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

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IN THE MATTER OF THE *BUSINESS CORPORATIONS ACT*, S.B.C. 2002, C. 57, AS AMENDED AND THE *BUSINESS CORPORATIONS ACT*, S.N.B. 1981, C. B-9.1, AS AMENDED

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IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE AND ARRANGEMENT OF TREVALI MINING CORPORATION AND TREVALI MINING (NEW BRUNSWICK) LTD.

PETITIONERS

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Name of applicant: The Bank of Nova Scotia, in its capacity as the RCF Administrative Agent.

To: The Service List, a copy of which is attached hereto as <u>Schedule "A"</u>.

TAKE NOTICE that an application will be made by the RCF Administrative Agent to the Honourable Madam Justice Fitzpatrick at the courthouse at 800 Smithe Street, Vancouver, B.C., on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 2:45 p.m. for the orders set out in Part 1, below.

PART 1: ORDERS SOUGHT

The RCF Administrative Agent seeks an order in substantially the form of draft order attached hereto as <u>Schedule "B"</u> (the "Sealing Order") that the Confidential Supplemental Report to the Fourth Report of the Monitor dated October 11, 2022 (the "Confidential Supplement") be filed under seal.

PART 2: FACTUAL BASIS

A. Overview

- 1. All capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings given to them in the Affidavit #1 of Brenden Creaney, affirmed August 19, 2022.
- 2. The RCF Administrative Agent seeks an order that the Confidential Supplement be filed under seal. The Confidential Supplement comments on, and appends an unredacted copy of, the Settlement Agreement (defined below), which, in turn, includes figures which might be relied upon by a potential bidder in the sales and investment solicitation process ("SISP") as indicative of the secured creditors' views as to the potential value of the Rosh Pinah mine. Accordingly, the Sealing Order is required to maintain the integrity of the SISP, and is the proportionate remedy to achieve this purpose.

B. Background

- On August 19, 2022, this Court granted an initial order (the "Initial Order") in these proceedings pursuant to the CCAA. The Initial Order provided, among other things: (a) that FTI Consulting Canada Inc. was appointed monitor of the Petitioners (in such capacity, the "Monitor"); and (b) for a stay of proceedings in favour of the Petitioners (the "Stay of Proceedings" until August 29, 2022.
- On August 29, 2022, this Court granted an amended and restated initial order (the "ARIO"), which, among other things, provided that the Stay of Proceedings be extended to October 6, 2022 (the "Stay Period").
- On September 14, 2022, this Court granted, among others, an order (the "SISP Order")
 approving a sales and investment solicitation process for the Petitioners' interests in the
 Rosh Pinah Mine and Caribou Mine.
- 6. On September 29, 2022, the Petitioners filed a Notice of Application returnable October 11, 2022 (the "Non-Applicant Stay Application") seeking an order that, during the Stay Period, any Person having a claim against any member of the Trevali Group be stayed from setting off those claims against amounts payable by such Person to Rosh Pinah Zinc

Corporation (Proprietary) Limited ("RPZC"). This application arose given that, in the context of these proceedings, Glencore declined to advise whether it would or would not seek to set off amounts payable by it to RPZC against obligations owed to it by other members of the Trevali Group in relation to the Caribou and Perkoa mines (such set-off is hereinafter referred to as "Multilateral Setoff").¹

- 7. On October 3, 2022, the Petitioners filed an application (the "Stay Extension Application") seeking an extension of the Stay Period to October 18, 2022 (the "Stay Extension").
- 8. On October 6, 2022, at the hearing of the Stay Extension Application, among other things:
 - (a) this Court granted the Stay Extension;
 - (b) counsel for the Petitioners, the RCF Administrative Agent and Glencore advised this Court that the parties anticipated resolving the issues under the Non-Applicant Stay Application, and were negotiating a formal settlement agreement (the "Settlement Agreement") to be presented to this Court for its approval at the hearing of the Petitioners' pending application for interim financing scheduled for October 11, 2022; and
 - (c) this Court agreed to hold October 17, 2022 open to, if necessary, hear the Non-Applicant Stay Application, and the parties agreed to adjourn that application to that future date.
- 9. On about October 11, 2022, the Trevali Group, Glencore, and the RCF Administrative Agent, as agent for and on behalf of the RCF Lenders, finalized the Settlement Agreement. The Settlement Agreement is attached as Appendix A to the Confidential Supplement.

C. The Confidential Supplement

10. The Confidential Supplement includes a complete and unredacted copy of the Settlement Agreement along with the Monitor's comments in respect thereof.

¹ Affidavit #5 of Brendan Creaney, affirmed September 29, 2022, paras. 3, 16.

- 11. The Settlement Agreement is conditional upon this Court approving the Settlement Agreement and the Interim Financing Term Sheet (defined in the Fourth Report) and authorizing Trevali Corp. to enter into both.
- 12. In general terms, the Settlement Agreement provides, among other things that:
 - (a) Glencore will, subject to certain exceptions set out therein, waive any right or claim to Multilateral Setoff during the pendency of these proceedings; and
 - (b) Trevali Corp., or such other party on its behalf, shall pay the Net Proceeds (as defined in the Settlement Agreement; i.e. the net amount available for distribution to the RCF Lenders and Glencore under their security after repayment of any interim financing obligations) to the RCF Administrative Agent and Glencore according to certain terms and in specific amounts according to a defined schedule (the "Distribution Schedule").

PART 3: LEGAL BASIS

- 1. The RCF Administrative Agent relies on the CCAA, the *Supreme Court Civil Rules*, and the inherent jurisdiction of this Honourable Court.
- 2. This Court has the authority to order that certain materials filed with the court be sealed in the court file. In *Sherman Estate v. Donovan*, 2021 SCC 25 ("*Sherman Estate*"), the Supreme Court of Canada "recast" the long-standing test set forth in *Sierra Club of Canada v. Canada (Minister of Finance)*, 2002 SCC 41, to help clarify its "core prerequisites" "without altering its essence". As clarified, the Court held that the presumptive openness of court proceedings may be appropriately limited by the grant of a sealing order where the applicant establishes that:
 - (a) court openness (i.e. not sealing the documents in question) poses a serious risk to an important public interest;
 - (b) the sealing order sought is necessary to prevent this serious risk to the identified interest because reasonable alternative measures will not prevent this risk; and

- (c) as a matter of proportionality, the benefits of the order outweigh its negative effects.²
- 3. Sherman Estates has since been followed by Canadian insolvency courts, including in cases where sealing orders were granted to keep confidential commercially sensitive information the disclosure of which would undermine the integrity of a sales process.³
- 4. The need to keep the Confidential Supplement confidential fits squarely within the test described in Sherman Estate. There is a public interest in ensuring the integrity of the SISP. Disclosure of the Settlement Agreement would pose a serious risk to this interest as potential purchasers may seek to derive from the Distribution Schedule what the Petitioners' two most senior lenders think the market value of the assets subject to the SISP may be. The Sealing Order is necessary to prevent this risk in the absence of reasonable alternative measures. Accordingly, the benefits of the Sealing Order outweigh its negative effects, including any limitation to the presumptive openness of these CCAA proceedings.
- 5. For the foregoing reasons, the RCF Administrative Agent submits that the Sealing Order is appropriate and should be granted. The RCF Administrative Agent has complied with the procedure for obtaining a sealing order set out in the Supreme Court of British Columbia Practice Direction 58, "Sealing Orders in Civil and Family Proceedings" (effective February 10, 2020).

PART 4: MATERIAL TO BE RELIED ON

- 1. Fourth Report of the Monitor, dated October 11, 2022;
- Confidential Supplemental Report to the Fourth Report of the Monitor, dated October 11, 2022;
- 3. Affidavit #5 of Brendan Creaney, affirmed September 29, 2022; and

² Sherman Estate v. Donovan, 2021 SCC 25 ("Sherman Estate"), paras. 37-38, and 43.

Ontario Securities Commission v. Bridging Finance Inc., 2021 ONSC 4347, paras. 23-24, 26-27; see also: Just Energy Group Inc. et al., 2021 ONSC 7630.

4. such further and other materials as counsel may advise and this Honourable Court may allow.

The Applicant estimate that the application will take 5 minutes.

This matter is not within the jurisdiction of a master. The Honourable Madam Justice Fitzpatrick is seized of this matter.

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

- (a) file an Application Response in Form 33,
- (b) file the original of every affidavit, and of every other document, that
 - (i) you intend to refer to at the hearing of this application, and
 - (ii) has not already been filed in the proceeding, and
- (c) serve on the applicant 2 copies of the following, and on every other party of record one copy of the following:
 - (i) a copy of the filed Application Response;
 - (ii) a copy of each of the filed affidavits and other documents that you intend to refer to at the hearing of this application and that has not already been served on that person;
 - (iii) if this application is brought under Rule 9-7, any notice that you are required to give under Rule 9-7(9).

Dated: 11-Oct-2022

(av Signature of Kibben Jackson

Lawyer for RCF Administrative Agent

To be	completed by the court only:
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	in the terms requested in paragraphs of Part 1 of this Notice of Application
	with the following variations and additional terms:
Date	
	Signature of □ Judge □ Master

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APPENDIX

THIS APPLICATION INVOLVES THE FOLLOWING:

	discovery: comply with demand for documents
	discovery: production of additional documents
	other matters concerning document discovery
	extend oral discovery
	other matter concerning oral discovery
	amend pleadings
	add/change parties
	summary judgment
	summary trial
	service
	mediation
	adjournments
	proceedings at trial
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SCHEDULE "A"

Service List

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SCHEDULE "B"

Draft Sealing Order

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SEALING ORDER

PETITIONERS

	1	BEREIT O ORDER		
BEFORE)	THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE FITZPATRICK)	October 11, 2022

ON THE APPLICATION of The Bank of Nova Scotia, in its capacity as administrative agent for the revolving credit facility lenders (in such capacity, the "RCF Administrative Agent"), coming on for hearing at Vancouver, British Columbia on October 11, 2022, and on hearing Kibben Jackson and Glen Nesbitt, counsel for the RCF Administrative Agent, and those counsel listed in Schedule "A" attached hereto; AND UPON READING the material filed, including the Fourth Report of the Monitor dated October 11, 202, and the Confidential Supplemental Report to the Fourth Report of the Monitor dated October 11, 2022; AND pursuant to the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, the British Columbia Supreme Court Civil Rules, and the inherent jurisdiction of this Honourable Court;

THIS COURT ORDERS that:

1. Access to Sealed Items permitted by:

[X] Counsel for the Petitioners and counsel for the Monitor

Items to be sealed

Document Name	Date Number of copies filed, including		Company of the Compan	Sought:	Granted	
	(Date on Court Stamp)	any extra copies for the judge	(to specific date or until further order)		Yes	No
(2) Specific Document Confidential Supplemental Report to the Fourth Report of the Monitor dated October 11, 2022	October 11, 2022	One copy, to be sealed.	Until further Order of this Court	Ø	Ø	
(3) Clerk's Notes						
(4) Order						

- 2. The time for service of the Notice of Application for this order be and is hereby abridged such that the application for this Sealing Order is properly returnable on this date and service upon any interested party other than those parties on the Service List maintained by the Monitor in these proceedings is hereby dispensed with.
- 3. Endorsement of this Order by counsel appearing on this application, other than counsel for the RCF Administrative Agent, is hereby dispensed with.

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

Signature of Kibben Jackson		
Lawyer for RCF Administrative Agent		
	BY THE COURT	
	REGISTRAR	

SCHEDULE "A"

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ORDER MADE AFTER APPLICATION (SEALING ORDER)

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