoever to inquire into the propriety, validity or legality of any transfer, payment, collection or other action taken under the Cash Management System, or as to the use or application by the Applicants of funds transferred, paid, collected or otherwise dealt with in the Cash Management System, shall be entitled to provide the Cash Management System without any liability in respect thereof to any Person (as hereinafter defined) other than the Applicant, pursuant to the terms of the documentation applicable to the Cash Management System, and shall be, in its capacity as provider of the Cash Management System, an unaffected creditor under the Plan with regard to any claims or expenses it may suffer or incur in connection with the provision of the Cash Management System.
5. To the extent permitted by law, the Applicants shall be entitled but not required to make, in each case in accordance with the Definitive Documents (as defined below), the following advances or payments of the following expenses, incurred prior to or after this Order:
- (a) all outstanding and future wages, salaries, employee and pension benefits, vacation pay and expenses payable on or after the date of this Order, in each case incurred in the ordinary course of business and consistent with existing compensation policies and arrangements;
 - (b) the reasonable fees and disbursements of any Assistants retained or employed by the Applicants in respect of these proceedings, at their standard rates and charges, including for periods prior to the date of this Order; and

- (c) with the consent of the Monitor, obligations owing for goods and services supplied to the Applicants prior to the date of this Order if, in the opinion of the Applicants after consultation with the Monitor, the supplier or vendor of such goods or services is necessary for the operation or preservation of the Business or Property, provided that such payments shall not exceed \$5,000,000 in the aggregate without prior authorization by this Court.
6. Except as otherwise provided to the contrary herein, the Applicants shall be entitled but not required to pay, in each case in accordance with the Definitive Documents, all reasonable expenses incurred by the Applicants in carrying on the Business in the ordinary course after this Order, and in carrying out the provisions of this Order, which expenses shall include, without limitation:
- (a) all expenses and capital expenditures reasonably necessary for the preservation of the Property or the Business including, without limitation, payments on account of insurance (including directors and officers insurance), maintenance and security services; and
 - (b) payment for goods or services actually supplied to the Applicants following the date of this Order.
7. The Applicants shall remit, in accordance with legal requirements, or pay:
- (a) any statutory deemed trust amounts in favour of the Crown in Right of Canada or of any Province thereof or any other taxation authority that are required to be deducted from employees' wages, including, without limitation, amounts in respect of:
 - (i) employment insurance,
 - (ii) Canada Pension Plan, and
 - (iii) income taxes,but only where such statutory deemed trust amounts arise after the date of this Order, or are not required to be remitted until after the date of this Order, unless otherwise ordered by the Court;
 - (b) all goods and services or other applicable sales taxes (collectively, "**Sales Taxes**") required to be remitted by the Applicants in connection with the sale of goods and

services by the Applicants, but only where such Sales Taxes are accrued or collected after the date of this Order, or where such Sales Taxes were accrued or collected prior to the date of this Order but not required to be remitted until on or after the date of this Order; and

- (c) any amount payable to the Crown in Right of Canada or of any Province thereof or any political subdivision thereof or any other taxation authority in respect of municipal realty, municipal business or other taxes, assessments or levies of any nature or kind which are entitled at law to be paid in priority to claims of secured creditors and that are attributable to or in respect of the carrying on of the Business by the Applicants.
8. Until such time as a real property lease is disclaimed or resiliated in accordance with the CCAA, the Applicants may pay all amounts constituting rent or payable as rent under real property leases (including, for greater certainty, common area maintenance charges, utilities and realty taxes and any other amounts payable as rent to the landlord under the lease) based on the terms of existing lease arrangements or as otherwise may be negotiated by the Applicants from time to time for the period commencing from and including the date of this Order, but shall not pay any rent in arrears.
9. Except as specifically permitted in this Order, the Applicants are hereby directed, until further order of this Court:
- (a) to make no payments of principal, interest thereon or otherwise on account of amounts owing by the Applicants to any of their creditors as of the date of this Order, provided however that the Applicants are authorized to pay interest accruing under the Existing Credit Facility in the ordinary course in accordance with the DIP Budget (as such terms are defined in the Interim Financing Term Sheet);
 - (b) to grant no security interests, trust, liens, charges or encumbrances upon or in respect of any of its Property; and
 - (c) not to grant credit or incur liabilities except in the ordinary course of the Business.

RESTRUCTURING

10. The Applicants shall, subject in each case to such requirements as are imposed by the CCAA and such covenants as may be contained in the Definitive Documents, have the right to:
 - (a) permanently or temporarily cease, downsize or shut down any portion of their business or operations and to dispose of redundant or non-material assets not exceeding \$250,000 in any one transaction or \$2,000,000 in the aggregate, provided that any sale that is either (i) in excess of the above thresholds, or (ii) in favour of a person related to the Applicants (within the meaning of section 36(5) of the CCAA), shall require authorization by this Court in accordance with section 36 of the CCAA;
 - (b) terminate the employment of such of their employees or temporarily lay off such of their employees as they deem appropriate on such terms as may be agreed upon between the Applicants and such employee, or failing such agreement, to deal with the consequences thereof in the Plan;
 - (c) disclaim or resiliate, in whole or in part, with the prior consent of the Monitor or further Order of the Court, their arrangements or agreements of any nature whatsoever with whomsoever, whether oral or written, as the Applicants deem appropriate, in accordance with section 32 of the CCAA; and
 - (d) pursue all avenues of refinancing of its Business or Property, in whole or part, subject to prior approval of this Court being obtained before any material refinancing,all of the foregoing to permit the Applicants to proceed with an orderly restructuring of the Business (the “**Restructuring**”).
11. The Applicants shall provide each of the relevant landlords with notice of the Applicants' intention to remove any fixtures from any leased premises at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the intended removal. The relevant landlord shall be entitled to have a representative present in the leased premises to observe such removal. If the landlord disputes the Applicants' entitlement to remove any such fixture under the provisions of the lease, such fixture shall remain on the premises and shall be dealt with as agreed between any applicable secured creditors, such landlord and the Applicants, or by further order of

this Court upon application by the Applicants on at least two (2) days' notice to such landlord and any such secured creditors. If the Applicants disclaim or resiliate the lease governing such leased premises in accordance with section 32 of the CCAA, they shall not be required to pay Rent under such lease pending resolution of any such dispute other than Rent payable for the notice period provided for in section 32(5) of the CCAA, and the disclaimer or resiliation of the lease shall be without prejudice to the Applicants' claim to the fixtures in dispute.

12. If a notice of disclaimer or resiliation is delivered pursuant to section 32 of the CCAA, then:
 - (a) during the notice period prior to the effective time of the disclaimer or resiliation, the landlord may show the affected leased premises to prospective tenants during normal business hours, on giving the Applicants and the Monitor 24 hours' prior written notice; and
 - (b) at the effective time of the disclaimer or resiliation, the relevant landlord shall be entitled to take possession of any such leased premises without waiver of or prejudice to any claims or rights such landlord may have against the Applicants in respect of such lease or leased premises and such landlord shall be entitled to notify the Applicants of the basis on which it is taking possession and to gain possession of and re-lease such leased premises to any third party or parties on such terms as such landlord considers advisable, provided that nothing herein shall relieve such landlord of its obligation to mitigate any damages claimed in connection therewith.

NO PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE APPLICANTS OR THE PROPERTY

13. Until and including August 31, 2020, or such later date as this Court may order (the "**Stay Period**"), no proceeding or enforcement process in any court (each, a "**Proceeding**") shall be commenced or continued against or in respect of the Applicants or the Monitor, or affecting the Business or the Property, except with leave of this Court, and any and all Proceedings currently under way against or in respect of the Applicants or affecting the Business or the Property are hereby stayed and suspended pending further order of this Court.

NO EXERCISE OF RIGHTS OR REMEDIES

14. During the Stay Period, all rights and remedies of any individual, firm, corporation, governmental body or agency, or any other entities (all of the foregoing, collectively being “**Persons**” and each being a “**Person**”), whether judicial or extra-judicial, statutory or non-statutory against or in respect of the Applicants or the Monitor, or affecting the Business or the Property, are hereby stayed and suspended and shall not be commenced, proceeded with or continued except with leave of this Court, provided that nothing in this Order shall:
- (a) empower the Applicants to carry on any business that the Applicants are not lawfully entitled to carry on;
 - (b) affect such investigations, actions, suits or proceedings by a regulatory body as are permitted by section 11.1 of the CCAA;
 - (c) prevent the filing of any registration to preserve or perfect a security interest;
 - (d) prevent the registration of a claim for lien; or
 - (e) exempt the Applicants from compliance with statutory or regulatory provisions relating to health, safety or the environment.
15. Nothing in this Order shall prevent any party from taking an action against the Applicants where such an action must be taken in order to comply with statutory time limitations in order to preserve their rights at law, provided that no further steps shall be taken by such party except in accordance with the other provisions of this Order, and notice in writing of such action be given to the Monitor at the first available opportunity. Subject to paragraph 35 of this Order, nothing in this Order shall prevent the Interim Lenders (as defined below) from providing any notice or taking or declining to take any action permitted by the Interim Financing Term Sheet.

NO INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS

16. During the Stay Period, no person shall accelerate, suspend, discontinue, fail to honour, alter, interfere with, repudiate, terminate or cease to perform any right, renewal right, contract, agreement, licence or permit in favour of or held by the Applicants, except with the written consent of the Applicants and the Monitor, or leave of this Court.

CONTINUATION OF SERVICES

17. During the Stay Period, all persons having:

- (a) statutory or regulatory mandates for the supply of goods and/or services; or
- (b) oral or written agreements or arrangements with the Applicants, including without limitation all computer software, communication and other data services, centralized banking services, payroll services, insurance, transportation, services, utility or other services to the Business or the Applicants

are hereby restrained until further order of this Court from discontinuing, altering, interfering with, suspending or terminating the supply of such goods or services as may be required by the Applicants or exercising any other remedy provided under such agreements or arrangements. The Applicants shall be entitled to the continued use of their current premises, telephone numbers, facsimile numbers, internet addresses and domain names, provided in each case that the usual prices or charges for all such goods or services received after the date of this Order are paid by the Applicants in accordance with the payment practices of the Applicants, or such other practices as may be agreed upon by the supplier or service provider and each of the Applicants and the Monitor, or as may be ordered by this Court.

NON-DEROGATION OF RIGHTS

18. Nothing in this Order has the effect of prohibiting a person from requiring immediate payment for goods, services, use of leased or licensed property or other valuable consideration provided on or after the date of this Order, nor shall any person, other than the Interim Lenders where applicable and solely in accordance with the Definitive Documents, be under any obligation on or after the date of this Order to advance or re-advance any monies or otherwise extend any credit to the Applicant.

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

19. During the Stay Period, and except as permitted by subsection 11.03(2) of the CCAA and paragraph 15 of this Order, no Proceeding may be commenced or continued against any of the former, current or future directors or officers of the Applicants with respect to any claim against the directors or officers that arose before the date of this Order and that relates to any obligations of the Applicants whereby the directors or officers are alleged

under any law to be liable in their capacity as directors or officers for the payment or performance of such obligations, until a compromise or arrangement in respect of the Applicants, if one is filed, is sanctioned by this Court or is refused by the creditors of the Applicants or this Court.

DIRECTORS' AND OFFICERS' INDEMNIFICATION AND CHARGE

20. The Applicants shall indemnify their directors and officers against obligations and liabilities that they may incur as directors and or officers of the Applicants after the commencement of the within proceedings except to the extent that, with respect to any officer or director, the obligation was incurred as a result of the director's or officer's gross negligence or wilful misconduct.
21. The directors and officers of the Applicants shall be entitled to the benefit of and are hereby granted a charge (the "**Directors' Charge**") on the Property, which charge shall not exceed an aggregate amount of \$4,000,000, as security for the indemnity provided in paragraph 20 of this Order. The Directors' Charge shall have the priority set out in paragraphs 54 and 56 herein.
22. Notwithstanding any language in any applicable insurance policy to the contrary:
 - (a) no insurer shall be entitled to be subrogated to or claim the benefit of the Directors' Charge; and
 - (b) the Applicants' directors and officers shall only be entitled to the benefit of the Directors' Charge to the extent that they do not have coverage under any directors' and officers' insurance policy, or to the extent that such coverage is insufficient to pay amounts indemnified in accordance with paragraph 20 of this Order.

APPOINTMENT OF MONITOR

23. FTI Consulting Canada Inc. is hereby appointed pursuant to the CCAA as the Monitor, an officer of this Court, to monitor the Property, Business, and financial affairs and the Applicants with the powers and obligations set out in the CCAA or set forth herein and that the Applicants and their shareholders, officers, directors, and Assistants shall advise the Monitor of all material steps taken by the Applicants pursuant to this Order, and shall cooperate fully with the Monitor in the exercise of its powers and discharge of its obligations

and provide the Monitor with the assistance that is necessary to enable the Monitor to adequately carry out the Monitor's functions.

24. The Monitor, in addition to its prescribed rights and obligations under the CCAA, is hereby directed and empowered to:
- (a) monitor the Applicants' receipts and disbursements, Business and dealings with the Property;
 - (b) report to this Court at such times and intervals as the Monitor may deem appropriate with respect to matters relating to the Property, the Business, and such other matters as may be relevant to the proceedings herein and immediately report to the Court if in the opinion of the Monitor there is a material adverse change in the financial circumstances of the Applicants;
 - (c) assist the Applicants, to the extent required by the Applicants, in their dissemination to the Interim Lenders and their counsel on a periodic basis of financial and other information as agreed to between the Applicants and the Interim Lenders which may be used in these proceedings, including reporting on a basis as reasonably required by the Interim Lenders;
 - (d) advise the Applicants in the preparation of the Applicants' cash flow statements and reporting required by the Interim Lenders, which information shall be reviewed with the Monitor and delivered to the Interim Lenders and their counsel on a periodic basis or as otherwise agreed to by the Interim Lenders;
 - (e) advise the Applicants in their development of the Plan and any amendments to the Plan;
 - (f) assist the Applicants, to the extent required by the Applicants, with the holding and administering of creditors' or shareholders' meetings for voting on the Plan;
 - (g) have full and complete access to the Property, including the premises, books, records, data, including data in electronic form and other financial documents of the Applicants to the extent that is necessary to adequately assess the Property, Business, and financial affairs of the Applicants or to perform its duties arising under this Order;

- (h) be at liberty to engage independent legal counsel or such other persons as the Monitor deems necessary or advisable respecting the exercise of its powers and performance of its obligations under this Order;
 - (i) hold funds in trust or in escrow, to the extent required, to facilitate settlements between the Applicants and any other Person; and
 - (j) perform such other duties as are required by this Order or by this Court from time to time.
25. The Monitor shall not take possession of the Property and shall take no part whatsoever in the management or supervision of the management of the Business and shall not, by fulfilling its obligations hereunder, or by inadvertence in relation to the due exercise of powers or performance of duties under this Order, be deemed to have taken or maintain possession or control of the Business or Property, or any part thereof. Nothing in this Order shall require the Monitor to occupy or to take control, care, charge, possession or management of any of the Property that might be environmentally contaminated, or might cause or contribute to a spill, discharge, release or deposit of a substance contrary to any federal, provincial or other law respecting the protection, conservation, enhancement, remediation or rehabilitation of the environment or relating to the disposal or waste or other contamination, provided however that this Order does not exempt the Monitor from any duty to report or make disclosure imposed by applicable environmental legislation or regulation. The Monitor shall not, as a result of this Order or anything done in pursuance of the Monitor's duties and powers under this Order be deemed to be in possession of any of the Property within the meaning of any federal or provincial environmental legislation.
26. The Monitor shall provide any creditor of the Applicants and the Interim Lenders with information provided by the Applicants in response to reasonable requests for information made in writing by such creditor addressed to the Monitor. The Monitor shall not have any responsibility or liability with respect to the information disseminated by it pursuant to this paragraph. In the case of information that the Monitor has been advised by the Applicants is confidential, the Monitor shall not provide such information to creditors unless otherwise directed by this Court or on such terms as the Monitor and the Applicants may agree.
27. In addition to the rights and protections afforded the Monitor under the CCAA or as an Officer of this Court, the Monitor shall incur no liability or obligation as a result of its

appointment or the carrying out of the provisions of this Order, save and except for any gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part. Nothing in this Order shall derogate from the protections afforded the Monitor by the CCAA or any applicable legislation.

28. The Monitor, counsel to the Monitor, and counsel to the Applicants shall be paid their reasonable fees and disbursements (including any pre-filing fees and disbursements related to these CCAA proceedings), in each case at their standard rates and charges, by the Applicants as part of the costs of these proceedings. The Applicants are hereby authorized and directed to pay the accounts of the Monitor, counsel for the Monitor and counsel for the Applicants on a bi-weekly basis.
29. The Monitor and its legal counsel shall pass their accounts from time to time.
30. The Monitor, counsel to the Monitor, if any, and the Applicants' counsel, as security for the professional fees and disbursements incurred both before and after the granting of this Order, shall be entitled to the benefits of and are hereby granted a charge (the "**Administration Charge**") on the Property, which charge shall not exceed an aggregate amount of \$3,500,000, as security for their professional fees and disbursements incurred at the normal rates and charges of the Monitor and such counsel, both before and after the making of this Order in respect of these proceedings. The Administration Charge shall have the priority set out in paragraphs 54 and 56 hereof.

INTERIM FINANCING AND INTERIM LENDER'S CHARGE

31. The Applicants are hereby authorized and empowered to obtain and borrow under a credit facility (the "**Interim Facility**") pursuant to the Interim Financing Term Sheet dated as of May 21, 2020 (the "**Interim Financing Term Sheet**") among, the Applicants, Washington Diamond Lending, LLC and the other lenders party thereto (collectively in such capacity, the "**Interim Lenders**"), and the other parties thereto, in order to finance the Applicants' working capital requirements and other general corporate purposes and permitted capital expenditures set forth in the Interim Financing Term Sheet, provided that borrowings under such credit facility shall not exceed the principal amount of US\$60 million unless permitted by further order of this Court and agreed to by the Interim Lenders.

32. The Interim Facility shall be on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Interim Financing Term Sheet, filed, as such Interim Financing Term Sheet may be amended in accordance with its terms with the consent of the Monitor.
33. The Applicants are hereby authorized and empowered to execute and deliver the Interim Financing Term Sheet and such credit agreements, mortgages, charges, hypothecs, and security documents, guarantees and other definitive documents (collectively, the **"Definitive Documents"**), as are contemplated by the Interim Financing Term Sheet or as may be reasonably required by the Interim Lenders pursuant to the terms thereof, and the Applicants are hereby authorized and directed to pay and perform all of their indebtedness, interest, fees, liabilities, and obligations to the Interim Lenders under and pursuant to the Interim Financing Term Sheet and the Definitive Documents as and when the same become due and are to be performed, notwithstanding any other provision of this Order or any other Order granted by this Court in these CCAA proceedings.
34. The Interim Lenders shall be entitled to the benefits of and are hereby granted a charge (the **"Interim Lenders' Charge"**) on the Property other than the Excluded Assets (as defined in the Interim Financing Term Sheet) to secure all Interim Financing Obligations (as defined in the Interim Financing Term Sheet), which Interim Lenders' Charge shall be in the aggregate amount of the Interim Financing Obligations outstanding at any given time under the Definitive Documents. The Interim Lenders' Charge shall not secure any obligation existing before the date this Order is made. The Interim Lenders' Charge shall have the priority set out in paragraphs 54 and 56 hereof.
35. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Order:
 - (a) the Interim Lenders may take such steps from time to time as they may deem necessary or appropriate to file, register, record or perfect the Interim Lenders' Charge or any of the Definitive Documents;
 - (b) upon the occurrence of an event of default under the Definitive Documents or the Interim Lenders' Charge, the Interim Lenders may (i) immediately cease making advances to the Applicants and set off and/or consolidate any amounts owing by the Interim Lenders to the Applicants against the obligations of the Applicants to the Interim Lenders under the Interim Financing Term Sheet, the Definitive Documents or the Interim Lenders' Charge and make demand, accelerate payment, and give

other notices; (ii) upon five (5) days' notice to the Applicants and the Monitor, apply to this Court for the appointment of a receiver, receiver and manager or interim receiver, or for a bankruptcy order against the Applicants and for the appointment of a trustee in bankruptcy of the Applicants; and (iii) with leave of the Court, exercise any other rights and remedies against the Applicants or the Property under or pursuant to the Interim Financing Term Sheet, Definitive Documents, and Interim Lenders' Charge; and

(c) the foregoing rights and remedies of the Interim Lenders shall be enforceable against any trustee in bankruptcy, interim receiver, receiver or receiver and manager of the Applicants or the Property.

36. The Interim Lenders shall be treated as unaffected in any Plan filed by the Applicants under the CCAA, or any proposal filed by the Applicants under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* of Canada (the "**BIA**"), with respect to any Interim Financing Obligations.
37. This Order is subject to provisional execution and, if any of the provisions of this Order in connection with the Definitive Documents or the Interim Lenders' Charge shall subsequently be stayed, modified, varied, amended, reversed or vacated in whole or in part (each, a "**Variation**") whether by subsequent order of this Court or any other court on or pending an appeal from this Order, such Variation shall not in any way impair, limit or lessen the priority, protections, rights or remedies of the Interim Lenders under this Order (as made prior to the Variation) or the Definitive Documents, with respect to any advances made prior to the Interim Lenders being given written notice of the Variation and the Interim Lenders shall be entitled to rely on this Order as issued (including, without limitation, the Interim Lenders' Charge) for all advances so made.

SISP PROCEDURES, STALKING HORSE TERM SHEET, AND BREAK-UP FEE AND EXPENSE CHARGE

38. Capitalized terms utilized in paragraphs 38 to 45 of this Order that are not otherwise defined in this Order shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Procedures for the

Sale and Investment Solicitation Process (the “**SISP Procedures**”) in the form attached as **Schedule “A”** hereto.

39. The SISP Procedures (subject to any amendments thereto that may be made in accordance therewith) are hereby approved.
40. The Applicants, the Monitor and their respective advisors (including the SISP Advisor) are hereby authorized and directed to carry out the SISP Procedures and to take such steps and execute such documentation as may be necessary or incidental to the SISP Procedures.
41. Each of the Applicants, the SISP Advisor, the Monitor, and the Stalking Horse Bidder (solely in its capacity as the Stalking Horse Bidder) and their respective affiliates, partners, directors, employees, advisors (including the SISP Advisor), agents, shareholders and controlling persons shall have no liability with respect to any losses, claims, damages or liability of any nature or kind to any person in connection with or as a result of the SISP Procedures or the conduct thereof, except to the extent of such losses, claims, damages or liabilities resulting from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of any of the foregoing in performing their obligations under the SISP Procedures (as determined by this Court).
42. Subject to approval by the Monitor, Washington Diamond Investments, LLC, Dominion Diamond Holdings, LLC and Dominion Diamond Mines ULC, as vendors (collectively, the “**Dominion Vendors**”), are hereby authorized to negotiate and finalize a definitive stalking horse agreement of purchase and sale (the “**Stalking Horse Bid**”) among the Dominion Vendors, as sellers, and the Stalking Horse Bidder, as purchaser, substantially in accordance with the terms of the stalking horse term sheet attached as Exhibit “B” to the Startin Affidavit (the “**Stalking Horse Term Sheet**”). The Stalking Horse Bid submitted by the Stalking Horse Bidder, on the terms set out in the Stalking Horse Term Sheet and to be memorialized in the Stalking Horse Bid, is hereby approved as the Stalking Horse Bid pursuant to and for purposes of the SISP Procedures, provided that nothing herein approves the sale to and the vesting of any assets or property in the Stalking Horse Bidder pursuant to the Stalking Horse Term Sheet or the Stalking Horse Bid and that the approval of the sale and vesting of such assets and property shall be considered by this Court on

a subsequent motion made to this Court if the Stalking Horse Bidder is the Successful Bidder pursuant to the SISP Procedures.

43. The Dominion Vendors' obligation to pay the Break-Up Fee and Expense Reimbursement pursuant to and in accordance with the Stalking Horse Term Sheet is hereby approved.
44. The Stalking Horse Bidder shall be entitled to the benefit of and is hereby granted a charge (the "**Break-Up Fee and Expense Charge**") on the Property as security for the payment of the Break-Up Fee and Expense Reimbursement by the Dominion Vendors pursuant to and in accordance with the Stalking Horse Term Sheet or, following its execution, the Stalking Horse Bid. The Break-Up Fee and Expense Charge shall have the priority set out in paragraphs 54 and 56 hereof.
45. Pursuant to clause 7(3)(c) of the *Canada Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act*, the Applicants, the SISP Advisor and the Monitor may disclose personal information of identifiable individuals to Potential Bidders and their advisors in connection with the SISP Procedures, but only to the extent desirable or required to carry out the SISP Procedures. Each Potential Bidder (and their respective advisors) to whom any such personal information is disclosed shall maintain and protect the privacy of such information and limit the use of such information solely to its evaluation of a transaction in respect of the Applicants and the Property, and if it does not complete such a transaction, shall return all such information to the Applicants, or in the alternative destroy all such information. The Successful Bidder shall be entitled to continue to use the personal information provided to it in a manner that is in all material respects identical to the prior use of such information by the Applicants, and shall return all other personal information to the Applicants, or ensure that all other personal information is destroyed.

KERP AND THE KERP CHARGE

46. The Key Employee Retention Plan (the "**KERP**") as described in the Merrin Affidavit, is hereby approved.
47. The Applicants are hereby authorized and directed to enter into the KERP with those employees (the "**Key Employees**") listed in Confidential Exhibit "A" to the Merrin Affidavit (the "**Confidential Merrin Affidavit Exhibit**").

48. The Applicants are hereby authorized and directed to pay a lump sum payment (the “**Incentive Bonus**”) to each of the Key Employees in the amount set out in the Confidential Merrin Affidavit Exhibit, to be paid as follows:
- (a) the first one-third of the Incentive Bonus shall be paid to each Key Employee on the earlier of June 6, 2020 and their last day of employment (if the Key Employee is terminated without cause); and
 - (b) the remaining two-thirds of the Incentive Bonus shall be paid to each Key Employee on the earlier of November 6, 2020, their last day of employment (if the Key Employee is terminated without cause) and the closing of any restructuring transaction.
49. Payments to Key Employees under the KERP will only be made if, at the date the relevant payment of the Incentive Bonus is due, as described in paragraph 48, the Key Employee has fulfilled his or her employment obligations and has not voluntarily resigned or been terminated for cause.
50. The Key Employees shall be entitled to the benefit of and are hereby granted a charge (the “**KERP Charge**”) on the Property as security for the amounts payable to the Key Employees pursuant to the KERP, which charge shall not exceed an aggregate amount of \$580,000. The KERP Charge shall have the priority set out in paragraphs 54 and 56 hereof.
51. The Confidential Merrin Affidavit Exhibit shall, notwithstanding Division 4 of Part 6 of the *Alberta Rules of Court*, Alta Reg 124/2010, be sealed in the Court file, kept confidential, and not form part of the public record. The Confidential Merrin Affidavit Exhibit 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 not be opened upon further order of this Court.

FINANCIAL ADVISOR AGREEMENT AND FINANCIAL ADVISOR’S CHARGE

52. The agreement dated as of April 8, 2020 between Dominion Mines and Evercore Group L.L.C. (the “**Financial Advisor**”) (as amended on April 22, 2020, the “**Financial Advisor Agreement**”), as set out in Exhibit “E” to the Startin Affidavit, pursuant to which the Applicants have engaged the Financial Advisor to provide the services referenced therein

is hereby approved, *nunc pro tunc*, including, without limitation, the payment of the Monthly Fee, Restructuring Fee, Liability Management Transaction Fee, Financing Fee, and Minimum Financing Fee contemplated thereby, and the Applicants are authorized to continue the engagement of the Financial Advisor on the terms set out in the Financial Advisor Agreement.

53. The Financial Advisor shall be entitled to the benefit of and is hereby granted a charge on the Property as security for the Monthly Fee, Restructuring Fee, Liability Management Transaction Fee, Financing Fee, and Minimum Financing Fee (in each case as defined in the Financial Advisor Agreement), as follows:

(a) the Financial Advisor shall have the benefit and protections afforded by the Administration Charge, *nunc pro nunc*, as security for the Monthly Fee and the Financial Advisor's disbursements incurred both before and after the Order granted by this Court in these proceedings on April 22, 2020; and

(b) the Financial Advisor shall have the benefit of a charge (the "**Financial Advisor Charge**") on the Property, as security for the Restructuring Fee, Liability Management Transaction Fee, Financing Fee, and Minimum Financing Fee (in each case on the terms set out in the Financial Advisor Agreement as approved by this Order). The Financial Advisor Charge shall have the priority set out in paragraphs 54 and 56 hereof.

VALIDITY AND PRIORITY OF CHARGES

54. The priorities of the Directors' Charge, the Administration Charge, the KERP Charge, the Break-Up Fee and Expense Charge, the Interim Lenders' Charge, and the Financial Advisor Charge (collectively, the "**Charges**"), as among them, shall be as follows:

First – Administration Charge (to the maximum amount of \$3,500,000);

Second – Directors' Charge (to the maximum amount of \$4,000,000);

Third – KERP Charge (to the maximum amount of \$580,000);

Fourth – Break-Up Fee and Expense Charge; and

Fifth – Interim Lenders' Charge and the Financial Advisor Charge, *pari passu*.

55. The filing, registration or perfection of the Charges shall not be required, and the Charges shall be valid and enforceable for all purposes, including as against any right, title or interest filed, registered, recorded or perfected subsequent to the Charges coming into existence, notwithstanding any such failure to file, register, record or perfect.
56. Each of the Charges shall constitute a charge on the Property (other than, solely in the case of the Interim Lenders' Charge, the Excluded Assets) and subject always to section 34(11) of the CCAA such Charges shall rank in priority to all other security interests, trusts, liens, charges and encumbrances, and claims of secured creditors, statutory or otherwise (collectively, "**Encumbrances**") in favour of any Person; provided, however, that:
 - (a) the KERP Charge, the Break-Up Fee and Expense Charge, the Interim Lenders' Charge and the Financial Advisor Charge shall rank subordinate to any Encumbrances under Article 9 of the Diavik Joint Venture Agreement in respect of the assets owned by the Diavik Joint Venture and the Borrower's interest in the Diavik Joint Venture;
 - (b) the Encumbrances of the Existing Credit Facility Agent (as defined in the Interim Financing Term Sheet) in respect of the Diavik Collateral (as defined in the Interim Financing Term Sheet) shall rank senior to the Interim Lenders' Charge in respect of the Diavik Collateral;
 - (c) the Encumbrances of the Existing Credit Facility Agent in respect of the Interim Financing Priority Collateral (as defined in the Interim Financing Term Sheet) shall be senior to the Interim Lenders' Charge in respect of the Interim Financing Priority Collateral securing any October Advances (as defined in the Interim Financing Term Sheet) and related interest; and
 - (d) the Interim Lenders' Charge in respect of the Interim Facility Priority Collateral securing any October Advances and related interest shall be senior to any Encumbrances of the Existing Credit Facility Agent securing the First Lien Facility LC Obligations (as defined in the Interim Financing Term Sheet).
57. Except as otherwise expressly provided for herein, or as may be approved by this Court, the Applicants shall not grant any Encumbrances over any Property that rank in priority to,

or *pari passu* with, any of the Charges unless the Applicants also obtain the prior written consent of the Monitor and the chargees entitled to the benefit of the Charges (collectively, the “**Chargees**”), or further order of this Court.

58. The Charges, the Interim Financing Term Sheet and the other Definitive Documents shall not be rendered invalid or unenforceable and the rights and remedies of the Chargees and/or the Interim Lenders thereunder shall not otherwise be limited or impaired in any way by:

- (a) the pendency of these proceedings and the declarations of insolvency made in this Order;
- (b) any application(s) for bankruptcy or receivership order(s) issued pursuant to the BIA, or any bankruptcy or receivership order made in respect of the Applicants;
- (c) the filing of any assignments for the general benefit of creditors made pursuant to the BIA;
- (d) the provisions of any federal or provincial statutes; or
- (e) any negative covenants, prohibitions or other similar provisions with respect to borrowings, incurring debt or the creation of Encumbrances, contained in any existing loan documents, lease, sublease, offer to lease, licence, permit or other agreement (collectively, an “**Agreement**”) that binds the Applicants, and notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in any Agreement:
 - (i) neither the creation of the Charges nor the execution, delivery, perfection, registration or performance of any documents in respect thereof, including the Interim Financing Term Sheet and the other Definitive Documents, shall create or be deemed to constitute a breach by the Applicants of any Agreement to which it is a party;
 - (ii) none of the Chargees shall have any liability to any Person whatsoever as a result of any breach of any Agreement caused by or resulting from the creation of the Charges, the Applicants entering into the Interim Financing Term Sheet, or the execution, delivery or performance of the Definitive Documents; and
 - (iii) the payments made by the Applicants pursuant to this Order, including the Interim Financing Term Sheet or the Definitive Documents, and the

granting of the Charges, do not and will not constitute preferences, fraudulent conveyances, transfers at undervalue, oppressive conduct or other challengeable or voidable transactions under any applicable law.

ALLOCATION

59. Any interested Person may apply to this Court on notice to any other party likely to be affected for an order to allocate the Charges amongst the various assets comprising the Property, provided that any such allocation shall not affect or impair the right of the Interim Lenders to credit bid the full amount of the Interim Financing Obligations in respect of all Property in accordance with the Interim Financing Term Sheet.

SERVICE AND NOTICE

60. The Monitor shall (i) without delay, publish in the *Globe and Mail* and *The Northern Miner* a notice containing the information prescribed under the CCAA; (ii) within five (5) days after the date of this Order (A) make this Order publicly available in the manner prescribed under the CCAA, (B) send, in the prescribed manner, a notice to every known creditor who has a claim against the Applicants of more than \$1,000 and (C) prepare a list showing the names and addresses of those creditors and the estimated amounts of those claims, and make it publicly available in the prescribed manner, all in accordance with section 23(1)(a) of the CCAA and the regulations made thereunder.
61. The Monitor shall establish a case website in respect of the within proceedings at cfcanada.fticonsulting.com/Dominion (the “**Website**”).
62. Any person that wishes to be served with any application and other materials in these proceedings must deliver to the Monitor by way of ordinary mail, courier, personal delivery or electronic transmission a request to be added to the service list (the “**Service List**”) to be maintained by the Monitor. The Monitor shall post and maintain an up-to-date form of the Service List on the Website.
63. Any party to these proceedings may serve any court materials in these proceedings by emailing a PDF or other electronic copy of such materials to counsels’ email addresses as recorded on the Service List from time to time, and the Monitor shall post a copy of all prescribed materials on the Website.

64. Applicants and, where applicable, the Monitor are at liberty to serve this Order, any other materials and orders in these proceedings, any notices or other correspondence, by forwarding true copies thereof by prepaid ordinary mail, courier, personal delivery or electronic transmission to the Applicants' creditors or other interested parties at their respective addresses as last shown on the records of the Applicants and that any such service or notice by courier, personal delivery or electronic transmission shall be deemed to be received on the next business day following the date of forwarding thereof, or if sent by ordinary mail, on the third business day after mailing.
65. Any interested party (including the Applicants and the Monitor) may apply to this Court to vary or amend this Order on not less than seven (7) days' notice to any other party or parties likely to be affected by the order sought or upon such other notice, if any, as this Court may order.

GENERAL

66. The Applicants or the Monitor may from time to time apply to this Court for advice and directions in the discharge of its powers and duties hereunder.
67. Notwithstanding Rule 6.11 of the *Alberta Rules of Court*, unless otherwise ordered by this Court, the Monitor will report to the Court from time to time, which reporting is not required to be in affidavit form and shall be considered by this Court as evidence. The Monitor's reports shall be filed by the Court Clerk notwithstanding that they do not include an original signature.
68. Nothing in this Order shall prevent the Monitor from acting as an interim receiver, a receiver, a receiver and manager or a trustee in bankruptcy of the Applicants, the Business or the Property.
69. This Court hereby requests the aid and recognition of any court, tribunal, regulatory or administrative body having jurisdiction in Canada or in any foreign jurisdiction, to give effect to this Order and to assist the Applicants, the Monitor and their respective 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 Applicants and to the Monitor, as an officer of this Court, as may be

necessary or desirable to give effect to this Order, to grant representative status to the Monitor in any foreign proceeding, or to assist the Applicants and the Monitor and their respective agents in carrying out the terms of this Order.

70. Each of the Applicants and the Monitor be at liberty and is hereby authorized and empowered to apply to any court, tribunal, regulatory or administrative body, wherever located, for the recognition of this Order and for assistance in carrying out the terms of this Order and that the Monitor is authorized and empowered to act as a representative in respect of the within proceeding for the purpose of having these proceedings recognized in a jurisdiction outside Canada.
71. This Order and all of its provisions are effective as of 12:01 a.m. Mountain Standard Time on the date of this Order.

Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta

SCHEDULE “A”

Procedures for the Sale and Investment Solicitation Process

On April 22, 2020, Washington Diamond Investments, LLC, Dominion Diamond Holdings, LLC, Dominion Finco Inc., Dominion Diamond Mines ULC (“**DDM**”), Dominion Diamond Delaware Company LLC and Dominion Diamond Canada ULC (collectively, the “**Applicants**”) obtained an Initial Order (the “**Initial Order**”) under the *Companies’ Creditors Arrangement Act* (Canada) (“**CCAA**”) from the Alberta Court of Queen’s Bench (the “**Court**”) that, among other things, commenced the CCAA proceedings (the “**CCAA Proceedings**”), granted an initial stay of proceedings in respect of the Applicants (the “**Stay**”) and appointed FTI Consulting Canada Inc. as monitor (the “**Monitor**”). On May 1, 2020, the Applicants obtained an amended and restated version of the Initial Order from the Court (the “**Amended and Restated Initial Order**”) that, among other things, extended the Stay. On May [29], 2020, the Applicants obtained a further amended and restated version of the Initial Order from the Court (the “**Second Amended and Restated Initial Order**”) that, among other things, approved the DIP (as defined below) and approved the Sale and Investment Solicitation Process (the “**SISP**”) set forth herein to determine whether a Successful Bid (as defined below) can be obtained.

For greater certainty, any provision of this SISP which affords discretion to the Applicants - including without limitation in connection with the granting by the Applicants of any consent, waiver or approval - requires that the Applicants exercise such discretion in a commercially reasonable manner and with prior consultation with the SISP Advisor (as defined below), the Agent Advisors (as defined below), on behalf of the First Lien Lenders (as defined below), and the Monitor. Any consent or approval to be provided by the Stalking Horse Bidder (as defined below), the SISP Advisor, the Agent, on behalf of the First Lien Lenders, the Applicants and/or the Monitor must be in writing (including by way of e-mail) and any approval required pursuant to the terms hereof is in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other approvals required by the CCAA or as otherwise required at law in order to implement a Successful Bid. Notwithstanding the forgoing or any other provision of the SISP (i) the Agent Advisors shall only be consulted to the extent that the Agent confirms that neither it nor any First Lien Lender intends to participate in the SISP as a bidder and (ii) nothing herein shall oblige or permit the SISP Advisor, the Monitor or the Applicants to disclose to the Agent Advisors the identity of any Potential Bidder, Phase 1 Qualified Bidder, or Phase 2 Qualified Bidder (other than the Stalking Horse Bidder) or any LOI, Phase 1 Qualified Bid, Binding Offer or Phase 2 Qualified Bid, prior to commencement of the Auction (all as such terms are defined below).

Defined Terms

1. In addition:
 - (a) “**Agent**” means Credit Suisse AG, Cayman Islands Branch, as the administrative agent and collateral agent, under the Existing Credit Agreement¹;

¹ References herein to the Agent mean the Agent, on behalf of the First Lien Lenders.

- (b) “**Agent Advisors**” shall mean Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP, Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP and RPA Advisors, or any one of them;
- (c) “**Business Day**” means a day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, on which banks are open for business in Calgary, Alberta;
- (d) “**DIP**” means the Interim Facility provided to Dominion Diamond Mines ULC and certain of its affiliates by Washington Diamond Lending, LLC (the “**Washington Interim Lender**”) and the Agent and/or one or more First Lien Lenders (in their capacity as lenders under the DIP, the “**First Lien Interim Lenders**”) as approved by the Second Amended and Restated Initial Order;
- (e) “**Diavik Interest**” means the Applicants’ right, title and interest in and to the Diavik Diamond Mine located in Lac de Gras, Northwest Territories and operated by DDM’s joint venture partner, Diavik Diamond Mines (2012) Inc.;
- (f) “**Existing Credit Agreement**” means the Revolving Credit Agreement dated as of November 1, 2017 by and among Dominion Diamond Mines ULC, as borrower, Washington Diamond Investments, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, the Agent, and each of the other parties and lenders party thereto (the “**First Lien Lenders**”), as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.
- (g) “**Non-Diavik Assets**” means the Applicants’ right, title and interest in all Property other than the Diavik Interest (including, for the avoidance of doubt the Applicants’ right, title, and interest in the Ekati Diamond Mine located in Lac de Gras, Northwest Territories, which is operated by DDM);
- (h) “**SISP Advisor**” means Evercore Group LLC, as retained by the Applicants to conduct the SISP.

Sale and Investment Solicitation Process Procedures

Opportunity

2. The SISP is intended to solicit interest in, and opportunities for, (i) a sale or partial sales of (A) all, substantially all, or certain of the assets, property and undertakings (collectively, the “**Property**”) of the Applicants and certain of their subsidiaries (together with the Applicants, the “**Dominion Diamond Group**”); (B) the Diavik Interest; or (C) the Non-Diavik Assets or (ii) for an investment in, restructuring, recapitalization, refinancing or other form of reorganization of the Dominion Diamond Group or its business. Bids considered pursuant to the SISP may include one or more of an investment, restructuring, recapitalization, refinancing or other form of reorganization of the business and affairs of the Dominion Diamond Group as a going concern or a sale (or partial sales) of all, substantially all, or certain of the Property of the Dominion Diamond Group, or a combination thereof (the “**Opportunity**”).

3. The Applicants have received a bid from Washington Diamond Investment Holdings II, LLC (the “**Stalking Horse Bidder**”) which constitutes a qualified bid for all purposes and at all times under this SISP (the “**Stalking Horse Bid**”), and which Stalking Horse Bid shall serve as the “stalking horse” bid for purposes of this SISP. Notwithstanding the receipt of the Stalking Horse Bid, all interested parties are encouraged to submit bids based on any form of Opportunity that they may elect to advance pursuant to the SISP, including as a Sale Proposal or an Investment Proposal (each as defined below). A copy of the Stalking Horse Bid is available to all Phase 1 Qualified Bidders (as defined below).
4. The SISP set forth herein describes the manner in which prospective bidders may gain access to or continue to have access to due diligence materials concerning the Dominion Diamond Group and its Property, including a copy of the Stalking Horse Bid, the manner in which bidders may participate in the SISP, the requirement of and the receipt and negotiation of bids received, the ultimate selection of a Successful Bidder (as defined below), and the approval thereof by the Court. The Monitor shall oversee the SISP and in particular shall oversee the SISP Advisor in connection therewith. The Applicants are required to assist and support the efforts of the SISP Advisor and the Monitor as provided for herein. In the event that there is disagreement as to the interpretation or application of the SISP, the Court will have exclusive jurisdiction to hear and resolve such dispute.
5. Certain bid protections (i.e. break fee and expense reimbursement) have been approved in respect of the Stalking Horse Bid, subject to the conditions set forth therein, by the Court pursuant to the Second Amended and Restated Interim Order. No other bidder may request or receive any form of bid protection as part of any offer made pursuant to the SISP.

The key dates pursuant to the SISP are as follows (capitalized terms in the chart below have the meaning ascribed in the SISP):

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
SISP Advisor to distribute Teaser Letter to Potential Bidders	As soon as practical
SISP Advisor to prepare and have available to Potential Bidders the CIM and VDR	As soon as practical
Phase 1 Bid Deadline (for delivery of non-binding LOIs by Phase 1 Qualified Bidders in accordance with the requirement of paragraph 14 of the SISP)	By June 26, 2020
SISP Advisor to notify each Phase 1 Qualified Bidder in writing as to whether its bid constituted a Phase 1 Successful Bid	Within five (5) Business Days of the Phase 1 Bid Deadline, or at such later time as the Applicants, in consultation with the SISP

	Advisor, the Agent Advisors and the Monitor, deem appropriate
Sale Approval hearing in respect of the Stalking Horse Bid in the event that no other Phase 1 Successful Bids are received	By July 13, 2020
Phase 2 Bid Deadline (for delivery of definitive offers by Phase 2 Qualified Bidders in accordance with the requirement of paragraph 22 of the SISP)	By August 7, 2020
Auction Commencement Date (if needed)	August 10, 2020
Deadline for selection of final Successful Bid	August 14, 2020 or at such later date as the Applicants, in consultation with the SISP Advisor, the Agent Advisors and the Monitor, deem appropriate
Deadline for completion of definitive documentation in respect of Successful Bid	August 18, 2020
Deadline for filing of Approval Motion in respect of Successful Bid	August 26, 2020
Anticipated Deadline for closing of the Stalking Horse Bid in the event that no other Phase 1 Successful Bids are received	August 31, 2020
Anticipated Deadline for closing of Successful Bid being the Target Closing Date	September 9, 2020 or such earlier date as is achievable
Outside Date by which the Successful Bid must close	October 31, 2020

Solicitation of Interest: Notice of the SISP

6. As soon as reasonably practicable after the granting of the Second Amended and Restated Initial Order:
- (a) the SISP Advisor shall cause a notice of the SISP and such other relevant information which the SISP Advisor, in consultation with the Applicants and the Monitor, considers appropriate to be published in the *Globe & Mail* and such other publications as the SISP Advisor may consider appropriate; and

- (b) the Dominion Diamond Group shall issue a press release setting out the notice and such other relevant information regarding the Opportunity as it may consider appropriate, with Canada Newswire designating dissemination in Canada.
7. The SISP Advisor shall prepare and distribute a summary describing the Opportunity (a “**Teaser Letter**”), outlining the SISP and inviting recipients of the Teaser Letter to express their interest pursuant to the SISP, for distribution to potential bidders as soon as practical.
8. A confidential virtual data room (the “**VDR**”) in relation to the Opportunity will be made available by the SISP Advisor to Potential Bidders that have executed the NDA (as defined below). The VDR will be available as soon as practical. Following the completion of “Phase 1”, but prior to the completion of “Phase 2”, additional information may be added to the VDR to enable Phase 2 Qualified Bidders to complete any confirmatory due diligence in respect of the Dominion Diamond Group and the Opportunity. The Applicants may establish separate VDRs (including “clean rooms”), if the Applicants and the SISP Advisor reasonably determine that doing so would further the Dominion Diamond Group and any Potential Bidders’ compliance with applicable antitrust and competition laws, or would prevent the distribution of commercially sensitive competitive information.

PHASE 1: NON-BINDING LOIs

Phase 1 Qualified Bidders and Delivery of Confidential Information Memorandum

9. In order to participate in the SISP, an interested party must deliver to the SISP Advisor at the address specified in **Appendix “A”** hereto (including by email), and prior to the distribution of any confidential information by the SISP Advisor to such interested party (including access to the VDR), an executed non-disclosure agreement in form and substance satisfactory to the Applicants (an “**NDA**”), which shall inure to the benefit of any Successful Bidder (as defined below) that closes a transaction contemplated by the Successful Bid (as defined below). Pursuant to the terms of the NDA to be signed by a potential bidder (each potential bidder who has executed an NDA with the Applicants, a “**Potential Bidder**”) each Potential Bidder will be prohibited from communicating with any other Potential Bidder regarding the Opportunity during the term of the SISP, without the express written consent of the Applicants. Prior to the Applicants’ executing an NDA with any potential bidder, any potential bidder may be required to provide evidence, reasonably satisfactory to the Applicants of its financial wherewithal to complete a transaction in respect of the Opportunity (either with existing capital or with capital reasonably anticipated to be raised prior to closing) and/or to disclose details of their ownership. For the avoidance of doubt, a party who has executed an NDA or a joinder with a Potential Bidder for the purpose of providing financing to a Potential Bidder in connection with the Opportunity (such party a “**Financing Party**”) shall not be deemed a Potential Bidder for purposes of the SISP, provided that such Financing Party undertakes to inform the Applicants in the event that it elects to act as a Potential Bidder.
10. A Potential Bidder that has executed an NDA and provided any additional information required pursuant to paragraph 9, will be deemed a “**Phase 1 Qualified Bidder**” and will

be promptly notified of such classification by the SISP Advisor. For the avoidance of doubt, the Stalking Horse Bidder is a Phase 1 Qualified Bidder.

11. The SISP Advisor, with the assistance of the Applicants, will prepare and send to each Phase 1 Qualified Bidder (including the Stalking Horse Bidder) a confidential information memorandum providing additional information considered relevant to the Opportunity (a “**CIM**”) and provide an unredacted copy of the Staking Horse Bid as soon as practicable. The SISP Advisor, the Applicants, the Monitor and their respective advisors make no representation or warranty as to the information contained in the CIM or otherwise made available pursuant to the SISP.
12. The SISP Advisor shall provide any person deemed to be a Phase 1 Qualified Bidder (including the Stalking Horse Bidder) with access to the VDR. The SISP Advisor, the Applicants and the Monitor and their respective advisors make no representation or warranty as to the information contained in the VDR. The VDR shall contain a template letter of intent (the “**Template LOI**”) and a proposed Purchase and Sale Agreement, based on the Stalking Horse Bid (“**Template PSA**”).
13. If a Phase 1 Qualified Bidder (other than the Stalking Horse Bidder) wishes to submit a bid, it must deliver a non-binding letter of intent (an “**LOI**”) (each such LOI, provided in accordance with paragraph 14 below, a “**Phase 1 Qualified Bid**”), to the SISP Advisor, with a copy to the Monitor, at the addresses specified in **Appendix “A”** hereto (including by email) so as to be received by the SISP Advisor and the Monitor not later than 5:00 p.m. (Mountain Standard Time) on June 26, 2020, or such other date or time as may be agreed by the Applicants with the consent of the Monitor (the “**Phase 1 Bid Deadline**”). To the extent possible, the Phase 1 Qualified Bid should follow the format as set out in the Template LOI.
14. An LOI submitted by a Phase 1 Qualified Bidder will only be considered a “**Phase 1 Qualified Bid**” by the Applicants, the Monitor and the SISP Advisor, if the LOI complies at a minimum with the following:
 - (a) it has been duly executed by all required parties;
 - (b) it is received by the Phase 1 Bid Deadline;
 - (c) it provides written evidence, satisfactory to the Applicants, of the ability to consummate the transaction within the timeframe contemplated by the SISP and to satisfy any obligations or liabilities to be assumed on closing of the transaction, including, without limitation, a specific indication of the sources of capital;
 - (d) it identifies all proposed material conditions to closing including, without limitation, any internal, regulatory or other approvals and any form of agreement or other document required from a government body, stakeholder or other third party, and an estimate of the anticipated timeframe and any anticipated impediments for obtaining such approvals;

- (e) it (i) identifies the Qualified Phase 1 Bidder and representatives thereof who are authorized to appear and act on behalf of the Qualified Phase 1 Bidder for all purposes regarding the contemplated transaction, and (ii) fully discloses the identity of each entity or person that will be sponsoring, participating in or benefiting from the transaction contemplated by the LOI;
- (f) an outline of any additional due diligence required to be conducted in order to submit a binding offer;
- (g) it clearly indicates:
 - (i) the Phase 1 Qualified Bidder is seeking to acquire (A) all or substantially all of the Property, (B) the Diavik Interest or (C) the Non-Diavik Assets, whether through an asset purchase, a share purchase or a combination thereof (either one being, a “**Sale Proposal**”) or some other portion of the Property (a “**Partial Sale Proposal**”); or
 - (ii) whether the Phase 1 Qualified Bidder is offering to make an investment in, restructure, recapitalize, reorganize or refinance the Dominion Diamond Group or its business (an “**Investment Proposal**”); and
 - (iii) that the Sale Proposal or Investment Proposal, as the case may be, will at a minimum and on closing, provide cash proceeds which are equal to the aggregate total of: (A) the amount of cash payable under the Stalking Horse Bid if it does not provide for a credit bid or, if the Stalking Horse Bid does provide for a credit bid, the amount of cash payable thereunder together with the amount of obligations being credit bid thereunder, *plus* (B) the amount of the expense reimbursement and break fee (if any) payable to the Stalking Horse Bidder, *plus* (C) a minimum overbid amount of US\$1 million (the amounts set forth in this paragraph 14(g)(iii), the “**Minimum Purchase Price**”); provided, however, the Applicants may deem this criterion satisfied if the Sale Proposals, Partial Sale Proposals or the Investment Proposals, together with one or more other non-overlapping Sale Proposal, Partial Sale Proposal or Investment Proposal, in the aggregate, meet the Minimum Purchase Price (such bids, “**Aggregated Bids**”) (the amount of the Minimum Purchase Price shall be confirmed by the Sale Advisor with Potential Bidders);
- (h) it contains such other information as may be reasonably requested by the SISP Advisor, in consultation with the Applicants and the Monitor;
- (i) it does not provide for any break fee or expense reimbursement, it being understood and agreed that no bidder other than the Stalking Horse Bidder shall be entitled to any bid protections;
- (j) in the case of a Sale Proposal, it identifies or contains the following:

- (i) the purchase price or price range in U.S. dollars and key assumptions supporting the valuation and the anticipated amount of cash payable on closing of the proposed transaction;
 - (ii) any contemplated purchase price adjustment;
 - (iii) a description of the specific assets that are expected to be subject to the transaction and any assets or obligations expected to be excluded;
 - (iv) a description of those liabilities and obligations (including operating liabilities, obligations to employees, and reclamation obligations) which the Phase 1 Qualified Bidder intends to assume and which such liabilities and obligations it does not intend to assume;
 - (v) information sufficient for the SISP Advisor, the Monitor and the Applicants to determine that the Phase 1 Qualified Bidder has sufficient ability to satisfy and perform any liabilities or obligations assumed pursuant to subparagraph (iv) above;
 - (vi) any other terms or conditions of the Sale Proposal that the Phase 1 Qualified Bidder believes are material to the transaction;
- (k) in the case of an Investment Proposal, it identifies the following:
- (i) a description of how the Phase 1 Qualified Bidder proposes to structure the proposed investment, restructuring, recapitalization, refinancing or reorganization;
 - (ii) the aggregate amount of the equity and/or debt investment to be made in the Dominion Diamond Group or its business in U.S. dollars;
 - (iii) the underlying assumptions regarding the *pro forma* capital structure;
 - (iv) a description of those liabilities and obligations (including operating liabilities, obligations to employees, and reclamation obligations) which the Phase 1 Qualified Bidder intends to assume and which such liabilities and obligations it does not intend to assume;
 - (v) information sufficient for the SISP Advisor and the Applicants to determine that the Phase 1 Qualified Bidder has sufficient ability to satisfy and perform any liabilities or obligations assumed pursuant to subparagraph (iv) above;
 - (vi) any other terms or conditions of the Investment Proposal that the Phase 1 Qualified Bidder believes are material to the transaction.
15. The Applicants with the consent of the Monitor, may waive compliance with any one or more of the requirements specified herein and deem any such non-compliant LOI to be a

Phase 1 Qualified Bid; *provided* that the SISP Advisor shall consult with the Stalking Horse Bidder in advance and on a no-names basis regarding the general nature of any waiver being contemplated.

Assessment of Phase 1 Qualified Bids and Subsequent Process

16. The SISP Advisor, in consultation with the Monitor and the Applicants, may, following the receipt of any LOI, seek clarification with respect to any of the terms or conditions of such LOI and/or request and negotiate one or more amendments to such LOI prior to determining if the LOI should be considered a Phase 1 Qualified Bid or a Phase 1 Successful Bid (as defined below).
17. Following the Phase 1 Bid Deadline, the Applicants shall determine, in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 14, the most favourable Phase 1 Qualified Bid(s), which Phase 1 Qualified Bid(s) shall be deemed a “**Phase 1 Successful Bid(s)**” and which Phase 1 Qualified Bidder(s) shall be deemed a “**Phase 2 Qualified Bidder(s)**”.
18. Only Phase 2 Qualified Bidders shall be permitted to proceed to Phase 2 of the SISP. The Stalking Horse Bid constitutes a Phase 1 Successful Bid and the Stalking Horse Bidder is a Phase 2 Qualified Bidder for all purposes under the SISP, other than the Auction (as defined below). Notwithstanding any other provision hereof, in order to participate in the Auction, the Stalking Horse Bidder shall have waived, or confirmed satisfaction of, any financing condition contained in the Stalking Horse Bid.
19. The SISP Advisor shall notify each Phase 1 Qualified Bidder in writing as to whether its Phase 1 Qualified Bid constituted a Phase 1 Successful Bid within five (5) Business Days of the Phase 1 Bid Deadline, or at such later time as the Applicants, in consultation with the SISP Advisor and the Monitor, deem appropriate.
20. In the event that no Phase 1 Successful Bids are received (other than the Stalking Horse Bid), the Applicants, with the assistance and support of the SISP Advisor and the Monitor, shall promptly proceed to seek Court approval of the Stalking Horse Bid; *provided, however,* that the Applicants may (i) extend the Phase 1 Bid Deadline with the consent of the Monitor, the Stalking Horse Bidder, and the Agent Advisors, or (ii) seek Court approval of an amendment to, or termination of, the SISP.

PHASE 2: FORMAL OFFERS AND REMOVAL OF CONDITIONS

Formal Binding Offers

21. Any Phase 2 Qualified Bidder (other than the Stalking Horse Bidder) that wishes to make a formal offer with respect to his/her/its Sale Proposal or Investment Proposal shall submit a binding offer (a “**Binding Offer**”) (a) in the case of a Sale Proposal, in the form of the Template PSA provided in the VDR, along with a marked version showing edits to the original form of Template PSA provided in the VDR, or (b) in the case of an Investment Proposal, a plan or restructuring support agreement in form and substance satisfactory to the Applicants and the Monitor (each, such binding offer submitted in accordance with paragraph 25 below, a “**Phase 2 Qualified Bid**”) in each case to the SISP Advisor, with a

copy to the Monitor, at the addresses specified in **Appendix “A”** hereto (including by email) so as to be received by the SISP Advisor and the Monitor not later than 5:00 p.m. (Mountain Standard Time) on August 7, 2020, or such other date or time as may be agreed by the Applicants with the consent of the Monitor (as maybe extended, the “**Phase 2 Bid Deadline**”).

22. A Binding Offer will only be considered as a “**Phase 2 Qualified Bid**” by the Applicants if the binding offer:
- (a) has been received by the Phase 2 Bid Deadline;
 - (b) is a Binding Offer (i) to purchase (A) all, substantially all, or a portion of the Property; (B) Diavik Interest; or (C) the Non-Diavik Assets or (ii) to make an investment in, restructure, recapitalize, reorganize or refinance the Dominion Diamond Group or its business, on terms and conditions reasonably acceptable to the Applicants;
 - (c) is not subject to any financing conditionality;
 - (d) is unconditional, other than upon the receipt of the Approval Order (as defined below) and satisfaction of any other conditions expressly set forth in the binding offer;
 - (e) includes acknowledgments and representations of the Phase 2 Qualified Bidder that it: (i) has had an opportunity to conduct any and all due diligence regarding the Opportunity prior to making its Binding Offer; (ii) has relied solely upon its own independent review, investigation and/or inspection of any documents and/or the Property of the Dominion Diamond Group in making its Binding Offer; (iii) did not rely upon any written or oral statements, representations, warranties, or guarantees whatsoever, whether express, implied, statutory or otherwise, regarding the Opportunity or the completeness of any information provided in connection therewith, other than as expressly set forth in the Binding Offer or other transaction document submitted with the Binding Offer; and (iv) promptly will commence any governmental or regulatory review of the proposed transaction by the applicable competition, antitrust or other applicable governmental authorities;
 - (f) provides for the payments of an amount at least equal to the Minimum Purchase Price unless it is a part of a bid the qualifies as an Aggregated Bid;
 - (g) the Binding Offer must be accompanied by a letter which confirms that the Binding Offer: (i) may be accepted by the Applicants by countersigning the Binding Offer, and (ii) is irrevocable and capable of acceptance until the earlier of (A) two business days after the date of closing of the Successful Bid; and (B) the Outside Date;
 - (h) does not provide for any break fee or expense reimbursement, it being understood and agreed that no bidder other than the Stalking Horse Bidder shall be entitled to any bid protections;

- (i) is accompanied by a deposit in the amount of not less than 10% of the cash purchase price payable on closing or total new investment contemplated, as the case may be (the “**Deposit**”), along with acknowledgement that if the Phase 2 Qualified Bidder is selected as the Successful Bidder (as defined below), that the Deposit will be non-refundable subject to approval of the Successful Bid (as defined below) by the Court and the terms described in paragraph 35 below;
 - (j) contemplates and reasonably demonstrates a capacity to consummate a closing of the transaction set out therein on or before September 9, 2020, or such earlier date as is practical for the parties to close the contemplated transaction, following the satisfaction or waiver of the conditions to closing (the “**Target Closing Date**”) and in any event no later than October 31, 2020 (the “**Outside Date**”); and
 - (k) contains an agreement that the Phase 2 Qualified Bidder submitting such bid, if not chosen as the Successful Bidder, shall serve, without modification to such bid, as a Backup Bidder (as defined below), in the event the Successful Bidder fails to close; *provided, however*, that, the Stalking Horse Bidder shall not be required to serve as Backup Bidder, except to the extent the Stalking Horse Bidder or its affiliates elect to submit an overbid in the Auction.
23. The Applicants with the consent of the Monitor may waive strict compliance with any one or more of the requirements specified above and deem any such non-compliant Binding Offer to be a Phase 2 Qualified Bid.

Selection of Successful Bid

24. The SISP Advisor, in consultation with the Monitor and the Applicants, may, following the receipt of any Binding Offer, seek clarification with respect to any of the terms or conditions of such Binding Offer and/or request and negotiate one or more amendments to such Binding Offer prior to determining if the Binding Offer should be considered a Phase 2 Qualified Bid.
25. The Applicants with the consent of the Monitor, will (a) review and evaluate each Phase 2 Qualified Bid and (b) identify the highest or otherwise best bid (the “**Successful Bid**”, and the Phase 2 Qualified Bidder making such Successful Bid, the “**Successful Bidder**”) pursuant to the paragraphs below. Any Successful Bid shall be subject to approval by the Court.
26. In the event there is at least one Phase 2 Qualified Bid in addition to the Stalking Horse Bid (provided that the Stalking Horse Bidder has waived or confirmed any financing condition contained in the Stalking Horse Bid has been waived or satisfied), the Applicants shall identify the Successful Bid through an Auction (as defined below).
27. ***Auction***: In the event that an Auction (the “**Auction**”) is required in accordance with the terms of this SISP, it shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in this paragraph.

- (a) The Auction shall commence at a time to be designated by the Applicants on August 10, 2020, at the Calgary offices of Blakes, Cassels, and Graydon LLP or such other place and time as determined by the Applicants and continue thereafter until completed, subject to such adjournments as the Applicants may consider appropriate; *provided* that if circumstances do not permit the Auction to be held in person, the Applicants shall work in good faith with the parties entitled to attend the Auction to arrange for the Auction to be held via videoconference, teleconference, or such other reasonable means as the Applicants deem appropriate. The Applicants reserve the right to cancel or postpone the Auction.
- (b) The identity of each Phase 2 Qualified Bidder participating in the Auction will be disclosed, on a confidential basis, to each other Phase 2 Qualified Bidder participating in the Auction.
- (c) Except as otherwise permitted in the Applicants' discretion, only the Applicants, the SISP Advisor, the Monitor, the Agent and the Phase 2 Qualified Bidders, and, in each case, their respective professionals shall be entitled to attend the Auction. Only a Phase 2 Qualified Bidder is eligible to participate in the Auction.
- (d) Phase 2 Qualified Bidders shall appear at the Auction, or through a duly authorized representative.
- (e) Except as otherwise set forth herein, the Applicants may waive and/or employ and announce at the Auction additional rules, including rules to facilitate the participation of parties participating in an Aggregated Bid, that are reasonable under the circumstances for conducting the Auction provided that such rules are (i) not inconsistent with the Second Amended Initial Order, the SISP, the DIP, the CCAA, or any order of the Court entered in connection with these CCAA Proceedings, (ii) disclosed to each Phase 2 Qualified Bidder, and (iii) designed, in the Applicants' business judgment, to result in the highest and otherwise best offer.
- (f) The Applicants will arrange for the actual bidding at the Auction to be transcribed or recorded. Each Phase 2 Qualified Bidder participating in the Auction shall designate a single individual to be its spokesperson during the Auction.
- (g) Each Phase 2 Qualified Bidder participating in the Auction must confirm on the record, at the commencement of the Auction and again at the conclusion of the Auction, that it has not engaged in any collusion with the Applicants or any other person, without the express written consent of the Applicants, regarding the SISP, that has not been disclosed to all other Phase 2 Qualified Bidders.
- (h) Prior to the Auction, the Applicants shall identify the highest and best of the Phase 2 Qualified Bids received and such Phase 2 Qualified Bid shall constitute the opening bid for the purposes of the Auction (the "**Opening Bid**"). Subsequent bidding will continue in minimum increments valued at not less than US\$1 million cash in excess of the Opening Bid or in such amounts as to be determined by the Applicants, with the consent of the Monitor, prior to, and announced at, the

Auction. For the purposes of facilitating bidding the Applicants may ascribe a monetary value to non-cash considerations, including by way of example, to different levels of conditionality to closing. Each Phase 2 Qualified Bidder (other than the Stalking Horse Bidder) shall provide evidence of its financial wherewithal and ability to consummate the transaction at the increased purchase price, if so requested by the Applicants. Further, in the event that an Aggregated Bid qualifies to participate in the Auction, modifications to the bidding requirements may be made by the Applicants to facilitate bidding by the participants in the Aggregated Bid.

- (i) All Phase 2 Qualified Bidders shall have the right to, at any time, request that the Applicants announce, subject to any potential new bids, the then-current highest and best bid and, to the extent requested by any Phase 2 Qualified Bidder, use reasonable efforts to clarify any and all questions such Phase 2 Qualified Bidder may have regarding the Applicants' announcement of the then-current highest and best bid.
 - (j) Each participating Phase 2 Qualified Bidder shall be given reasonable opportunity to submit an overbid at the Auction to any then-existing overbids. The Auction shall continue until the bidding has concluded and there is one remaining Phase 2 Qualified Bidder that the Applicants determine has submitted the highest and otherwise best Phase 2 Qualified Bid of the Auction. At such time and upon the conclusion of the bidding, the Auction shall be closed and the final remaining Phase 2 Qualified Bidder shall be the Successful Bidder.
 - (k) Upon selection of a Successful Bidder, the Applicants shall require the Successful Bidder to deliver as soon as practicable an executed transaction document, which reflects its bid and any other modifications submitted and agreed to during the Auction, prior to the filing of the application material for the hearing to consider the Approval Motion (as defined below).
 - (l) The Applicants shall not consider any bids submitted after the conclusion of the Auction.
28. The Applicants shall have selected the final Successful Bid and the Backup Bid by no later than August 14, 2020 and the definitive documentation in respect of the Successful Bid must be finalized and executed no later than August 18, 2020, which definitive documentation shall be conditional only upon the receipt of the Approval Order and the express conditions set out therein and shall provide that the Successful Bidder shall use all reasonable efforts to close the proposed transaction by no later than the Target Closing Date, or such longer period as shall be agreed to by the Applicants with the consent of the Monitor and the Successful Bidder. In any event, the Successful Bid must be closed by no later than the Outside Date. The Applicants shall not extend or otherwise vary the Outside Date except with the written consent of the Monitor and the Agent.
29. Notwithstanding anything in the SISP to the contrary, if an Auction is conducted, the Phase 2 Qualified Bidder with the next highest or otherwise best Phase 2 Qualified Bid at the

Auction, as determined by the Applicants, will be designated as the backup bidder (the “**Backup Bidder**”); *provided* that the Stalking Horse Bidder shall not be a Backup Bidder, unless it elects to provide an overbid in the Auction. The Backup Bidder shall be required to keep its initial Phase 2 Qualified Bid (or if the Backup Bidder submitted one or more overbids at the Auction, the Backup Bidder’s final overbid) (the “**Backup Bid**”) open until the earlier of (A) two business days after the date of closing of the Successful Bid; and (B) the Outside Date.

Approval of Successful Bid

30. The Applicants shall apply to the Court (the “**Approval Motion**”) for an order approving the Successful Bid and the Backup Bid (as applicable) and vesting title to any purchased Property in the name of the Successful Bidder or the Backup Bidder (as applicable) (the “**Approval Order**”). The Approval Motion will be held on a date to be scheduled by the Applicants and confirmed by the Court upon application by the Applicants, who shall use their best efforts to schedule the Approval Motion on or before August 31, 2020, subject to Court availability. The Approval Motion may be adjourned or rescheduled by the Applicants without further notice, by an announcement of the adjourned date at the Approval Motion or in a notice to the Service List prior to the Approval Motion. The Applicants shall consult with the Successful Bidder and the Backup Bidder regarding the application material to be filed by the Applicants for the Approval Motion, which material shall be acceptable to the Successful Bidder, acting reasonably.
31. All Phase 2 Qualified Bids (other than the Successful Bid) shall be deemed rejected on and as of the date of the closing of the Successful Bid.

Deposits

32. The Deposit(s):
 - (a) shall, upon receipt from the Phase 2 Qualified Bidder(s), be retained by the Monitor and deposited in a trust account;
 - (b) received from the Successful Bidder shall:
 - (i) be applied to the purchase price to be paid by the applicable Successful Bidder whose Successful Bid is the subject of the Approval Order, upon closing of the approved transaction;
 - (ii) shall otherwise be held and refundable in accordance with the terms of the definitive documentation in respect of any Successful Bid, provided that all such documentation shall provide that the Deposit shall be retained by the Applicants and forfeited by the Successful Bidder, if the Successful Bid fails to close by the Outside Date, and such failure is attributable directly to any failure or omission of the Successful Bidder to fulfil its obligations under the terms of the Successful Bid;

- (c) received from the Backup Bidder, unless it is subsequently selected as the Successful Bidder, shall be fully refunded, to the Back-Up Bidder on or before the earlier of (i) two (2) Business Days after the date of the closing to the Successful Bid; or (ii) October 31, 2020;
 - (d) received from the Phase 2 Qualified Bidder(s) that are not the Successful Bidder or the Back-Up Bidder shall be fully refunded, to the Phase 2 Qualified Bidder(s) that paid the Deposit(s) as soon as practical following the selection of the Successful Bidder and in any event no later than September 30, 2020.
33. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Stalking Horse Bidder shall not be required to fund a Deposit.

“As is, Where is”

34. Any sale (or sales) of the Property will be on an “as is, where is” basis except for representations and warranties that are customarily provided in purchase agreements for a company subject to CCAA proceedings and any such representations and warranties provided for in the definitive documents shall not survive closing.

Free Of Any And All Claims And Interests

35. In the event of a sale, to the extent permitted by law, all of the rights, title and interests of the Applicants in and to the 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 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 transaction documents with a Successful Bidder.

Credit Bidding

36. The Washington Interim Lender shall be entitled to credit bid any outstanding DIP advances made by it as part of the closing of the Stalking Horse Bid, provided that any DIP advances made by the First Lien Interim Lenders are paid in cash by the Washington Interim Lender at closing.
37. Except as provided in paragraph 36 above, the Washington Interim Lender shall not be entitled to credit bid any outstanding DIP advances in connection with any transaction contemplated by the SISP without the consent of the Agent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld).
38. Any other party holding a valid, enforceable, and properly perfected security interest in the Property, including the Agent on behalf of the First Lien Lenders under the Existing Credit Agreement, or any lender party thereto, may, subject in all respects to such party’s compliance with the SISP and the terms thereof, credit bid the amount of debt secured by

such lien as part of any transaction contemplated by the SISP; *provided, however*, that such transaction shall also provide for the indefeasible and irrevocable repayment in full in cash on the date of closing of any such transaction of any and all obligations secured by a security interest that is senior to the security interest held by the party submitting such credit bid (it being understood and agreed that, (a) with respect to the Property the Interim Lender holds a super-priority security interest, senior to all other security interests in the Property, except as expressly set forth in the DIP Term Sheet and with respect to the court-ordered charges created in favour of the Interim Lender under the Second Amended and Restated Initial Order, and (b) any obligations of the Applicants with respect to any cover payments made pursuant to, or reclamation obligations associated with, the Diavik Interest must be indefeasibly and irrevocably repaid in full in cash on the date of closing of any such transaction) to the extent any credit bid pertains to the Diavik Interest. Any credit bid by the Agent under the Existing Credit Agreement, or any lender party thereto shall provide for the indefensible and irrevocable repayment in full in cash on the date of closing of any such transaction of all Interim Financing Obligations (as defined in the DIP), including those Interim Financing Obligations attributable to October Advances (as defined in the DIP)

Confidentiality

39. For greater certainty other than as shall be required in connection with any Auction or Approval Motion, neither the Applicants, the Monitor, the SISP Advisor will share (i) the identity of any Potential Bidder, or Phase 1 Qualified Bidder (other than the Stalking Horse Bidder), or (ii) the terms of any bid, LOI, Phase 1 Qualified Bid, Sale Proposal, Investment Proposal or Phase 2 Qualified Bid (other than the Stalking Horse Bid), with any other bidder (including, without limitation, the Stalking Horse Bidder) without the express written consent of such party (including by way of e-mail).

Further Orders

40. At any time during the SISP, the Applicants or the Monitor may apply to the Court for advice and directions with respect to any aspect of this SISP including, but not limited to, the continuation of the SISP or with respect to the discharge of its powers and duties hereunder.

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