INSTRUCTION LETTER

FOR THE CLAIMS PROCEDURE FOR KNOWN CREDITORS OF CLINE MINING CORPORATION, NEW ELK COAL COMPANY LLC AND NORTH CENTRAL ENERGY COMPANY (collectively, the "Applicants")

CLAIMS PROCEDURE

By Order of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) dated December 3, 2014 (as such Order may be amended from time to time, the "Claims Procedure Order") under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36 (the "CCAA"), the Applicants and FTI Consulting Canada Inc., in its capacity as Court-appointed monitor of the Applicants (the "Monitor"), have been authorized to conduct a claims procedure (the "Claims Procedure"). A copy of the Claims Procedure Order and other public information concerning these proceedings can be obtained from the Monitor's website at http://cfcanada.fticonsulting.com/cline.

This letter provides general instructions for completing a Notice of Dispute of Claim form. Defined terms not defined within this instruction letter shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in the Claim Procedure Order.

The Claims Procedure is intended to identify and determine the amount of any claims against the Applicants or any or all of the Directors or Officers of the Applicants, whether unliquidated, contingent or otherwise, that are to be affected in the plan of compromise and arrangement being pursued by the Applicants under the CCAA. Please review the Claims Procedure Order for the full terms of the Claims Procedure.

All notices and inquiries with respect to the Claims Procedure should be directed to the Monitor by prepaid registered mail, courier, personal delivery, facsimile transmission, email, or telephone at the address below:

FTI Consulting Canada Inc., Court-appointed Monitor of Cline Mining Corporation, New Elk Coal Company LLC and North Central Energy Company

Claims Process

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FOR CREDITORS DISPUTING A NOTICE OF CLAIM

If you have received a Notice of Claim and you dispute the determination of your Claims as set forth therein for voting and/or distribution purposes, you must file a Notice of Dispute of Claim form with the Monitor. All Notices of Dispute of Claim must be received by the Monitor on or before 5:00 p.m. (Toronto Time) on January 13, 2015. If a Notice of Dispute of Claim is not received on or before that time then you shall be deemed to have accepted the determination of your Claims as set out in the Notice of Claim for both voting and distribution purposes, and any and all of your rights to dispute such Claims as so valued or to otherwise assert or pursue such Claims in an amount that exceeds the amount set forth on the Notice of Claim shall be forever extinguished and barred without further act or notification.

If you believe you have any additional Claims other than the Claims set out in the Notice of Claim (including a Pre-Filing Claim, a Director/Officer Claim or a Restructuring Period Claim) you must file a Proof of Claim to assert any such additional Claims so that it is received by the Monitor by the Claims Bar Date or the Restructuring Period Claims Bar Date, as applicable, otherwise any such Claim shall be forever extinguished and barred without further act or notification.

All Claims shall be converted to Canadian dollars at the Bank of Canada Canadian Dollar noon exchange rate in effect at the date of the Initial Order. Claim amounts listed in the Notice of Claim are denominated in Canadian Dollars.

Additional Notices of Dispute of Claim forms and Proof of Claim forms can be obtained from the Monitor's website at http://cfcanada.fticonsulting.com/cline or by contacting the Monitor.

DATED this 3rd day of December, 2014.

ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE COMMERCIAL LIST

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 AND ARRANGEMENT OF CLINE MINING CORPORATION, NEW ELK COAL COMPANY LLC AND NORTH CENTRAL ENERGY COMPANY

| NOTICE OF DISPUTE OF CLAIM | | | | | | | |
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| 1. | PARTICULARS OF CREDITOR | | | | | | |
| (a) | Full Legal Name of Creditor: | | | | | | |
| (b) | Full Mailing Address of Creditor: | | | | | | |
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| (c) | Telephone Number of Creditor: | | | | | | |
| (d) | Facsimile Number of Creditor: | | | | | | |
| (e) | E-mail Address of Creditor: | | | | | | |
| (f) | Attention (Contact Person): | | | | | | |

| 2. | PARTICULARS OF ORIGINAL CREDITOR FROM WHOM YOU ACQUIRED CLAIM, IF APPLICABLE: | | | | | | | | |
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| | (a) Have you acquired this Claim by assignment? Yes \(\square\) No | | | | | | | | |
| | | (if yes, attach documents evidencing assignment) | | | | | | | |
| | (b) | Full Legal Name of original creditor(s): | | | | | | | |
| 3. | | DISPUTE OF DETERMINATION OF CLAIM FOR VOTING AND/OR DISTRIBUTION PURPOSES: | | | | | | | |
| | at the Initial We he | (Any Claims denominated in a foreign currency shall be converted to Canadian dollars at the Bank of Canada Canadian Dollar noon exchange rate in effect as of the date of the Initial Order.) We hereby disagree with the determination of our Claim as set out in the Notice of Claim dated, as set out below: | | | | | | | |
| | | | As specified in Notice of Claim | Disputed for (check all that apply) | Claim asserted by Creditor | | | | |
| | Name | m against: of Applicant ector/Officer | | | | | | | |
| | Vot | ing Claim | | | | | | | |
| | Distril | oution Claim | | | | | | | |
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(Insert particulars of Claim per Notice of Claim and the value of your claim as asserted by you.)

| 4. | REAS | SUUS | FOR | DISPUTE: |
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| 5:00 p.m. | (Toronto Time) I registered mail, FTI Consul | on January 13, courier, personal lting Canada I | 2015 , the Claims Bar I delivery, facsimile transfac., Court-appointed | Monitor of Cline Mining | |
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| | Claims Proc | ess | | | |
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| Dated at _ | | this | day of | , 201 | |