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                 (PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED) ([10:03:20 AM])
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                 VIDEOCONFERENCE)
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       THE CLERK:
                   In the Supreme Court of British Columbia at
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            Vancouver this 17th day of December 2024.
            matter of the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act
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            and Elevation Gold Mining Corp. and others, Madam
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            Justice.
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       THE COURT:
                   Yes.
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       DISCUSSION RE INTRODUCTIONS:
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: Good morning, Justice Fitzpatrick.
            Alexis Teasdale, T-e-a-s-d-a-l-e, first initial A,
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            and with me is Mr. Bedi, B-e-d-i, first initial A.
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       THE COURT: Mr. Bedi.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: We are counsel for the petitioners.
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       THE COURT: Sorry, could you give me the name again,
25
            please.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                         Yes, it's B-e-d-i.
       THE COURT: B-e-d-i, yeah.
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                         First initial A.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
       THE COURT: Okay, thank you. For?
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: For the petitioners.
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       THE COURT:
                  Petitioners.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
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                   Thank you.
       THE COURT:
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          Thank you very much.
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       THE COURT: Mr. Jackson.
       CNSL K. JACKSON: Good morning, Justice.
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                                                  It's Jackson,
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            initial K, appearing for the monitor, KSV
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            Restructuring Inc. Bobby Kofman of the monitor
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            is -- was going to be here in person, but his
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            flight was delayed out of Toronto, and so he is
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            available virtually, as is Ken Coleman, which is
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            C-o-l-e-m-a-n. He is US counsel for the monitor,
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            so he's not appearing, but he is appearing
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            virtually, at least, in case something comes up.
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       THE COURT:
                   Yes, I see quite a few people on the video.
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            Okay.
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       CNSL K. JACKSON:
                        Indeed.
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THE COURT: Okay, thank you. Mr. Williams?
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS: Justice, Williams, first initial L.
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            With me, Bowron, B-o-w-r-o-n, first initial A,
 4
            counsel for Patriot Gold Corp.
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       THE COURT:
                   Okay, thank you. All right.
            any other counsel appearing by video?
 7
       CNSL D. BISH: Good morning. Yes, David Bish.
       THE COURT: Hello, Mr. Bish.
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       CNSL D. BISH:
                      Counsel for Triple Flag.
                                                  Triple Flag
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            owns Maverix, which is the principal secured
11
            creditor in the case.
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       THE COURT:
                   Okay. All right. Thank you.
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       CNSL T. PINOS: Good morning, Justice Fitzpatrick.
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            name is Timothy Pinos, P-i-n-o-s. I am
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            representing Nomad Royalty Company Limited who own
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            a royalty in the property to be conveyed, and
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            we're aligned in interest with Patriot Gold, who
18
            just introduced themselves.
19
       THE COURT: All right. Are you a Canadian lawyer,
20
            Mr. Pinos? I'm not familiar with you.
21
       CNSL T. PINOS: Yes, I'm at Cassels in Toronto.
22
       THE COURT: Oh, at Cassels. Okay. Thank you.
       I just didn't know who you were.
CNSL T. PINOS: No, I've not had the pleasure before,
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            Madam Justice Fitzpatrick. I do have a BC Bar
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            number, though, so I'm not completely --
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       THE COURT: Well, I'm not going --
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       CNSL T. PINOS: I'm not completely from away.
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       THE COURT: Yes. Well, I'm not going into that much
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            detail.
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                  But Mr. Schwill, I see you on the line.
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            know who you are.
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       CNSL R. SCHWILL:
            R. SCHWILL: Yes, good morning, Justice Fitzpatrick. I'm on for the purchaser,
34
            EG Acquisition LLC.
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       THE COURT:
                   Okay, thank you. And any other counsel?
37
       CNSL E. GIESE: Yes, Your Honour. My name is Erica
38
            Giese. I'm not -- I have not appeared in this
39
            case. I am American counsel, US counsel, for the
40
            Greenwood claimants, including Monroe Giese,
            Benjamin Giese and Mary Abell.
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       THE COURT: All right, well --
                       I'm observing.
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       CNSL E. GIESE:
                                        I have not made an
44
            appearance.
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       THE COURT:
                   Yeah, you're not appearing, then.
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            assume you're listening in, then; right?
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       CNSL E. GIESE: Yes, Your Honour. I just want to make
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sure to respond.
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       THE COURT: Yes, all right. Well, that's -- Mr. Clerk,
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            we're not going to show Ms. Giese as having
 4
            appeared.
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                 All right. Any other counsel that are
            appearing, or party, if you are appearing? No.
 7
            All right. Okay, Ms. Teasdale.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: Thank you, Justice Fitzpatrick.
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            There may be some individuals on the line. We did
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            have a few of the royalty holders ask for the
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            court information, and so we provided it to them.
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            So if there's other people online that you see,
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            that could be who it is.
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       THE COURT:
                   Could you speak up a little.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          Yes.
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       THE COURT:
                   I'm having trouble hearing you.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          Sorry. Pardon me. I just -- we
            provided the court information, like the Webex
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            information, the some additional individual
            parties who are interested in these proceedings.
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       THE COURT:
                  I see.
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                         And so they may be online if there
       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
23
            is others there.
24
       THE COURT:
                  They're stakeholders, then; is that right?
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: Correct. That's right.
26
       THE COURT:
                   Okay.
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                          Royalty holders, most of them.
       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
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       THE COURT:
                   I see.
                          All right.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          Yes, thank you.
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       THE COURT: And they're on the service list, I assume.
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            Is that right?
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          They were served with notice of this
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                          That's correct.
            application.
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                          So are there any other people that
       THE COURT: Okay.
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            are on the line that intend to speak, I suppose,
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            and if you do so -- or if you do intend to do
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            that, would you identify yourself so we have your
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            name on the record in terms of -- and your status,
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            if I can put it that way.
       H. GREENWOOD:
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                      This is Harris Greenwood. Can you hear
41
            me?
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       THE COURT: Mr. Greenwood, Harris?
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       H. GREENWOOD: Yes, first name Harris, last name
44
            Greenwood.
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       THE COURT:
                  Yes.
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       H. GREENWOOD: I'm not sure I'm a speaker, but I'm here
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            and I might have a short sentence or two.
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Erica and Jennifer are going to speak a whole lot

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            better than I do, so I defer to them mostly.
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       THE COURT: Well, I don't know who Jennifer is. I know
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            Ms. Giese is already --
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       H. GREENWOOD: Yeah, Erica. Yeah, I just got on.
            tried to get on an hour ago, but I couldn't.
 7
            finally they told me to phone back at another
            time, which I just did.
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       THE COURT: All right. And Mr. Greenwood, is it --
10
            Ms. Teasdale is suggesting that you're a royalty
11
            holder.
                    Is that right?
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       H. GREENWOOD: Yes, I'm a royalty holder, and I look
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            after the patent [indiscernible] taxes, stuff like
14
            that, for about 30, 40 years, and my dad did it
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            before me, and my grandmother before that, and my
            great-grandfather before that, going back to 1900.
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       THE COURT: I see.
                           All right. Okay, thank you. Well,
            we're just -- we're just taking appearances right now, and if you wish to speak later, then you'll
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            have that opportunity. All right?
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       H. GREENWOOD: If I do, I'll keep it really short.
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       THE COURT:
                   Yes.
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       H. GREENWOOD: Thank you so much.
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       THE COURT: Okay.
                          Thank you, Mr. Greenwood.
25
                 All right, Ms. Teasdale.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: Thank you, Justice.
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       SUBMISSIONS RE APPLICATIONS BY CNSL A. TEASDALE:
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                           So I've handed Mr. Clerk a number of
       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
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            items for you. We unfortunately do not yet have
32
            an appearance list. That was inadvertently left
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            at our office this morning on our way to court.
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            We will provide it as soon as we have it.
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                 Mr. Clerk has provided a copy of the book of
36
            authorities for the court. There are two
37
            application responses, one from Patriot and one
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            from Nomad, which did not make it into the record
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            because they were filed on Friday and Monday
40
            respectively -- or served, rather, on Friday and
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            filed on Monday respectively, as well as an
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            affidavit of Susan Danielsz -- I don't know how to
43
            say her last name. I handed those up for you.
44
            And I've also handed up copies of the vetted
45
            orders.
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       THE COURT: M'mm-hmm.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: So there are two applications before
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you this morning. There's a first application for
            approval of a proposed transaction between
 3
            Elevation Gold Mining corporation and
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            EG Acquisition LLC by way of an approval and
 5
            vesting order. We are also, as part of that
            order, seeking third party releases.
            There's some ancillary relief related to our application for approval of the transaction,
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            namely a sealing order in respect of the seventh
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            confidential affidavit of Tim Swendseid, which
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            includes an unredacted copy of the sale agreement
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            and a summary of bids received.
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                 And we're also seeking a distribution order
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            in connection with the application for approval of
15
            the sale.
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                 The second application --
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       THE COURT:
                   Isn't that three orders, or is there --
                           That's three. That's correct.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
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       THE COURT: So three orders.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: Approval and vesting order,
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            distribution order and a sealing order.
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       THE COURT: M'mm-hmm.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: And then the second application
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            we've brought today is for an order enhancing the
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            monitor's powers, and we apologize that came a bit
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            later, and that was due to the fact that the
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            directors advised that they intended to resign.
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            The directors of all the petitioners advised they
29
            intended to resign on closing of the transaction,
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            which is scheduled to occur for the end of the
31
            month.
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       THE COURT: Just a moment. If you're not speaking,
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            would you please mute your phone. I hear someone
34
            rattling dishes or something in the background,
35
            so -- like that.
36
                      I'll see what I can do.
       H. GREENWOOD:
                                                Hold one sec.
37
                   Thank you, Mr. Greenwood. Maybe you could
38
            do the breakfast dishes later.
39
                       Yeah, we'll do the dishes later.
       H. GREENWOOD:
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       THE COURT:
                   Okay.
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       H. GREENWOOD:
                       Thank you.
42
       THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Greenwood. If you could
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            mute your phone, then you could do whatever you
44
            like, but just make sure you monitor things in
45
            case I call on you at some point.
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       H. GREENWOOD: I appreciate. Thank you.
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       THE COURT: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Greenwood.
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All right. So two applications, the panoply
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            of orders that you just mentioned, 1, 2 and 3, and
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            the second is the enhanced powers order.
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                          That's right, Justice.
       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
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       THE COURT:
                  Okay.
       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          The sale approval application is
 7
            opposed by Patriot and Nomad, as is the
 8
            distribution order, which is part of the sale
 9
            approval application. And in brief, their
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            objections relate to this court's jurisdiction to
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            hear the sale approval and vesting order, and also
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            the scope of the releases sought as part of that
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            order.
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                 In terms of how we proceed this morning,
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            Mr. Bedi is going to start by speaking to service,
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            and then he will speak to the sealing order first,
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            and then I will speak to the sale approval
            application, and then Mr. Bedi will finish off
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            with the enhanced powers -- or pardon me -- with
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            the distribution order application, as well as the
21
            enhanced powers order.
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                 I'm just going to orient you briefly in terms
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            of giving you a high-level overview of the
24
            transaction. It's relevant to Mr. Bedi's
25
            submissions on service, so I just want to orient
26
            the court there first.
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                 So Elevation Gold and EG Acquisition entered
            into an agreement of purchase and sale on
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29
            December 2nd, which is the agreement before you
30
            today. That agreement contemplates, at a high
31
            level, the purchase by EG Acquisition of certain
32
            assets of Elevation Gold, including all issued and
33
            outstanding shares of Golden Vertex Corporation,
34
            which is one of its wholly-owned subsidiaries. As
35
            part of that transaction, GVC will retain various
36
            assets and liabilities and certain residual assets
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            and liabilities will be vested into Elevation
38
            Gold.
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                 The liabilities that GVC will retain as part
40
            of the sale include liabilities with respect to --
       THE COURT: Sorry, you say EG who?
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          EG Acquisition LLC.
                                                That's the
43
            purchaser.
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       THE COURT:
                   Okay.
                          What do you call it? Your acronym
45
            is EG?
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          Acquisition.
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THE COURT: Oh, just -- okay. So that's the purchaser.

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EG Acquisition LLC --
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          Yes.
 3
       THE COURT:
                   -- is the purchaser.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          That's the purchaser, yes.
 5
       THE COURT: Okay.
                          So the idea is that they purchased
            the shares owned by Elevation Gold.
 7
                          In GVC.
       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
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       THE COURT:
                   In?
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          Golden Vertex Corporation.
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       THE COURT:
                   Golden --
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          Which -- pardon me.
12
       THE COURT: That's -- Golden Vertex.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: I should have introduced my acronyms
14
            first.
15
                         Yes, that's --
       THE COURT:
                   Yes.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          Yeah, I will be referring to them as
17
            Golden Vertex or GVC during these submissions.
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                 So the liabilities that GVC is going to
19
            retain as part of the sale, those include
20
            liabilities with respect to the post-closing
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            operation of the Moss Mine, which is owned by GVC,
22
            and is located in Arizona. And so that
23
            necessarily is going to include GVC retaining
24
            various contracts related to supplies, service and
25
            other operational matters.
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                 And so, given the commentary from Justice
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            Walker in PaySlate about situations where
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            contracts are assumed by a purchaser in a reverse
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            vesting type of situation, and this order does
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            have aspects to it that are similar to a reverse
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            vesting order. We and the monitor wanted to
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            ensure that the counterparties to these contracts
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            that are going to be retained have notice of the
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            purchaser's intention to retain them and have the
            opportunity to object to the retention of their
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36
            contracts, should they wish.
                                          And this comes
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            directly from Justice Walker's decision.
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                 And so we were in contact with the monitor
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            about this, and we've determined that this would
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            be reasonable in the circumstances to provide this
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            additional notice to contract counterparties, and
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            so we did that, and Mr. Bedi will speak to that.
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                 In addition, given the nature of the
44
            transaction --
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       THE COURT:
                   Those are counterparties to contracts with
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            GVC.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          That's correct, yes.
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THE COURT: M'mm-hmm.

CNSL A. TEASDALE: And so finally, just given the nature of the transaction, which is essentially a sale of the shares of this entity and the retention and vesting of certain assets in and out of Golden Vertex Corporation, the petitioners served a broader service list than the one that's been maintained by the monitor to date, simply because this is a broad transaction, and it is sort of the final transaction of the piece, essentially, and so we wanted to provide ample notice to all creditors and interested parties.

And so Mr. Bedi will now speak to service, and then he will speak about the -- about the sealing order as well.

SUBMISSIONS RE SERVICE BY CNSL A. BEDI:

CNSL A. BEDI: Good morning, Madam Justice Fitzpatrick.

As Ms. Teasdale noted, there is two
applications before you today, one for an approval
and vesting order and other ancillary relief and
an application for the enhanced powers order, as
we called it.

I'll first speak to service as it relates to the approval and vesting order application. So on December 3rd, 2024, we sent a letter with a download link for the notice of application and the sixth affidavit of Tim Swendseid, sworn December 3rd, I believe, the a large service list.

THE COURT: What date was that again?

CNSL A. BEDI: Pardon?

THE COURT: What date was that again?

CNSL A. BEDI: That was December 3rd.

THE COURT: 3rd, okay.

CNSL A. BEDI: Yes. So this larger service list is contained at Exhibit A to the affidavit of delivery of Zandrhea de Guzman sworn December 12th, and also Exhibit A to the affidavit of delivery of Ms. Curran, Cindy Curran, sworn December 16th.

The service list contained several parties.

43 They contained -- 44 THE COURT: Where do I

THE COURT: Where do I find these affidavits?

CNSL A. BEDI: I believe we have copies over here. May I hand these up? Yes, so Exhibit A in particular contains the larger service list.

9 Submissions re service by Cnsl A. Bedi

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THE COURT: Exhibit A to what?
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       CNSL A. BEDI: Both of the affidavits.
 3
            affidavit of Zandrhea de Guzman, and to the
 4
            affidavit of Cindy Curran.
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       THE COURT:
                  Right, okay.
       CNSL A. BEDI:
                      They contain the letter as well in which
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            the download links for the notice of application
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            and the affidavit were contained. Apologies.
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            These are not tabbed.
                 The service list as well, it contained
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            parties who notified the monitor or the
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            petitioners of their interest in the proceedings.
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            It contained the secured creditors. It contained
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            unsecured creditors, contractual counterparties,
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            convertible debenture holders and mineral burden
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            claimants, or individuals or parties that claimed
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            an interest in the lands.
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                 There were 129 parties in total.
                                                     We sent out
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            23 couriers to various addresses, and the rest of
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            the parties we served via email.
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       THE COURT: And these are all people that have claims
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            against GVC; is that right?
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       CNSL A. BEDI: So they claim interest in various lands.
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            So the Greenwood claimants, for example, many of
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            whom are appearing today, they claim an interest
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            in lands that are owned by GVC, I believe, and
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            there are other claimants as well that we served.
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       THE COURT: But they're all related to GVC; is that
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            right?
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       CNSL A. BEDI:
                      Yes, that's correct.
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       THE COURT:
                   So they're counterparties to contracts with
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            GVC, or they have direct claims against GVC,
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            including against the lands.
                                          Is that right?
                   I: Yes, that's correct.
I mean, I do have some knowledge, as the
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       CNSL A. BEDI:
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       THE COURT:
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            supervising judge on this, is that Patriot and
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            Nomad were claiming an interest in land under some
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            set of royalty arrangements, as far as I recall.
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       CNSL A. BEDI: M'mm-hmm.
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       THE COURT: And that was to be resolved by the US
            court, as best I recall also.
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       CNSL A. BEDI: Yeah, that is correct.
                                               There is
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            applications in the United States as it is right
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            now.
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       THE COURT:
                   Oh, I see.
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       CNSL A. BEDI: And there's Charter 15 proceedings that
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            are ongoing in respect of their interests.
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THE COURT: All right. 2 To continue on. So for three couriers CNSL A. BEDI: 3 in respect of the convertible debenture holders, 4 the service letter was taped upon one of their 5 doors; that's a Ms. Chantel Buse. A service letter to Grace Kwok was accepted by Gary Kwok, 7 who resides in the same residence, and Lawson 8 Lundell was informed that David Spleet, who's a 9 convertible debenture holder, no longer resided at 10 the address we had for him. 11 Additionally, we did receive email delivery 12 failures for a few parties: Ian Grundy of 13 Sandstorm, Colonial Life Insurance, Just Refiners 14 USA Inc., Laughin Bullhead Investments, Mohave 15 County, Mary Carr Tilley, Frances Elyse Tibbi. 16 Sandstorm in particular are represented today by 17 Cassels. Colonial Life, we served at a physical 18 address via courier afterwards. Just Refiners, 19 Laughin and Mohave County, we sent couriers to, 20 and Mary Carr Tilley and Frances Elyse Tibbi are 21 Greenwood claimants, and we served them by courier 22 as well. 23 As of December 11th, I believe, the courier 24 to Frances Elyse Tibbi left a notice on the door 25 stating that a shipment was ready for pickup and a T. Tilley signed for Mary Carr Tilley. 26 27 I'd like to quickly address PaySlate as well, 28 and for the record --29 THE COURT: Well, what am I to take from these very 30 large affidavits, Mr. Bedi? 31 CNSL A. BEDI: So what we want to demonstrate, 32 essentially, is that we served as many parties as 33 we could. 34 THE COURT: Yes. 35 CNSL A. BEDI: Just because these parties have been 36 interested in land. We wanted to make sure that 37 we gave as many people notice of that application 38 as possible. A lot of these people may have their 39 rights affected, and we wanted to give them the 40 opportunity to read the materials and appear if 41 they so wished. 42 THE COURT: All right. But you're saying there are 43 people that have not received the materials yet. 44 Is that right? 45 CNSL A. BEDI: They've all received materials. 46 Received email delivery notifications or failure 47 notifications. We then sent couriers out.

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There's been letters posted to doors as well.
            There's, as I mentioned, over 120 parties that
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            have been served, and the vast majority of which
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            service was effective for.
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       THE COURT:
                  The vast majority.
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       CNSL A. BEDI:
                      Yes.
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       THE COURT: So who's not in the vast majority?
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       CNSL A. BEDI: So as I mentioned, Frances Elyse Tibbi
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            had a notice left --
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       THE COURT:
                  Could you tell me where your referring to.
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            These affidavits are very large, and you're
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            rattling off a bunch of names, and it's difficult
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            for me to understand what you're referring to.
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       CNSL A. BEDI: Fair enough. My apologies. Give me one
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            moment.
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                 So if you look at page 29 of the affidavit of
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            Zandrhea de Guzman, in particular paragraph 13.
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       THE COURT: 29.
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       CNSL A. BEDI: So this refers to those two parties that
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            I just mentioned. Just above that on page 28 and
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            29 as well, there's a list of other parties we
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            served via courier.
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                 So essentially we sent out several couriers.
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            We found out that -- well, sorry. We sent out
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            several emails, and paragraph 12 lists about six
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            parties, the same parties that I mentioned. We
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            received email delivery failure notifications for
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            those particular parties. We then sent out
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            couriers.
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                 At Exhibit I to this affidavit, there are
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            proofs of delivery in respect of several of those
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            parties. For two of those parties,
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            paragraph 13(a), the courier to Frances Elyse
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            Tibbi left --
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       THE COURT:
                  Just a moment.
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                 Mr. Greenwood, I don't know if that's you
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            again, but we can still hear you.
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       H. GREENWOOD: Okay. I'm not sure what you're hearing.
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            So I apologize if it was me.
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       THE COURT: Yes. Just, again, if you could just mute
            your phone or whatever device you happen to be
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            using, I think that would work. Okay? Hopefully
            that's done it.
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       CNSL A. BEDI:
                     So as I was saying, paragraph 12
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            contains a list of six parties, essentially, that
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            we couldn't serve via email. We sent out couriers
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            to them. Paragraph 13 talks about two of the
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parties. They're agreement claimants. Frances Elyse Tibbi, a notice was posted to her door, and 3 a T. Tilley signed for Mary Carr Tilley. So we're 4 just going over service at this point, seeing who 5 we delivered via courier, who we -- sorry -- who we served via courier, who we served via email, 7 and what steps we took afterwards to make sure the 8 people we couldn't deliver emails to were served 9 via courier, essentially. 10 THE COURT: All right. 11 CNSL A. BEDI: To continue on, I'd like to address PaySlate as well. So we served everybody here 12 with the notice of application and the affidavit 13 14 of Tim Swendseid, and it was parties on the 15 service list, but we also, as Ms. Teasdale noted, 16 sent out letters to various contractual 17 counterparties as well. 18 So for the record, the citation for PaySlate 19 is 2023 BCSC 608. It involved an application for 20 a reverse vesting order. Paysafe -- not 21 PaySlate -- was a critical supplier and unsecured 22 creditor, and they raised issue around service in 23 that case. They pointed out the service list did 24 not have unsecured creditors. This is at 25 paragraph 58 of that case. 26 Justice Walker noted that PaySlate did not 27 serve counterparties to retained contracts with a 28 copy of the notice of application. They served 29 counterparties to excluded contracts by email and, 30 in many instances, it was generic emails. 31 Justice Walker was concerned and stated in 32 that case that service should have been effected 33 on the counterparties to retained contracts. 34 have tried to get --THE COURT: Have you provided me with a copy of that 35 36 If you're going to be referring to case? 37 something, it would be much appreciated if you 38 could hand it up so I can look at it. I'm 39 somewhat familiar with the PaySlate decision, but 40 if you're going to refer to authorities -- and I 41 just looked in your book of authorities; it's not 42 there. 43 CNSL A. BEDI: My apologies. I do not have a printed copy of PaySlate at this particular point.

recall, Justice Walker said that service was not

effected, and he adjourned the matter so that that

THE COURT: So what am I to take from PaySlate?

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could be done.
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       CNSL A. BEDI:
                     Yes.
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       THE COURT: Is that right?
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       CNSL A. BEDI:
                      That's what happened in that case, and
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            his concern was basically counterparties to
            retained contracts, and what I wanted to
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            demonstrate is, essentially, that we tried to get
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            ahead of that concern and make sure that
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            counterparties to retained contracts in this
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            instance were provided notices.
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       THE COURT:
                   All right. And you say you've done that --
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       CNSL A. BEDI: We have done that.
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       THE COURT: -- as evidenced in these two affidavits.
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            Is that right?
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       CNSL A. BEDI:
                      That is correct. So in addition to
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            serving the broader service list, we also sent
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            notices to contractual counterparties.
            identified 38 contractual counterparties whose
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            contract would be retained by the purchaser of
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            GVC. We prepared notices for each of them.
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            notices stated that their contracts would be
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            retained. They notified them of this hearing.
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            They provided the notice of application, the sixth
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            affidavit of Tim Swendseid and the monitor's
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            report, and they informed them how they could
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            object to their contracts being retained as well.
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                 All 38 of those notices were sent by email.
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            These emails are contained at Exhibit D to the
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            affidavit of delivery of Ms. Zandrhea de Guzman.
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            That exhibit in particular contains the emails and
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            the notices, which is why it's so lengthy.
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       THE COURT: Right. And did any of them object?
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       CNSL A. BEDI: None of them have objected, to my
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            knowledge.
       THE COURT: No counterparties.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          Justice, the issue with that is that
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            the notice provides that there is a date for
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            objection, which is the date of the US approval
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            hearing, which is not until December 23rd. So we
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            haven't heard from any of those contract
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            counterparties. The outside date for them to
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            provide written notice for their objection is
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            December 23rd.
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       THE COURT:
                  Their objection to what?
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            application?
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: No, their contracts being retained
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            by the purchaser.
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THE COURT: Oh, I see. So was that a matter that's
            being addressed by the US court?
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       CNSL A. BEDI: Well, there is a hearing in the US
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            court, and there's a time by which these parties
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            will have to give their objection, essentially,
            but we wanted to give them as much notice of this
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            hearing and that hearing as well.
       THE COURT: Okay. So ... so the December 23rd deadline
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            relates to their objection to a matter that's
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            being addressed by the US court. Is that right?
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: No, that's not right.
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       CNSL A. BEDI: Oh, right.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                         Justice Fitzpatrick.
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       THE COURT: You know, Ms. Teasdale and Mr. Bedi, this
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            is very confusing as to what we're doing here
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            today.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          Yes.
       THE COURT: All of these service issues are, frankly,
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            being addressed by you in a vacuum, in the sense
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            that I have no idea what you're doing and why this
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            service or nonservice has to do with anything,
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            because I don't even understand what this
23
            transaction is.
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                 I have not had an opportunity --
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: Yes, and I will take you through the
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            transaction --
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       THE COURT: -- of going through this material in
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            detail. So without the context, it's not making a
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            lot of sense to me.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: I will take you through the
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            transaction in full, Justice.
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       THE COURT: And I'd like to know a little bit more
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            context so I know what the objections are that
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            clearly are raised by Nomad and Patriot.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                         Yes, I will --
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       THE COURT: Because I understood that they -- as I said
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            to Mr. Bedi, that they were claiming an interest
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            in land.
                      That seemed to be a very live issue on
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            previous applications.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: Yes.
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       THE COURT: And it's my understanding that that matter
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            will be addressed by the US court. So it's
            unclear to me how that folds into this in terms of
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            what you're seeking and why they're objecting to
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            it.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: Yes. My apologies, Justice.
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DISCUSSION RE CONTRACTUAL COUNTERPARTY NOTICES:
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: So yes, Patriot and Nomad are
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            objecting, and I will speak very specifically to
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            their objections and our responses to those
            objections.
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                 Service was intended to be a brief discussion
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            of the fact that we served a large service list,
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            that all of those people were served, in one way
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            or another, which Mr. Bedi has taken you through.
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                 The contractual counterparty notices, their
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            objection to their contracts being retained is not
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            a matter before the US court. It is an
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            opportunity for those parties to advise the
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            purchaser, essentially, and the parties here
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            today -- or at least the companies and monitor --
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            that they object to their contracts being retained
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            so we can deal with that issue in a commercial
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            sense in terms of the purchaser then understanding
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            which of these contractual counterparties are
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            saying, no, we didn't want you as our contractual
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            counterparty, and we're not going to -- we're not
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            going to continue our contract with you.
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       THE COURT: I thought that this was -- what you told me
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            at the outset, this was a share purchase.
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            they're buying shares in GVC, then how is the
            counterparty changing at all? Am I missing
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            something?
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                         Well, ownership of --
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       THE COURT: Or is there a change of control issue --
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: Yes.
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       THE COURT: -- in some of these contracts?
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                         Well, I don't know if that is the
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            case, whether there's a change of control
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            provision in the contracts.
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       THE COURT: Well, if you're buying shares --
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                         Yes.
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                   -- if this -- what's the name of this
       THE COURT:
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            outfit?
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: EG Acquisition LLC.
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       THE COURT: EG Acquisition -- I'm just going to call
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            them Acquisition. If they're buying the shares,
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            then what is the counterparty issue, then --
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                         Well, the issue is that --
       THE COURT: -- if the counterparties are not being
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            changed? They're still contracts with GVC; right?
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: That's right. But ownership of GVC
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is changing.
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       THE COURT: Right.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          From its current owner, which is
 4
            Elevation Gold.
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       THE COURT:
                  Right.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          To EG Acquisition.
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       THE COURT: Right. So wouldn't that only be relevant
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            if there was a change of control provision in the
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            contract that says if the --
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                         Yes, that is likely the case.
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                   -- ownership of GVC changes, then we don't
            want to be in a contract with you anymore.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: Right. Then they have the
            opportunity to raise that at this point in time.
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       THE COURT:
                  Well, raise it.
                                    It's either in the
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            contract or it's not.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: That's -- I mean, that is true.
            don't think there's any harm in us having served
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            them or provided them notice of this and provided
            them the opportunity to object, in that, if they
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            have an issue with it, they'll let us know.
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       THE COURT: Well, is some of the relief that you're
            seeking that if they don't object now, then they
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            can't exercise their contractual rights in the
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            future?
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          No.
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       THE COURT: Is that what you're -- all right.
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            does it have to do with anything, then? You're
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            just trying to flush them out?
       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
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                          Yes.
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       CNSL K. JACKSON: If I may, Justice, this is actually
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            partly -- I take some responsibility for this,
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            because I raised with Ms. Teasdale the PaySlate
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            decision, which -- which was a reverse vesting
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            order, so it was really a change of control issue
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            in that case as well. But Justice Walker wasn't
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            focussed on change of control.
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                 I'm not -- I can't say exactly what was in
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            Justice Walker's mind in that regard. I suppose
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            on a regular transaction, if there were contracts
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            that you wanted, you'd have to assign them and
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            apply to court to have them assigned, unless you
            could negotiate it.
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                 In that case, I guess, perhaps, Justice
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            Walker considered that to be, if you're retaining
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            a contract in an RVO, it's not much dissimilar
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            from assigning a contract in a regular vesting
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order. And so it was a -- it's created in the
            practice this -- this perceived need to give
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            notice to all these contractual counterparties,
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            irrespective of whether there's a change of
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            control provision in the agreement.
       THE COURT:
                   I see.
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       CNSL K. JACKSON: And so -- and so we do this as a
            matter of course now, and it's, as you may have
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            gathered from Mr. Bedi's submissions, not an
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            insignificant undertaking. But I think it's
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            conservative practice to do this now as a result
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            of that decision, and I raised that with my friend
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            and suggested it might be necessary, and so what
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            we do know is that these contractual
15
            counterparties have received notice, and it was
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            sent out -- sorry, you said the date, Mr. Bedi.
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                     Sent out --
       CNSL A. BEDI:
       CNSL K. JACKSON: I'll come to it. It's some --
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       CNSL A. BEDI: December 3rd.
       CNSL K. JACKSON: December 3rd?
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       THE COURT: December 3rd.
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       CNSL K. JACKSON: December 3rd, okay. And so here we
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            are, you know, 14 days later now, two weeks.
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            We've heard nothing from any to suggest that they
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            have any concerns with their contracts being
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            retained.
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                 They may raise it subsequently. It would
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            be -- the first instance would be to address it
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            commercially among the parties, including the
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                        The second instance, if it's a
            purchaser.
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            concern, I suppose, is there may be an explanation
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            for relief to one court or another subsequently,
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            based on the fact that this transaction has
            occurred and what the effect of it is. But there
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            is no relief sought today which would prejudice
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            them in that regard.
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                  So nothing is going to negatively affect
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            these people, whether or not they've been flushed
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            out or not.
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       CNSL K. JACKSON:
                        Correct.
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       THE COURT: Is that fair to say?
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       CNSL K. JACKSON: Correct. And so there's a bit of
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            a -- there's a -- I think we've -- my point is, I
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            think, and the reason I wanted it -- I wanted, and
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            again, I take some responsibility -- I think it's
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            addressed the PaySlate concern, so this court can
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            take comfort for that.
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What happens subsequently is not something

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            this court is going to be pronouncing upon today.
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       THE COURT:
                  I see.
                           Okay.
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       CNSL K. JACKSON: Hope that helps, Justice.
                                                     Sorry.
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       THE COURT: Yes, that's helpful. Thank you.
                          Thank you, Justice.
       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                                               Thank you,
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            Mr. Jackson.
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                 Well, I will now move on to -- Mr. Bedi was
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            going to speak to the --
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       THE COURT: Sealing order.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                         -- sealing order. Would that suit
            the court, or should I proceed with the main
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            application?
                   Well, I think -- let's deal with the
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       THE COURT:
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            sealing order.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: Okay.
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       THE COURT: I usually like to deal with that at the
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            outset so we know what exactly the record is.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          Yes.
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       THE COURT:
                   Is there an objection to the sealing order?
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
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       SUBMISSIONS RE SEALING ORDER BY CNSL A. BEDI:
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       THE COURT: Okay. All right, Mr. Bedi, I assume it's
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            this envelope here that's embedded in my binder.
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                     I believe that is correct.
       CNSL A. BEDI:
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                 So the form of sealing order is contained in
            schedule C of the notice of application.
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            petitioners are requesting that one document to be
31
            sealed. That is the seventh affidavit of Tim
32
            Swendseid sworn December 3rd, 2023. They are
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            requesting that it be sealed up until the expiry
34
            of 30 days after the filing of the monitor's
35
            certificate confirming the transaction under the
36
            sale agreement has closed.
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                 So I will go to the law quickly.
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       THE COURT: Well, I don't think you need to deal with
            Sherman Estate. I'm very familiar with the
39
            authority.
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       CNSL A. BEDI: Okay. So I'll just touch quickly on
42
            what is in the affidavit. So exhibit A to the
43
            affidavit --
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       THE COURT: Do you want me to look at this, then?
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       CNSL A. BEDI: Yes. So Exhibit A to the affidavit
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            contains an unredacted copy of the sale agreement
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            at issue here. It contains the purchase price.
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It contains the deposit, and it contains the
            quantum of purchase price adjustments that may
 3
            result from the determination of Patriot Gold and
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            Nomad's interests as well.
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                 Exhibit B of this particular affidavit
            contains terms of competing bids.
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                 If this commercially sensitive information
            were closed, it would prejudice the petitioners'
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            ability to negotiate another transaction, should
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            the one between Elevation Gold and EG Acquisition
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            not close.
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                 I would respectfully submit the disclosure of
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            the information in this affidavit would pose a
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            risk to the petitioners and their stakeholders,
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            and the order sought is necessary to prevent this
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            risk, and that the salutary effects of the sealing
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            order outweigh any prejudice, and the sealing
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            order should be granted.
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       THE COURT: Has a redacted copy of the sale agreement
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            been attached to the materials?
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       CNSL A. BEDI: Yes, it is attached as Exhibit A to the
22
            affidavit of Tim Swendseid -- or the sixth
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            affidavit of Tim Swendseid.
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       THE COURT: At tab 8.
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       CNSL A. BEDI: Yes. And the only things that have been
26
            redacted from there are the purchase price, the
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            deposit and the quantum.
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       THE COURT: Just hang on. Hang on. Just before you
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            get to there, where are the redactions, then?
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            What page?
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       CNSL A. BEDI: So the first redaction is on page 14 at
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            section 2.2.1.
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                  14, yes. So the purchase price.
       THE COURT:
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       CNSL A. BEDI:
                     Yes.
                  All right.
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       THE COURT:
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       CNSL A. BEDI: The next one is a page over at
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            section 2.2.3(a). That's the deposit.
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       THE COURT:
                  Yes. Why has that been redacted?
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       CNSL A. BEDI: That's --
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: It gives an idea as to what the
            purchase price is. If you look at the SISP and
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            then you look at the --
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       THE COURT: Oh, so there was a requirement for a
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            percentage --
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                         -- to work it backwards, yeah.
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       THE COURT: Yeah, all right.
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       CNSL A. BEDI: And the next redaction is on page 16 at
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section 2.2.5.
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       THE COURT: Yes.
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       CNSL A. BEDI:
                     It contains the purchase price
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            adjustment in respect of Patriot and Nomad.
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       THE COURT:
                  Is that it, then?
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       CNSL A. BEDI: That's everything.
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       THE COURT: Okay.
                         All right.
                 Well, I am going to put this on a negative
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            basis.
                   Does anyone -- if you agree with, or you
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            don't object, to the sealing order, then you don't
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            need to say anything. I'll just hear from you if
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            you oppose the granting of the sealing order.
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                 So I'll ask everyone in the courtroom first.
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            Mr. Williams, anything on your end?
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS: We don't oppose the granting of a
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            sealing order generally.
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       THE COURT: Okay. All right. Is anyone on the video
            who's appearing -- do any of you object to the
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            sealing order? All right. I am not hearing
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            anything.
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ORDER RE SEALING OF AFFIDAVIT #7 OF TIMOTHY SWENDSEID:

THE COURT: Just briefly, then, this is an application by the petitioners under paragraph 1(b) of their notice of application dated December 3rd, 2024. The application is made in the context of a proposed sale approval application. The affidavit sought to be sealed is the confidential affidavit #7 of Tim Swendseid sworn December 3rd, 2024.

The contents of the confidential affidavit include an unredacted copy of the sale agreement and also a document prepared by INFOR that summarizes the qualified bids received through the sales process.

The relevant authority is Sherman Estate from the Supreme Court of Canada, which sets out the well-known test to grant such relief. No stakeholder here opposes the relief, and in addition, I note that, by way of proportionality, the redacted copy of the sale agreement has been properly appended to the affidavit #6 of Mr. Swendseid, so the redactions appear to be limited in that respect.

Overall, I am satisfied that the reasons for the sealing order are valid, in the sense that

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business.

they properly recognize the significant interests 2 at stake in terms of the outcome if the sale 3 approval is not granted or the sale does not close 4 for any reason, given the harm that could be done 5 with respect to any future process. I am also satisfied that the proposed duration of the sealing order, namely the expiry of 30 days after the filing of the monitor's 7 8 9 certificate confirming the transaction under the 10 sale agreement has closed, is also properly 11 appropriate under the Sherman Estate test. 12 Accordingly, the sealing order is granted on the 13 terms sought. 14 Do you have a form of order, Mr. Bedi, a 15 vetted form of order? 16 CNSL A. TEASDALE: Yes, the vetted form of order is up 17 with you. Earlier we handed them up. There's a package of four. Thank you. 18 19 THE COURT: All right. Ms. Teasdale, I've signed your 20 order. 21 CNSL A. TEASDALE: Thank you very much. 22 THE COURT: Mr. Clerk will give that back to you, and 23 just a moment. I'll just get this. And this goes 24 in number 9. 25 CNSL A. TEASDALE: Thank you very much, Justice. 26 27 SUBMISSIONS RE SALE APPROVAL BY CNSL A. TEASDALE: 28 29 CNSL A. TEASDALE: I'm going to turn to the sale 30 approval application in substance now. 31 THE COURT: Yes. 32 CNSL A. TEASDALE: So I'm going to start by outlining 33 the sales process that resulted in the transaction 34 just briefly, and then I'll speak to the details 35 of the transaction itself. 36 So an important detail for the purposes of 37 this application is that the sales process 38 completed in these proceedings was a continuation of a pre-filing process, and that was also preceded by earlier work done by the petitioners 39 40 to solicit interest in an investment in their 41

business or a purchase of their assets and

So the petitioners have actually been

investment banking firms since the late spring of

undertaking sale and investment solicitation

efforts with the assistance of professional

2022. You may recall some of this from the initial order application.

I'll briefly outline these efforts because they are, in my submission, relevant to the reasonableness of the process leading to the transaction today.

The pre-filing sales efforts are described in the first affidavit of Tim Swendseid, sworn July 29th. I'll just give you the reference; I won't take you there. But that is at tab 7 of the record.

THE COURT: M'mm-hmm.

CNSL A. TEASDALE: And in particular, paragraphs 116 to 128 outline those efforts. They're also briefly mentioned in the sixth affidavit of Mr. Swendseid, but the first affidavit includes the relevant detail.

And so briefly, Elevation Gold engaged Stifel Nicolaus Canada as a financial advisor in June 2022 -- that's at paragraph 121 -- to conduct a marketing process to solicit interest in a transaction involving Elevation or its subsidiaries, who are the petitioners. The process was not successful, and that engagement expired in June of 2023.

On August 9th, 2023, Elevation engaged INFOR Financial Inc. to implement a sale and investment solicitation process. That is a reference to paragraphs 122 to 125 of that affidavit. The process was structured to look for a broad range of transactions, including sale, restructuring, recapitalization or investment. That's paragraph 122.

INFOR identified 45 potential purchasers and investors by completing a screening of the market. That's a reference to paragraph 123. And they then narrowed the list of interested parties from 45 down to 36. They reached out to those 36 prospects with a teaser and a confidentiality agreement, and 14 of those parties signed confidentiality agreement.

That was at or near the beginning of these proceedings that they were at that stage, and so the primary intention of these proceedings was to continue to engage with the interested parties who were identified in that pre-filing SISP and perhaps engage other parties who might be incited

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to get interested by the start of the CCAA
            proceedings and a more formal sales process in
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            these proceedings. And those details are in
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            paragraphs 124 and 125 of Mr. Swendseid's first
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            affidavit.
                   Can you just remind me again about the
       THE COURT:
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            corporate structure here.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                         Yes.
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       THE COURT:
                   I think there was an org chart at some
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            point that I had.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          Yeah, there is an org chart in
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            Mr. Swendseid's affidavit.
                                        I'll just find the
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            page for you, My Lady. It is on page 4.
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       THE COURT:
                  Of which affidavit?
                         Of the first affidavit at tab 8.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
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            Oh, tab 7, pardon me. Page 4, tab 7.
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       THE COURT:
                   Right. So we've got the Golden Vertex --
       CNSL A. TEASDALE: So the two -- so if you look at the
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            chart on the far right-hand side, there is a
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20
            subsidiary, Eclipse Gold Mining Corporation.
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            There are two subsidiaries below that.
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            parties are no longer petitioners.
                                                 Those were
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            sold, and that's addressed in --
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       THE COURT:
                  Alcmene or?
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          Yeah, Alcmene Mining Inc.
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       THE COURT:
                  And Hercules.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          And Hercules, yeah.
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       THE COURT:
                   Those were sold?
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          Those have been sold.
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            a transaction that was under the threshold in the
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            initial order.
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       THE COURT:
                  I see.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                         And so they were sold earlier in
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            these proceedings, and so the remaining
            petitioners are just the four: the Elevation Gold
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            Mining corporation, the parent, and then the three
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            subsidiaries.
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                 As I mentioned, Golden Vertex Corporation --
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       THE COURT: The three subsidiaries; right?
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: Yes, that's right.
                                              Golden Vertex
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            Corporation, or GVC, that's an Arizona
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            corporation, and it holds the Moss Mine.
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       THE COURT: Oh, I see. Is that the one we're talking
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            about today?
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          That's the one we're talking about
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            today. Golden Vertex Idaho Corporation has no
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            assets. It has some intercompany loans, but
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nothing else. And similar for Eclipse Gold Mining
            Corporation; it holds no assets. It had the --
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            its assets were the shares of Alcmene, which in
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            turn held the Hercules asset, and those were sold.
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       THE COURT: And then the assets of Elevation Gold, the
            BC company, are simply the shares in GVC.
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            that --
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: The shares, information.
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            also a licence, a storage agreement being --
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            sorry -- storage licence agreement being sold as
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            well, but that is the entity whose assets are
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            being sold here.
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       THE COURT: I see. All right.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                           So on August 12th, this court
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            approved a sales, investment and solicitation
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                      That was you, Justice.
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       THE COURT:
                   Yeah.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          And authorized the petitioners to
            engage INFOR as their sales agent. And so the
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            SISP -- and this is all addressed in
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            Mr. Swendseid's sixth affidavit. That is at tab 8
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            of the record.
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                 And so the SISP was divided into two phases.
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            This is at page 3, paragraph 10 of that affidavit.
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       THE COURT:
                   Tab 8, you said?
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                          That's tab 8, yes.
       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
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       THE COURT:
                   Yes.
                         What paragraph?
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                           Paragraph 10. Page 3, paragraph 10.
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       THE COURT: Yes. M'mm-hmm.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: And so that just sets out the phases
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            of the SISP. So phase 1 started with the SISP
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            commencing on August 12th. It ended with a
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            nonbinding letter of intent deadline on
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            September 13th. The final bid process commenced
            shortly thereafter. The final bid deadline was on
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            October 18th, and the determination of the
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            successful bidder was October 25th of this year.
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                 In terms of the process, briefly, INFOR
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            prepared a teaser and circulated it to a group of
            47 interested parties, and the references to that are both at paragraph 1 is of the sixth
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            Swendseid's affidavit, which is just at the bottom
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            of page 3, and then that's also -- there's also
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            reference to that in the monitor's second report
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            at paragraph --
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       THE COURT: And what exactly was being sold?
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: What was being sold?
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THE COURT: M'mm-hmm.

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CNSL A. TEASDALE: It was a very broad process.
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            was attracting any and all ranges -- any and all
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            types of transactions.
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       THE COURT:
                   Okay.
       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                         It could have been the business; it
 7
            could have been the shares; it could have been any
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            set of -- any subset of assets.
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       THE COURT: Okay.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          It was a very broad -- very broad
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            process.
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                 And so the -- by the letter of intent
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            deadline, which was September 13th, the
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            petitioners had received multiple letters of
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            intent.
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                 They then -- the petitioners, with the
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            assistance of INFOR and with the supervision of
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            the monitor, engaged with those parties to help
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            them with due diligence and work towards
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            submitting a final bid.
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                 Two additional interest -- two additional
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            parties, pardon me -- expressed interest in
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            participating after the letter of intent deadline,
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            and the petitioners, you know, sought the input of
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            INFOR and obtained the support of the monitor and
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            the primary secured creditor to approve those
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            additional parties as qualified bidders, and they
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            did that, and those parties were entered into the
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            process.
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                 The final bid deadline, as I mentioned, was
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            on October 18th, and multiple bids were received
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            on that deadline, and the evidence for that is at
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            paragraph 15 of Mr. Swendseid's affidavit.
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            summary of those bids that were received is in the
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            confidential seventh Swendseid affidavit, which
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            you had looked at earlier, at Exhibit E.
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                  I haven't looked at it yet, by the way.
       THE COURT:
                         Yeah, and I won't disclose the
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
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            details therein, but I will refer you to that.
       THE COURT: Okay.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                         And so the petitioners reviewed the
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            bids received in consultation with INFOR, as the
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            sales agent, and the monitor, and they determined
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            that the bid from EQ [sic] Acquisition represented
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            the best recovery for creditors and also, happily,
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            provided for the continuation of the main business
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            through GVC.
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So since that time -- well, since the date on
            which the bid was selected, which was
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            October 25th, the petitioners have worked with
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            their counsel, US and Canadian, and INFOR under
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            the monitor's oversight to negotiate a final
            agreement with the purchaser, which was executed
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            on December 2nd and is now before you for
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            approval.
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                 The outside closing date set out in the
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            purchase -- or the agreement or purchase and sale
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            is December 31st of this year, and we're working
            hard to prepare for a transaction, hopefully, on
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            December 30th, of course pending the determination
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            of this court and the US court of this application
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            and the application for recognition set for
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            December 23rd.
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                 So I'm going to get into the transaction
            structure, and so I'll refer to the redacted copy
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            of the sale agreement, which is at Exhibit A of
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            Mr. Swendseid's sixth affidavit at tab 8 of the
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            record.
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                 So the first place I'll take you to is
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            section 2.2 -- sorry -- 2.1.1, which outlines what
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            the purchased assets are, and that is on page 12
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            of the agreement of purchase and sale.
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       THE COURT: M'mm-hmm.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                         And that's at the bottom of the
            page, and it identifies the purchase assets as the
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            GVC shares, the business information of the
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            seller, so that's books and record relating
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            principally to GVC, but also any other business
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            information of the seller.
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       THE COURT: Seller is Elevation?
       CNSL A. TEASDALE: Elevation. That's right. Elevation
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            Gold Mining Corporation.
                                     So it's both on page 1
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            and there's also a defined term.
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                 And then the third item listed is the assets
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            of the seller specifically listed in schedule
            2.1.1(c). I can advise that is just essentially a
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            storage licence in the name of Elevation Gold to a
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            space here in Vancouver.
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       THE COURT: So (b) the books and records; right?
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                         Yeah, that's correct. Yeah,
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            essentially.
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CNSL A. TEASDALE: So that's the first thing I want to

take you to. You'll see the next section is

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THE COURT: Okay.

excluded assets. I won't take you through those in detail, but they're essentially identifying which of Elevation's assets are not being sold, and so that includes, as you'll see, things like the rights of the seller under the agreement, the ancillary agreements and the other transaction documents, records prepared in connection with the sale, you know, assets of the seller, other than the purchase assets, deposits of the seller held in trust, et cetera.

So there's a various -- there's a list of things there. If you have questions about my of them, I will do my best to address them.

Section 2.1.3, so these -- the next couple of sections are important, because they explain what GVC is retaining once its shares have been purchased, what liabilities and what assets it is retaining and what liabilities and assets it is transferring to Elevation Gold through this transaction.

And so I will walk you through that in a little bit of detail. So essentially the idea is that the purchaser is going to buy the shares. It's going to end up owning GVC, and GVC has an operating gold mine. And so it is agreeing that — the purchaser is agreeing to retain certain of the liabilities associated with the operations of GVC.

Other liabilities and assets, which we've called the GVC residual liabilities and the GVC residual assets, will, through the mechanism set out in the approval and vesting order, be transferred into the parent, Elevation Gold.

So the important liabilities that GVC is going to retain, I wanted to walk you through, and I won't go through every category, but all liabilities in respect of the mineral tenures. So that's a very broadly defined term. That is a defined term in the agreement, and it's also very particularly set out in schedule 1.1(ggg) which is at page 40 of the agreement, and essentially what that is is it is mineral tenures, mineral claims, mining licences, mining leases. Like, all of the sort of mining claim-type properties that GVC currently owns.

And so you'll see schedule GGG is very lengthy. It is approximately 38 pages long, and

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it sets out in detail all of the different mining
            claims, patented mining claims, unpatented mining
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            claims, et cetera, owned by GVC. So that is one
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            of the -- so all liabilities associated with those
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            claims are being retained by GVC after closing.
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       THE COURT:
                   M'mm-hmm.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: The next one that I want to point
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            you to, and this is relevant to Mr. Greenwood,
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            who's on the phone, and a number of the other
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            individuals we served who are holders of a royalty
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            which is known to GVC as the Greenwood royalty, or
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            the Cali-Moss Royalty, and so that -- so the GVC
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            will retain all liabilities in respect of those
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            claims. So they are not being affected by the
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            transaction.
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       THE COURT: Greenwood.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: Greenwood.
                                      That's right.
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       THE COURT: M'mm-hmm.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: And so that is particularly
            described in schedule 2.1.3, and in that schedule,
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            you will see a lengthy list of individuals,
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            including Mr. Harris Greenwood, who's on the
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            phone, and a number of other individuals, and we
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            did serve those individuals with notice of this
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            claim, although they are unaffected.
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            them to understand.
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       THE COURT:
                  Is that called the California Moss Royalty?
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          That's right, yeah, page 84.
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       THE COURT: M'mm-hmm.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          So that's another group of
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            liabilities being retained.
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                 Section -- back to the agreement on page 14.
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            Section 2.1.3(d) indicates that all environmental
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            liabilities, which is defined term, in relation to
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            GVC, will be retained.
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                 And then, importantly, paragraph (e), all
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            liabilities of GVC with respect to the
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            post-closing operation of the business or
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            ownership of the Moss Mine, those will also be
            retained, and that's where those contractual
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            counterparties come in, is that, all liabilities
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            that are their contracts are going to be retained
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            by GVC on closing.
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                 And then also, importantly for today's
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            application, subsections (f) and (g), also on
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            page 14: All liabilities of GVC under the Patriot
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            agreement -- that is the agreement under which
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Patriot claims its interest in land -- those will

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be retained, except to the extent that they are
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            vested off or disclaimed pursuant to the approval
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            and vesting order.
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                 And so I'll get to that mechanism in a
            minute. That's in section 2.2.5 that addresses
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            the adjustments. But essentially what -- and
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            there's a similar provision in (g) with respect to
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            the Nomad royalty agreement under which they are
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            claiming their interest in land.
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                 And so the purpose of these sections and the
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            mechanism here is that, as you referenced earlier,
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            there are -- there's a determination motion in
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            respect of each of the Patriot and Nomad
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            agreements that are currently being litigated
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            before the US court.
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       THE COURT:
                   M'mm-hmm.
       CNSL A. TEASDALE: And the idea here is that these
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            claims will remain unaffected by this agreement
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            unless and until the US court makes a
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            determination that they are not interests in land.
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            If the US court makes that determination, then the
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            approval and vesting order will work to vest those
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            claims off -- expunge, discharge, invest those
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            claims -- but only once the US court has made the
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            determination that they are not interests in land.
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                 And so if the US court never makes that
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            determination or the parties don't otherwise agree
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            to some kind of settlement, then the purchaser is
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            accepting the liabilities under those agreements.
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            And so for the purposes of today's hearing, in my
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            submission, those parties are not affected,
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            because their claims will be determined later in a
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            process before the US court.
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       THE COURT:
                   Where does it say all of that in this
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            agreement?
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          That is in section 2.2.5.
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       THE COURT:
                   What page, please?
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          It is page 16.
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       THE COURT:
                   60?
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          16, one-six.
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       THE COURT: Oh, this is the purchase price adjustment
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            that Mr. Bedi referred to?
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: That's correct. So you'll see
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            2.2.5(a) references the motion brought in the
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            Chapter 15 proceedings to determine the nature of
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            Patriot's interest.
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THE COURT: M'mm-hmm.

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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: And then section 2.2.5(b) deals with
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            the Nomad agreement, same reference: Motion
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            brought in the United States, Chapter 15
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            proceedings for determination of the Nomad
            agreement.
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                 And so the mechanism is the same for both,
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            and it indicates that:
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                 If an order is issued but the US court
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                 determining that the nature of Patriot's
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                 interest is a personal property interest, not
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                 an interest in any real property owned by
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                 GVC ...
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            And that has to happen before June 30th.
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            purchaser are pay an additional blank dollars to
            the seller. That's with respect to Patriot.
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            same mechanism is set out in 2.2.5(b) with respect
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            to Nomad.
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                 And so that's where the agreement addresses
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            that -- that concept. It's also addressed when
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            they talk about -- or pardon me.
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            addressed in section -- sorry -- article 5,
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            page 22, of this agreement for purchase and sale.
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       THE COURT: Yes. M'mm-hmm.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: And it deals with the covenants of
            the parties, and in 5.1.2, it sets out the
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            required terms of the approval and vesting order,
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            and in particular those include, at
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            paragraph (b) -- pardon me -- paragraph (c) and
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            (d), in relation the to Nomad and Patriot claims,
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            that when the Patriot determination order, if it
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            happens, becomes a final order, the approval and
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            vesting order has to deem all liabilities in
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            respect of Patriot agreement to be GVC residual
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            liabilities, so those are the types of liabilities
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            that are going to be vested out into Elevation
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            Gold, and vesting out, discharging and expunging
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            any interest Patriot may have in the Moss Gold
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            Mine or the retained assets, or the assets that
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            GVC is holding on to at the end of this
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            transaction.
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                 And the similar provision is in relation to
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            the Nomad determination is at subparagraph
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            5.1.2(d).
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       THE COURT: M'mm-hmm.
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CNSL A. TEASDALE: So then going back to page 14, as I 2 explained, there are -- there's the concept of GVC 3 residual liabilities and GVC residual assets, and 4 those are dealt with in those sections. 5 And so the GVC residual liabilities are essentially anything other than the retained 7 liabilities described in the prior section, and as noted in that paragraph, GVC will be -- will not 8 9 be responsible to pay, perform or otherwise 10 discharge any obligations or liabilities in 11 respect of those retained liabilities -- or sorry -- those residual liabilities. 12 THE COURT: What are the residual liabilities that are 13 14 not going to be --15 They're essentially anything except CNSL A. TEASDALE: 16 for the retained liabilities described in the 17 prior section. 18 THE COURT: Okay, but what is that? 19 CNSL A. TEASDALE: Well, it would include --20 THE COURT: Would that include all the unsecured 21 claims? 22 CNSL A. TEASDALE: Yes, essentially. I mean, I 23 shouldn't say that. It would include -- well, it 24 would include all the pre-filing claims, yes. 25 won't include claims associated with the ongoing 26 contracts and obligations of GVC. It's broadly 27 defined. 28 And then the GVC residual assets, that is a 29 defined term in the agreement, and that -- sorry -- is on page -- page 6, 1.1(00) of the 30 31 agreement. It's the first definition on that 32 page, and it's a defined group of assets. 33 cash and cash equivalents and other amounts, bank 34 deposits, moneys in possession of banks, et 35 cetera, moneys in the possession of the monitor, 36 any accounts receivable from refinery -- and I'll 37 describe that in one second -- and any deposits of 38 GVC held in trust accounts to secure the payment 39 of professional fees, essentially. 40 And so, just quickly, the accounts receivable 41 from refinery, those are what it sounds like, 42 accounts receivable from gold and silver 43 refineries that are derived from GVC's gold or 44 silver that is processed from ore that is received 45 by the refinery before the closing date. 46 essentially all the ore that is generated by the 47 mine's operations up until the closing date is

again here.

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going to be shipped to a refinery right before
            closing, hopefully the morning of closing, perhaps
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            the day before, and any accounts receivable that
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            are generated by that, whether it's processed
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            before or after the closing date, are -- remain
            the property of -- sorry -- becomes GVC residual
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            assets which get transferred into Elevation Gold,
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            pursuant to the approval and vesting order.
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       THE COURT:
                   So the aspects of the RVO type of
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            transactions that you're talking of then, all of
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            these residual liabilities and residual assets
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            gets somehow transferred from GVC into Elevation
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            Gold.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: That's right. So very similar to an
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            RVO structure, except for there's no ResidualCo.
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            It's going to another one of the petitioners, as
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            opposed to a separate entity that's been
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            incorporated for the purposes of the transaction.
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                  So the transaction -- the other less
            interesting aspects of the transaction -- or
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21
            perhaps less interesting -- the agreement of
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            purchase and sale provides this is an
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            as-is/where-is transaction, as would be typical in
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            these circumstances. That is at section 3.8 of
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            the agreement.
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                  We briefly spoke to article 5 already, which
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            is the covenants, and that includes the terms of
            the approval and vesting order, which I think are the key - is the key aspect of those provisions.
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                  And paragraph 5.1.3 also notes that the
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            seller shall, and shall cause GVC to, request from
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            the US court a recognition order. That's on
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            page 23 in section 5.1.3, so that's contemplated
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            here as well.
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                  And of course, section 5.1.1, which is on the
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            prior page, acknowledges that there's an
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            acknowledgment from the parties that the
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            transaction is subject, of course, to this court's
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            approval and the recognition of this court's
            approval by the US court.
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                  And then the other case I'll just touch on is
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            at paragraph 5.1.2(b), also page 22, there's a
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            discussion -- pardon me, that's not the -- oh,
            yeah, sorry. What I wanted to mention is, just
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            going back to section -- sorry, pardon me,
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            My Lady. Just one minute just to orient myself
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THE COURT: Is this transaction supported by the

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            monitor?
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       CNSL K. JACKSON:
                         It is, Justice.
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       THE COURT:
                   It is?
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       CNSL K. JACKSON:
                         Yes.
       THE COURT:
                   I'll tell you what, Ms. Teasdale.
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            time for the morning break, anyway.
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            take the opportunity to --
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                           Thanks.
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       THE COURT: -- find your focus for where you want to
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            go.
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                  The other matter is timing.
                                               This was set for
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            two hours, and we're now past one hour, and I'm
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            wondering what -- what's going to happen here.
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            have a matter that's already scheduled for
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            2 o'clock or 3 o'clock -- I'm not sure which --
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            but it's an hour -- said to be an hour.
       CNSL A. TEASDALE: Yes, My Lady. We are -- I mean, I'm
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            in your hands. I can try to speed it up. I was
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            trying to --
                   Well, it may not be in my hands if I don't
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       THE COURT:
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            have enough time, is what I'm getting at.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: Right. Yes. I mean, I will do my
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            best to speed it up as quickly as I can. I did
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            want to walk you through the transaction in some
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            detail, because it is complex.
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       THE COURT: I'm not criticizing you in that respect.
            I'm just trying to figure out what the timeframe
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            here is, which you still have not answered.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: Well, I mean, I would expect I will
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            probably be -- if it's taken an hour to get to
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            this point, I will probably be another hour with
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            Mr. Bedi, along with the rest of our submissions,
            which is why I'm saying I will do my best to try
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            and shorten that.
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       THE COURT:
                   Yes.
                        Well, I know, but doing your best
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            does not create more time for me, Ms. Teasdale.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          Understood.
       THE COURT: Unfortunately, I can't imagine create something out of wool cloth here.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          Understood.
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       THE COURT:
                   I'll tell you what. Why don't we take the
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            morning break. Again, counsel can talk about what
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            the timing of this is.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          Sure.
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       THE COURT: Because I have some amount of time this
            afternoon, and then I'm booked for the next three
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days, and then I'm gone until the end of January.
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            So this is --
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: Understood.
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       THE COURT:
                   This is not good --
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                         No.
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       THE COURT: -- if I can put it that way.
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                          I understand that, Justice.
       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
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            you.
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       THE COURT:
                   All right. Let's take the break, and then
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            you can figure out what you're doing. Thank you.
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       THE CLERK: Order in chambers.
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            adjourned for morning recess.
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                  (PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED FOR MORNING
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                 RECESS) ([11:14:09 AM])
                  (PROCEEDINGS RECONVENED) ([11:30:46 AM])
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       THE COURT: Ms. Teasdale.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          Thank you, Justice.
                 So we took the opportunity to discuss amongst
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            ourselves at the break, and I think you understand
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            the transaction well enough at this point,
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            obviously, subject to any questions.
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                 The order we are seeking today is a standard
            form of reverse vesting order that's granted by BC
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            courts fairly regularly, and we very much
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            understand and are driven by the urgency of
            getting this done today, and we understand your
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            limited time, and thank you for your patience.
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                 So what my plan is now is to jump right into
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            the issues raised by Patriot and Nomad, and
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            hopefully we'll just engage with those right away.
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            I understand that Patriot and Nomad are aligned in
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            position, so that shouldn't be -- there should be
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            duplication there.
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                 So I think, on that basis, I can be done in
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            about half an hour. I will do that.
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       THE COURT: M'mm-hmm.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: And I also understand -- and
            Mr. Williams can correct me if I'm wrong -- but I
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            understand that Patriot and Nomad can live with
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            the order, should this court accept that it has
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            jurisdiction to grant it, which is one of the main
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            issues that they've raised in their objection,
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            subject to certain revisions to that order, and we
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            just saw those at the break, and we're okay with
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            them. So --
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CNSL L. WILLIAMS: Sorry, I rise just to clarify it is
             our position -- our prime position is not jurisdictional, but it is that the court ought not
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             grant the order. If the court decides to grant
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             the order, we have additions we want made.
       THE COURT:
                    So it's not a jurisdictional issue; it's a
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             discretion issue. Is that correct?
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS: Exactly.
                   Under section 11; is that correct,
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       THE COURT:
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             Mr. Williams?
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS:
                           Yes, and your ability to defer to
       the US court under the cross-border provisions. THE COURT: Yes. Well, I wouldn't expect there would
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             be much issue with my ability to do that.
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS:
                            Yes.
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       THE COURT:
                    It seems to me it's whether I would do
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             that.
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS: So my initial position is you ought
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             not. You ought to defer to the US. If you decide
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             to grant the order, here's what you ought to
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             include.
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       THE COURT: I see. Okay.
                                    Thank you.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: All right. Before I jump into that,
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             I just want to briefly address a submission made
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             earlier by Mr. Jackson about no counterparties
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             objecting, which I also made that submission.
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                  Trisura is -- Trisura Guarantee Company --
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             it's a provider of certain reclamation bonds to
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             Golden Vertex Corporation, and they were served
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             with that notice. Their counsel has indicated
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             that they do object and indicated that earlier
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             this morning, and so apologies for not stating
             that earlier, that they object to any contracts between Trisura and GVC being retained without
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             Trisura's express agreement.
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                  I understand -- and counsel for Trisura
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             indicated his understanding -- that both the
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             purchaser and Trisura have been in discussions and
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             are working towards that, that goal of having an
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             agreement on what their relationship is going to
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             look like post closing. Trisura's confirmation
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             that none of the bonds will be cancelled on the
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             change of control is a condition precedent in the
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             agreement as well, so that is something all
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             parties are obviously committed to resolving
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             before closing, or that they have to resolve in
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             order for the transaction to close. So I just
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wanted to state that on the record.

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       THE COURT: Well, so is it correct to say, as you just
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            told me earlier, that Trisura isn't affected by
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            all of this? Either their contracts are going to
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            be retained in GVC, and then if they have any
            contractual rights in relation to those contracts,
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                                       Is that correct?
            then those are preserved?
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: Well, not quite with Trisura.
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            They're a little bit different, in what I
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            understand, that Trisura and the purchaser are
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            going to come to some kind of an agreement about
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            that their relationship is going to be going
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            forward.
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       THE COURT:
                   Is that in the agreement?
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: I can show you -- yes, it is
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            under --
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       THE COURT: So are they negatively affected, or is it
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            subject to agreement?
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                          Well, if you approve the
       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
            transaction, the closing of the transaction is
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            subject to the confirmation from Trisura that is
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            necessary to close the agreement.
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                         So they're not affected, then,
       THE COURT: Okay.
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            unless they agree.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: Unless they agree.
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            just correct that on the record.
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                 So I'll get into Patriot and Nomad's
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            objections now.
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       THE COURT: M'mm-hmm.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: So you have -- I did hand up copies
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            of the filed application response from --
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       THE COURT: Yes, I did look at them briefly over the
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            break.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                         Yes.
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       THE COURT: But I -- very briefly.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: So Patriot's is the substantive one,
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            and then the one filed by Nomad essentially says,
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            we adopt and adopt all the submissions made by
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            Patriot.
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       THE COURT: M'mm-hmm.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: And so, in terms of the legal
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            basis -- well I won't requrgitate their response.
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            Essentially Patriot and Nomad assert that sale
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            approval should be referred to and proceed before
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            the US court. In the alternative, they request
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            that this court's order expressly state that none
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            of the royalty -- you know, royalty interest
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rights or related claims asserted by them are affected by the proposed sale, and that's the language I was referencing earlier that we saw at the break in terms of what they would want added to the order, should this court decide it should make the determination.

In response to the first point, I submit the court can and should proceed with the sale approval today in granting the order sought. I disagree with my friends' submission that this application is for approval of the sale of US assets and that the connection to Canada is tangential at best.

First of all, I would submit that the time to raise the issue of the connection to Canada was at the initial order application or the comeback hearing. Patriot had notice of both. Nomad hat had notice of the comeback hearing, and certainly they should have raised it when Elevation sought a declaration in the United States that these proceedings were foreign main proceedings.

Patriot has had notice of every application made in these proceedings.

THE COURT: That was granted, wasn't it, but the US court?

CNSL A. TEASDALE: Yes, it was.

THE COURT: Yeah.

CNSL A. TEASDALE: Yeah. Patriot has had notice of every application made in these proceedings. They've appeared at most of them. They have not filed responses to or opposed any of those applications, including for those for relief that's directly relevant to what we're seeking today. In particular, neither Patriot nor Nomad opposed our application for the amended and restated initial order, which includes a determination that this court has jurisdiction over the petitioners, and they also didn't object in the Chapter 15 proceedings to recognition of the Canadian proceedings as foreign main proceedings.

Patriot and Nomad received notice of the hearing leading to the SISP. The SISP clearly contemplates sale approval by the Canadian court. Patriot and Nomad did not object to approval of the SISP. Paragraph 36 of the SISP expressly states that the petitioners will apply for

approval of a winning bid in Canada followed by recognition from the US court.

Secondly, the transaction we're seeking approval of, it's a sale of shares owned by a Canadian entity. It's not a share subscription; it's an asset sale, the sale of shares. The share certificates are presently located in Canada. They are held by Elevation, which is a Canadian company. They are currently in the possession of GVC's senior secured lender, Maverix. That is a Canadian entity. And they are held pursuant to a pledge and security agreement governed by Canadian law.

So there's a strong connection to Canada, and the assets are physically here in Canada, and they are owned by the Canadian company. And so the simple answer, in my submission, is that this court must authorize the sale of the GVC shares by Elevation Gold, because Elevation Gold is a Canadian entity. It is subject to the CCAA proceedings and the jurisdiction of this court, and section 36 of the CCAA requires that this court authorize the sale of assets outside the ordinary course of business. So this court should certainly hear that application. It has the jurisdiction to do it, and I submit it's proper to make the determination of whether the sale should be approved.

I'm going to hand up a case to you. It's the decision in *Grant Forest Products*. So in this decision, the court considered the opposition to approval of a transaction by second lien lenders, who argued that the court did not have jurisdiction to approve a transaction that, in effect, conveyed real property assets located in the United States. And the assets in question there included manufacturing facilities located in the United States, which were owned by one of the applicants, which is a US partnership.

The sales process in *Grant* was a Canadian process, and it was approved by the Canadian court. And the second lien lenders there argued that the Ontario court did not have jurisdiction to deal with the assets in the US that were the subject of the transaction and that those assets would have to be dealt with under Chapter 11 of the *US Bankruptcy Code*, and in particular, section

363.

And so I just -- I'm just going to take you to a few paragraphs of the case that reflect the principles I want you to take away today. Paragraph 61 of the decision.

THE COURT: M'mm-hmm.

CNSL A. TEASDALE: The court says that to allow --:

To suggest, as does the submission of the SLL, that the entire transaction is flawed because the effect is a transfer of some assets in the United States without the sale process envisaged in section 363 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, would be a triumph of form over substance.

And so here I think that's the effect of my friend's response, which is, you know, talking about section 363. Section 363 is, based on my understanding — is grounded in similar principles to the test for sale approval here. And so this court's determination of the appropriateness of the sale will have the same considerations as the court would in section 363.

The other piece in the *Grant* decision that I wanted to refer you to is the court's indication that it is satisfied the court has jurisdiction to provide the relief requested, which is the -- THE COURT: Where are you reading from?

THE COURT: Where are you reading from CNSL A. TEASDALE: 72. Paragraph 72.

THE COURT: M'mm-hmm.

CNSL A. TEASDALE: The court says:

I am satisfied that this Court does have jurisdiction to provide the relief requested, which is the product of the marketing process that was not only approved by this Court, but not objected to by any party when it was initiated.

That's the same here. And so the change of ownership of GVC -- pardon me. The idea -- the court here is saying, like, it's a unified transaction. It's not merely a device to sell US assets from Canada. It's a unified transaction, each element of which is necessary and integral to its success -- that's paragraph 74 -- and it's a

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Canadian process.
                 And so the change of ownership of GVC is part
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            of a unified transaction under the sale agreement.
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            Each element of that sale agreement is necessary
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            and integral to its success, and this is properly
            a Canadian process. This transaction was arrived
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            at pursuant to a sales process approved by this
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            court and not approved -- or not opposed, pardon
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            me -- by Patriot or Nomad.
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                 And then, in addition to all of that, there
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            will be a recognition hearing in the Chapter 15
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            proceedings, and if my friends are correct -- and
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            I'm not conceding that they are -- that the
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            Chapter 15 court has to apply the section 363 test
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            in the recognition hearing for this order, then
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            they'll have an opportunity to argue that on
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            December 23rd before the US court.
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                 So I think that -- I mean, that essentially
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            covers my submissions on that point. I will note
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            that, in my submission, the Nomad and Patriot are
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            already unaffected by the order, and I'll address
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            that briefly.
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                 So, pursuant to the approval and vesting
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            order, GVC -- I guess I'll just take you there
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            really quickly. So that's at tab 1 of the
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            application record, and it's schedule B, and
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            section 6 is where I'm looking at, which is on
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            page 5.
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       THE COURT: Sorry, you're going to have speak up.
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            can't hear you.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: Sorry, it's page 5, section 6.
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       THE COURT: Of tab 1?
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: Of tab 1, yes. Tab 1, Exhibit --
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            sorry. It is tab 1 --
                   It's your notice of application is tab 1;
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       THE COURT:
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            right?
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          Yes, that's right.
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       THE COURT:
                   Page 5?
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: No, schedule B.
                  B. What is schedule B exactly?
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       THE COURT:
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: It's the approval and vesting order
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            form.
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       THE COURT:
                   Oh. All right. It's also at tab 2.
       CNSL A. TEASDALE: Ah, pardon me. Looking at page 6 --
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            or paragraph 6, page 5. My apologies.
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                  The vesting of assets and liabilities?
       THE COURT:
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                         That's right.
       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
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THE COURT:
                   Okay.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          So for paragraph 6(b):
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                 GVC shall retain all of the GVC-retained
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                 liabilities.
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            Paragraphs 6(c) and (d) essentially say that only
            if the US court determines that Patriot's interest
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            is not an interest in real property, only then
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            will the vesting order operate to vest out,
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            expunge and discharge Patriot's interest in either
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            the Moss Mine or the GVC-retained assets. And
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            that's the same paragraph 60 -- or pardon me --
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            paragraph 60 deals with that in relation to Nomad.
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                 Paragraph 6(h) provides that:
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                 The nature of the GVC-retained assets and the
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                 GVC-retained liabilities, including their
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                 amount, their secured or unsecured status, et
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                 cetera, shall not be affected or altered
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                 as --
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                   Sorry, where are you reading from now?
       THE COURT:
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          6(h).
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       THE COURT:
                   (H).
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
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       THE COURT:
                   Yeah.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          So it provides that the nature of
            the retained assets and the retained liabilities,
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            including amount and status, shall not be affected
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            or altered as a result of the sale agreement or
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            the steps taken in accordance with the order.
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                   It's just it's going to be owed by
       THE COURT:
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            Elevation Gold instead of GVC; isn't that right?
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                         That's right. And any person with a
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            valid claim or encumbrance against GVC or the
37
            GVC-retained assets will have an equivalent claim
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            against Elevation. That's 6(j).
                 I'd also go over the page to paragraph 11.
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       THE COURT: Well, effectively, there's no assets left;
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            isn't that right? So that's really -- it's a
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            typical RVO structure; right?
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          It is a typical RVO structure.
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       THE COURT:
                   You put it into a --
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          That's right.
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       THE COURT: -- ResidualCo or some other --
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: Yeah, although the interests claimed
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by Patriot and Nomad are real property interests.

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       THE COURT: Yes.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          And so --
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       THE COURT: What I'm just saying is that, to the extent
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            they have an unsecured claim, or anyone else --
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          That's correct.
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                  -- has an unsecured claim which is being --
       THE COURT:
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            not retained, but --
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: Yeah, vested out into Elevation.
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       THE COURT: -- transferred out, then it's like the
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            typical RVO where it's put into a new subsidiary
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            that doesn't own anything.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: Right. Except for in this case that
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            subsidiary will own the sale proceeds, the
15
            residual assets and various other property that it
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            has, which is, admittedly, not much. But there
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            will be funds and property moving as well into
18
            Elevation Gold from GVC.
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       THE COURT: Well, the proceeds from the sale.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          The proceeds, and also you'll recall
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            there's the GVC residual assets which are being
22
            moved into Elevation Gold, which includes cash in
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            accounts, the refinery, accounts receivable, the
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            other items that are being transferred.
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            not just the sale proceeds.
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                 And then the distribution order that we are
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            seeking also provides for parties who believe they
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            have a priority claim to those proceeds or
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            property, to make that claim before the monitor is
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            able to distribute the funds.
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                  Yes, but basically under your
       THE COURT:
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            paragraph 7(j) -- or 6(j) -- or sorry, (h),
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            6(h) -- is basically, whatever you have against
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            GVC, it's maintaining the same status --
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                         Yes.
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       THE COURT: -- in relation to Elevation Gold.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          Correct.
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       THE COURT:
                  Is that right?
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                         That's right. Unless their claim to
       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
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            a real property interest is determined in their
            favour, in which case that -- those claims will
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            remain with GVC.
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       THE COURT:
                   GVC, yes. Okay.
       CNSL A. TEASDALE: So on that basis, it's my submission
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            that there's no merit to Patriot and Nomad's
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            objections to approval of the sale transaction.
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                 So that's -- that covers one of the grounds,
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very quickly, of their objection.
                                               The other
            ground on which my friends object is with respect
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            to the release of directors and officers, and this
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            order does contain releases of directors and
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            officers and other third parties. So I can --
            I'll just take you to those provisions of the
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            approval and vesting order.
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                 So you're already there.
                                           Paragraph 13 is
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            where they start, on page 7. And --
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       THE COURT:
                   Paragraph 13?
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          Yes.
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       THE COURT: Okay. M'mm-hmm.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                         Yeah. So paragraph 13 is the
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            directors and officers release provision, and I'll
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            come back to that in a minute. I'll just quickly
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            touch on 14 and 15.
                                 Those are releases of the
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            monitor, legal counsel, petitioners' employees,
            petitioners' legal counsel. That's paragraph 14.
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            And paragraph 15 is a release of the sale agent --
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            sales agent, INFOR. I won't spend any time on
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                    Those aren't being objected to. They're
22
            very standard in terms of scope and what they
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            protect -- or what they release, pardon me.
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       THE COURT: So it's just 13 that's --
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: So it's really 13 that's in issue.
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            And so I just want to talk about the scope of that
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            paragraph, the scope of the release, which we say
            is appropriately narrow. That will just frame the
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            discussion here.
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                 So looking at paragraph 13, the releases of
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            the present and former directors and officers of
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            the petitioners. The reason we included the
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            former directors is because some directors
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            resigned during the pre-filing sales process, and
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            that's relevant to the scope of the release in
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            that it covers claims in five categories. One is
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            claims in connection with the pre-filing sale and
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            investment solicitation processes; two, the
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            decision to commence the CCAA proceedings; three,
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            the proceedings themselves or the administration
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            and management of the petitioners during the
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            course of the proceedings, the transaction and
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            then anything done in accordance with the approval
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            and vesting order.
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       THE COURT:
                   Is there D&O insurance?
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                         Yes, there is.
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       THE COURT: M'mm-hmm.
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CNSL A. TEASDALE: And so the releases of the directors
            and officers really are limited to things directly
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            pertinent to these proceedings, including some
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            things that occurred prior to filing, and so -- so
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            I submit that that release is appropriately -- the
            release is appropriately narrow, and it has the
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            monitor's support, that release language.
                 And so turning to the claims of Patriot and
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            Nomad. Based on the operation response filed by
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            Patriot and the -- the affidavit in support, those
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            parties refer to their unproven allegations of
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            conversion, referenced in their adversary
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            proceedings, and they say that directors and
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            officers may be liable for intentional torts, such
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            as conversion, where they have direct involvement
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            in tortious acts, and that any third party
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            recipients of converted funds may also have
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            liability to the royalty holders. So those are
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            very vague claims, and the directors and officers
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            are not named in the adversary proceedings
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            attached to the affidavit supporting the
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            application response filed by Patriot, nor have
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            Patriot or Nomad raised the prospect of any claims
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            relating to conversion in these proceedings.
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                 So I'm just going to refer you very briefly
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            to the Green Relief case, which is at tab 6 of our
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            book of authorities.
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       THE COURT: M'mm-hmm.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: And at paragraph 30, three-zero, of
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            that case, on page 7, the court says that one of
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            the factors that a court should consider is its
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            impression of the nature of the claim, and the
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            relevant paragraph -- or the relevant section of
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            that paragraph is at the very last sentence.
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            court says:
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                 The stronger a claim appears, the less likely
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                 a court may be to grant a release.
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                 thinner and more speculative a claim, the
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                 more likely a court may be to grant a
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                 release.
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            And so my submission this morning is that the
            claims of Nomad and Patriot fit into the category
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            of thin and speculative.
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                 And so I submit that --
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       THE COURT: Where do they refer to these claims?
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don't really understand.
       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          It's in their -- the affidavit of
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            Susan Danielsz, and so their claims are attached
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            at Exhibits A -- that's Nomad's -- and Exhibit B.
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                  And so these are called adversary
            proceedings. They're complaints filed in the
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            Chapter 15 cases. And probably the easiest thing
            to do is go to, just very briefly, the different counts on which they make their claims. So page 7
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            is the first count for declaratory relief.
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       THE COURT: M'mm-hmm.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: That their royalty is a real
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            property interest.
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       THE COURT: M'mm-hmm.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: Count 2 is on the next page, claim
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            for breach of contract. Count 3 is on the next
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            page, breach of implied covenant of good faith and
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            fair dealing.
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       THE COURT: Where do they allege these breaches on the
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            part of the directors?
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: They don't.
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       THE COURT: Oh, okay.
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                           They -- it's in their application
       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
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            response.
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       THE COURT: All right. So is it the same for Patriot,
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            then, on Exhibit B? Is there an allegation --
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: No, there's no allegation --
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       THE COURT: -- that the directors --
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: -- against the directors, and you'll
            note that if you look on the -- in the style of
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            cause, which is on the first page of Exhibit A and
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            the first page of Exhibit B, that the directors
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            are not named. It's just the corporate entities.
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       THE COURT: All right. Okay. So where is it referred
            to, then, in this book?
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          At page 5 of Patriot's application
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            response.
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       THE COURT:
                   M'mm-hmm.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: Paragraph 14. And so, in the second
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            sentence of that paragraph, they say:
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                  In the Adversary Proceedings --
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            Which are the complaints we just were looking at.
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                  -- Patriot Gold and Nomad have alleged that,
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                  under Arizona law, directors and officers may
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be liable for intentional torts, such as
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                 conversion ...
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            Well, there's no allegation that I could see --
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            and Mr. Williams, I'm sure, will correct me if I'm
            wrong about that -- that directors and officers
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            are liable or that they're being claimed as
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            against in those proceedings. So in my
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            submission, there's no -- there's not even any
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            allegations with respect to the directors'
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            liability with respect to conversion.
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            allegations of conversion, but nothing with
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            respect to the directors specifically.
                 And so -- and then I would just point out as
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            well that, even if there were claims, which I
            disagree with, the only part of the release in the
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            approval and vesting order that could apply would
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            be the -- so in paragraph 13(iii) --
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       THE COURT: 13(e) of what?
                          Pardon me, of the approval and
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
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            vesting order.
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       THE COURT:
                   Oh.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          I'm just looking at the release.
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       THE COURT: Yeah.
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                          So 13(iii).
       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
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       THE COURT: M'mm-hmm.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
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                 The directors are released from claims
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                 relating to these proceedings or the
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                 administration and management of the
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                 petitioners during the course of these
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                 proceedings.
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            So, to the extent there are allegations against
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            the directors relating to conversion, and that
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            conversion occurred during these proceedings, that
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            would be released. But any conversion that
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            occurred before the proceedings would not be
            released by this release, because the pre-filing
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            claims only relate -- the pre-filing releases only
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            relate to claims associated with the pre-filing
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            sales process and the decision to enter into the
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            CCAA proceedings. So it's quite narrow, and so I
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            think that's a relevant factor as well.
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                 And then the other thing I would point out is
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            that the releases obviously, as is normal in these
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            proceedings, they don't cover claims that can't be
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released under section 5.1(2) of the CCAA, which

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includes claims based on allegations of wrongful
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            or oppressive conduct by directors. So to the
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            extent that would cover the types of claims
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            Patriot and Nomad are talking about, it would not
            be released, because it can't be.
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       THE COURT: What's the section number again?
       CNSL A. TEASDALE: 5.1(2), and that language is just at
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            the very bottom of paragraph 13 of the approval
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            and vesting order, where it references that:
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                  Nothing in this paragraph shall waive,
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                  discharge, release, cancel or bar any claim
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                  for gross negligence, willful misconduct or
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                  any claim that is not permitted to be
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                  released pursuant to section 5.1(2).
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            And so again --
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       THE COURT: What's the wording of that section again?
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            Can you just read that back to me again.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: Yes. It is in my claim -- I wrote
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            it down:
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                  Claims based on allegations of wrongful or
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                  oppressive conduct by directors.
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            So to the extent participation in --
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       THE COURT: Tortious conduct would be --
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: -- an intentional tort.
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                  So on that basis, the releases would, at
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            most, affect a very small portion of the
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            speculative claims that Patriot and Nomad are
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            making against the directors and officers, but, in
            my submission, those claims are so speculative that the court should take that into account in
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            determining whether or not to grant the releases
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            sought in this case.
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                  So, My Lady, those cover my submissions with
            respect to the objections, and so, subject to any
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            questions you have about anything else in our
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            applications, I think I'm content to sit down and
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            let others take a crack.
       THE COURT: All right.
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                                Okay.
                                       Thank you.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: Thank you.
       THE COURT: All right. Well, I think what I'll do is
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            I'll hear from anyone that wishes to speak in
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            support of the applications, although I suppose
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we've only addressed -- Ms. Teasdale's only addressed the first application, which is the sale 3 approval, and we haven't even addressed the 4 distribution order or the enhanced powers order 5 6 CNSL A. TEASDALE: No. 7 THE COURT: So just dealing with the sale approval 8 order, does anyone wish to speak in support of 9 that? 10 CNSL D. BISH: I do, if I could be allowed to speak. 11 THE COURT: Mr. Bish, is that you? It is. 12 CNSL D. BISH: 13 Okay, thank you. THE COURT: 14 15 SUBMISSIONS RE SALE APPROVAL BY CNSL D. BISH: 16 17 CNSL D. BISH: Good morning -- or I guess just about 18 good afternoon, I guess. [Indiscernible]. I'll be brief, and 19 20 hopefully brevity won't detract from the 21 conviction with which my client holds its views. 22 As I mentioned at the outset, I am counsel to 23 Triple Flag and Maverix. Maverix is the principal 24 secured creditor. It is owed about 32.5 million 25 at the time these proceedings commenced. That was 26 in the application materials and, I believe, the 27 monitor's pre-filing report. The monitor has conducted a security review. It has affirmed to Maverix has good and valid first security, and 28 It has affirmed that 29 30 that's been in the monitor's reports. That is not 31 at issue. And I think that's very important. My 32 client is the fulcrum creditor in this case, and 33 it has the overwhelming majority of claims in this 34 35 The claims of Patriot, the claims of Nomad, 36 are very clearly subordinate to the claims of my 37 client, save and except if they can establish that 38 they have an independent ownership interest and 39 not merely a debt claim, and that's a matter that has, as you've heard, been set aside for further 40 determination. 41 42 This transaction will result in a significant

shortfall for Maverix. If it could do better, if there was a better path or better option, Maverix

would pursue it. There isn't. Maverix accepts

that this is the best possible outcome in the

circumstances, even though it leaves it with a

very substantial shortfall.

This transaction preserves the business, and it generates a modest recovery. Maverix commends company and the monitor for their approach to this case and to the SISP. It's a complex situation, because it spans two countries, but the process has been fully and fairly conducted and, importantly, in an intelligent manner designed to preserve the business, while avoiding a frittering away from the modest sale proceeds here.

Having read the objections and paid attention to what's going on and has been said by my friend for the company, much of this reads to Maverix as a collateral attack on this court's orders in these proceedings. As was stated -- and I won't go over it at length -- this court has already accepted plenary jurisdiction under the CCAA. The US court has already accepted ancillary jurisdiction under Chapter 15.

Further, it was abundantly clear at the time the SISP was approved by this court that this process was being conducted before the Canadian court and was going to culminate in an approval hearing before this court. Respectfully, this court ought not to approve a SISP and then cede jurisdiction to another court at the conclusion of that very process to let another court decide the outcome of that process.

It's too late for Patriot and Nomad to come forward at this juncture and ask for the US court to essentially take plenary jurisdiction over the SISP and the sale approval process.

As you've heard, they're not prejudiced because the discrete matters for determination before the US court have already been identified, carved out and are proceeding before the US court. They will have their day in court on those issues.

I bear in mind that, again, as I read the objections and went through the materials of Supreme Court of Canada's words in the Peace River case. In there the Supreme Court of Canada noted that the insolvency courts have authority to do not only what justice dictates, but also what practicality demands. Those are often-repeated words in our world. Peace River is certainly not the only instance of those words appearing. They appear many times.

The company and the monitor in this case have been very mindful of the practicalities here, the 3 limited value of the assets in question and the 4 need for a fair, but practical, path to conclude 5 this process in a way that sees the business survive and without squandering the modest 7 proceeds that have resulted from the process. 8 I fully understand that parties that are out 9 of the money are never happy to be out of the 10 money, and I understand that they have nothing to 11 lose by obstructing, given that they're already 12 out of the money, but we need to achieve two 13 fundamental things: We need to preserve the 14 business in some form, and we need to avoid 15 squandering all of the modest sale proceeds in 16 litigation disputes and protracted fights. 17 The SISP, as conducted by the company and the 18 monitor, has achieved both of those critical 19 objectives, and for that reason, Maverix supports 20 the relief that they are seeking here today. 21 Unless you have questions, those are my 22 submissions. 23 THE COURT: All right. Thank you, Mr. Bish. 24 Mr. Schwill, I'm assuming you're also 25 speaking in support? 26 CNSL R. SCHWILL: Yes, that is correct. 27 All right. Anything to add beyond that? THE COURT: CNSL R. SCHWILL: No. I can only echo what Mr. Bish 28 29 just ably said. 30 THE COURT: Okay, thank you. 31 All right. Anyone else wish to speak in 32 support? All right. Now I'll hear the con side of it. I don't know who wishes to speak first. 33 CNSL L. WILLIAMS: Probably makes sense for me, 34 35 Justice. 36 37 SUBMISSIONS RE SALE APPROVAL BY CNSL L. WILLIAMS: 38 39 CNSL L. WILLIAMS: So Justice, as indicated, we're 40 counsel for Patriot, and the basis of our 41 objections are, in terms of the approval, as I 42 indicated, that this court ought not exercise its 43 jurisdiction to approve the sale, ought to refer 44 it to the US court. 45 In the alternative, if the court is inclined 46 to grant it, it should make sure that there are

certain clear terms, either in the order or in the

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reasons, indicating that it is not seeking to
            limit in any way the US court's jurisdiction, and
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            then oppose the releases.
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                 If you have our application response, which
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            is one of the loose items handed up, it's probably
            the easiest to follow.
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       THE COURT: Yes, I do have that.
                                          Thank you.
       CNSL L. WILLIAMS: So the basis, as you're well aware,
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            of the dispute with Patriot is that Patriot claims
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            a royalty interest that is, A, an interest in
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            land; B, does not form part of the estate under US
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            law, so it's not an asset subject to the
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            bankruptcy.
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                 Before I get into the details, I should say
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            that in the Chapter 15, Judge Ballinger, of the US
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            Bankruptcy Court, has carriage of these
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            proceedings, and my understanding from US counsel
            is that he has asked that, to the extent
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            objections are being raised in front of him, that
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            they were also raised in front of the Canadian
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            court, so that you're aware of them, so we don't
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            have new objections coming. So, while some of our
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            objections may seem like US law matters, that is
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            part of the reason, is to make sure that -- he
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            wanted to make sure that this court is aware of
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            them.
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       THE COURT:
                   M'mm-hmm.
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS: So you were taken to the claims that
            are referred to as the adversary proceedings at
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            paragraph 5 of our response, but those are the
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            claims of conversion, constructive trust,
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            accounting, et cetera, and I don't profess to be
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            an Arizona lawyer -- I don't think anybody here
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            does -- but as set out in the legal basis of our
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            application response, under Arizona law, directors
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            and officers can be liable for conversion, and I
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            don't think there's -- you know, we have no
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            indication it's improperly pled; right?
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            this works under Arizona law.
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       THE COURT: Well, you want to be paid your royalty;
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            right?
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS: We want to be paid our royalty, but
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            to the extent there was conversion or -- of funds
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            that should have been paid; right? A bunch of
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            royalty -- there was a bunch of production over
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            the period of this proceeding.
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       THE COURT: Yeah.
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CNSL L. WILLIAMS: And there is a clear allegation
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            filed in the US proceeding -- so it's filed in
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            this proceeding -- indicating accounting,
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            constructive trust, conversion and other relief.
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                  Yes, against the companies.
       THE COURT:
       CNSL L. WILLIAMS: Yes, and -- but as we've indicated,
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            and we've put in the relevant case and will be
            argued before the US court is, under Arizona law,
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            that picks up directors and officers.
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       THE COURT:
                  What? For nonpayment of any moneys?
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS: Conversion. If they did --
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                   Well, conversion is theft, essentially;
       THE COURT:
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            right?
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS:
                          Yes.
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       THE COURT: So nonpayment is not theft.
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS: Right.
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       THE COURT: It's just nonpayment.
       CNSL L. WILLIAMS: -- tortious conduct can pick up
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            directors and officers under Arizona law.
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       THE COURT: All right.
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS: And so that is going -- that is
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            before the Arizona court.
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       THE COURT: No, it's not. I've looked at -- well,
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            Ms. Teasdale took me through your claim, and
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            that's not alleged.
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS:
                          Conversion is alleged.
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                   Yes, but not against the directors.
       THE COURT:
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS: And that's the -- and we've cited
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            the case from Arizona, but under Arizona law --
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            this is my understanding relayed to me from US
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            counsel -- you don't have to plead it in the
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            bankruptcy conversion application. Directors and
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            officers pick up the liability as a matter of law.
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       THE COURT: Well --
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS: So that's a defence to put forward,
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            I guess, in the Arizona case, but our
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            understanding is that's not -- it's not how you
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            plead it. There is a clear conversion claim made
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            that the --
       THE COURT: Against the companies, yes.
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS: Against the company, for which we say -- to be determined in the US -- directors and
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            officers are liable. So this isn't a "there's a
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            claim out there somewhere that somebody may make
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            in future about something against the directors
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            and officers." This isn't a skinny or a frivolous
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                    There is a clearly-defined claim filed in
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the US proceedings.
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       THE COURT: Against the companies.
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS:
                          For which we say directors and
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            officers are liable, yes.
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       THE COURT: Well, which is -- so it's out there.
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            mean --
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS:
                         It's out there.
       THE COURT: I'm not being asked to change the law of
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            Arizona, Mr. Williams.
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS:
                          No.
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       THE COURT:
                   But the point is there's no claim, and then
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            Ms. Teasdale also refers to section 5.2(1), or
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            whatever it is, and releases, which appear to
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            preserve your right to make claims with respect to
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            tortious conduct -- wrongful conduct.
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS: But it says "wrongful conduct."
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            words don't line up. If my friend is of the view
            that the conversion and other claims where
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            directors and officers pick up liability is caught
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            by that section, then carve out our -- what we
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            call the adversary proceedings, carve that out of
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            the release.
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       THE COURT: Well, that's -- but she's referred to it
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            specifically at paragraph 13 of the relief.
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS: Well, no, she's referred to section
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            5.1(2) of the CCAA, which uses different words in
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            a Canadian statute. So do those words fully
            capture what, under Arizona, directors and officers are liable for? I don't know, and you'd
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            have to do a cross-border law analysis.
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                 But what I'm saying is, if my friend truly
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            believes that release carves out this claim, then
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            carve out the Patriot -- and I'm sure my friend
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            for Nomad will say the Nomad -- proceedings from
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            the release.
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       THE COURT:
                   But there's no proceedings.
                                                You haven't
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            claimed against the directors and officers, so
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            it's hard to carve out a claim when you haven't
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            claimed it.
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS: Well, the liability under directors
            and officers under those proceedings. I mean, I
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            don't profess to tell you --
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       THE COURT: They're not pleadings against the
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            directors. I'll say it again.
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS: Well, this isn't an Arizona court,
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            and I'm not an Arizona lawyer.
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       THE COURT: Yes, I know, but I think -- well, all
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right.

2 CNSL L. WILLIAMS: So in the US, it is the position 3 that this has been properly pled as against the 4 companies to pick up the directors and officers 5 claimed as a matter of US law. If that's wrong, the US court is going to deal with it. 7 What you're being asked to do today under 8 these releases is predetermine that the US court 9 ought not look at that. You're going to release 10 the ability to go after the directors and officers 11 for something that is extant before the US court. 12 If the US court says you can't go after directors 13 and officers, fine. But you're being asked to 14 predetermine something actively before the US 15 court. 16 THE COURT: Well, but to the extent that it relates --17 if such a claim exists -- and let's, for the sake of argument, say it doesn't affect your claim, to 18 19 the extent that those claims existed prior to --20 prior to July; right? 21 CNSL L. WILLIAMS: Yes, but the allegation in these 22 claims is the conversion continued throughout the 23 proceeding. That's why it's been filed in the US 24 bankruptcy proceeding. So the allegation is the 25 directors and officers have continued to 26 participate in conversion. 27 All right. THE COURT: 28 CNSL L. WILLIAMS: So that matter remains extant. 29 Going to the approval, and when we talk about 30 the foreign mains, et cetera, I think it's 31 important to delineate, first of all, this court 32 doesn't determine whether it's a foreign main; 33 This court determines whether it's got right? 34 jurisdiction under the CCAA, which is a much lower 35 bar of simply there are business and assets in 36 Canada. 37 THE COURT: Yes, but the US court has recognized this 38 as a foreign main proceeding. 39 CNSL L. WILLIAMS: Yes, and think that under Chapter 15 40 of the US Bankruptcy Code, which, very similar to 41 part 4 of the CCAA, entitles certain relief, which 42 is essentially a stay of proceedings and a 43 blocking on sale of assets. 44 THE COURT: M'mm-hmm. 45 CNSL L. WILLIAMS: It does not automatically entitle 46 this court -- or obligate the US court to 47 recognize orders for sales and, in fact,

section -- Chapter 15 of the US Bankruptcy Code

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            specifically preserves the obligation of the US
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            court to conduct a full analysis under section 363
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            of the bankruptcy code to deal with assets in the
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            territorial jurisdiction of the US.
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       THE COURT:
                   Right.
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS:
                          So here we're dealing with a US mine
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            subject to US contracts, shares in a US company.
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       THE COURT: M'mm-hmm.
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS:
                         And accordingly, it is going to have
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            to go through a full analysis, as it would under a
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            Chapter 11, in the US court.
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       THE COURT: M'mm-hmm.
       CNSL L. WILLIAMS: So our primary position is that this
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            is different than, for example, Grant Forest
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            Products, where you have an integrated sale
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            process. Grant Forest Products is distinguishable
            for a host of reasons, including that Canada
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            hadn't adopted the model law under it. It's not a
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            model law decision.
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                 But when we look at it, it was a sale of
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            cross-border assets, and that's what this court is
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            used to, selling businesses that are -- some of
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            the assets are in Canada, some are in the US. If
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            this court is the main proceeding, it approves it.
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            It goes to the US, it goes through the analysis,
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            it gets recognized there.
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                 Here, in our submission, the assets are US
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                                          This is a sale of a
            assets. It is a US company.
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            US mine. The stakeholders are in the US.
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            contracts are covered by US law.
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       THE COURT: It's a sale of shares, not a US mine.
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            mine is not being sold.
       CNSL L. WILLIAMS: Well, it's a reverse vesting order,
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            so yes, technically it's shares of the US company
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            being sold with a whole bunch of relief in
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            relation to the US assets.
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       THE COURT: M'mm-hmm.
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                          If this were truly a share sale,
       CNSL L. WILLIAMS:
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            there would be no objection, because the US
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            company would be keeping all of its obligations
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            and everything would continue as is. This is a
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            reverse vesting order, so yes, technically that
            moves it from an asset sale to a share sale,
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            because we all know a reverse vesting order is
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            really an asset sale dressed up another way to
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            effect the benefits of an RVO. So I would submit
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the share component is a minor component of an RVO
            transaction.
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                 The -- so our primary submission, you ought
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            not, and the SISP -- while the SISP may have
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            contemplated -- and, as we noted at the hearing of
            the SISP, we'd just been retained -- contemplated
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            a sale of, as my friend put it, kind of anything:
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            investments, otherwise. It might have included
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            the Canadian PubCo, might have included some of
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            the other subsidiaries. There was no kind of
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            limit on what the SISP was out looking for.
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                 The SISP has returned a sale of one entity,
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            one asset. It's the US asset. It's the Moss
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                   And we say, while the SISP contemplated --
            Mine.
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       THE COURT:
                   It's not the mine. It's the shares.
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS:
                         It is technically the shares.
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            really an asset sale of the mine, in our
            submission. But fine, it's the shares of a US
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            company. The fact that it has been so limited,
            while the court has the ability, our submission is
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            you ought not exercise your jurisdiction. You
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            ought to say, this is a -- really a US sale; it
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            ought to go to the US.
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       THE COURT: So what are you saying is limited?
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS: The assets are limited.
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            just -- we're just dealing with US assets. We're
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            not dealing with --
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       THE COURT: Oh, I see.
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS: -- an integrated, cross-border
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            business, which would have been the case if
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            somebody came and bought the parent.
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       THE COURT: M'mm-hmm.
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS: To the extent that the court is
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            inclined to grant the order, we've set out at
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            paragraph 12 what we would ask be included, either
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            in the order or the reasons for the order: that
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            the royalty interests, rights and related claims
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            held by Patriot Gold -- and I assume Nomad is
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            going to go the same thing -- against the
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            petitioners are not affected. Instead, they'll be
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            determined by the Chapter 15 court or the other US
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            courts, as applicable, and that nothing in this
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            court 's order seeks to predetermine what are
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            properly matters before the US court, including,
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            without limitation, the subject of the adversary
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            proceedings.
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                 I don't think my friend objects to that.
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think that's essentially what they've argued

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            there. We don't think it's as clearly there as
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            they've indicated.
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       THE COURT: M'mm-hmm.
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS: But, were the court to grant it, we
            ask that that be clearly there so that the US
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            court can take comfort that nothing has sought to
            usurp or limit its jurisdiction to fully review
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            the sale under its applicable law.
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                 The releases, I touched on. As I indicated,
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            we have an active claim, which we say -- whether
            it's pled properly is a matter of US law. The
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            releases ask you to predetermine what is actively
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            before the Chapter 15 court. We say that should
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            be determined on its merits.
                   What should be determined on its merits?
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       THE COURT:
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS: The claims -- the adversary
            proceedings, as they're called, the tortious
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            action, et cetera.
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       THE COURT:
                   Yes. Well, I don't think that's -- there's
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            no objection to that, but that's not pled.
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS: Well, there's no objection, I think,
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            to the adversary proceedings, so much, but by
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            releasing the directors and officers, you short
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            circuit part of that claim. You predetermine that
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            there is no claim against the directors and
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            officers, which we say under Arizona, as pled,
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            there is. So you are being asked to predetermine
            that and not leave that to the US court. You also are limiting any access to D&O insurance, which we
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            know exists, because you're releasing the
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            directors and officers.
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                 You are also, as I indicated --
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       THE COURT:
                   Well, just on that point, I should have,
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            perhaps, asked Ms. Teasdale more directly, but
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            usually the D&O insurance is sort of a safeguard
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            there that exists already and that nothing in the
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            releases are intended to affect that.
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS: I don't see anything in the releases
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            that carves out claims to be made against the D&O
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            insurance or channels claims.
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       THE COURT: All right. Well, I'll ask Ms. Teasdale and
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            perhaps the monitor to also opine -- give me a
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            submission on that.
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS: And then finally, under, as I
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            indicated, section 5.1(2), if that truly carves
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            out the adversary proceedings, then just carve out
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the adversary proceedings, so we don't end up to
            whether words in a Canadian statute are broad
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            enough to cover what is being pled in the US
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            action and tortious conduct against directors and
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            officers under Arizona law.
       THE COURT:
                   Well, you're not asking me to carve out a
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            claim, because a claim doesn't exist. You're
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            asking me to claim -- carve out any liability that
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            might otherwise exist under Arizona law that has
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            not been advanced. Isn't that -- is that more
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            accurate?
       CNSL L. WILLIAMS:
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                          I think you can say any claim that
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            exists against the directors and officers as a
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            result of the -- and we could put the claim
            details in it -- against the directors and
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            officers in relation to the claims asserted in the
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            United States bankruptcy court for the district of
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            Arizona, in the pleadings filed in -- we've got
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            the case number -- on the date; right?
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            could --
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       THE COURT:
                   So it's the adversary proceeding, isn't it?
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS: We've defined it as that in our
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            response materials. I mean, you could very
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            clearly carve out any claims against the directors
25
            and officers resulting from what is set out in
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            those.
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       THE COURT: As a result of the adversary proceedings.
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS:
                          Yes.
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       THE COURT: Okay.
                          All right.
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS: Those are my submissions.
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       THE COURT: Thank you. Mr. Pinos, you seem to be
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            the -- the most likely person to speak next, given
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            that you're --
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       CNSL T. PINOS: I'm the nomad here.
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       THE COURT: You're the nomad, yes.
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       SUBMISSIONS RE SALE APPROVAL BY CNSL T. PINOS:
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       CNSL T. PINOS: I have -- I support Mr. Williams'
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            submissions. I have one point to make that may be
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            of assistance to the court in trying to
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            practically draw the line between where this order
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            stops and where the proceedings in the United
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            States necessarily have to take over, and I'd like
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            to refer you to paragraph 11 of the draft approval
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            and vesting order. It's on the same page as the
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            release language that you were looking at with
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Ms. Teasdale earlier. 2 THE COURT: Yes. 3 CNSL T. PINOS: I don't have a binder page number. just have a PDF page number. 4 5 THE COURT: Well, I've got it. I've got it. CNSL T. PINOS: Okay. So if you look at paragraph 11, I think this is highly relevant to what you should 7 do to paragraph 13 and in response to 8 9 Mr. Williams' submissions. This paragraph says 10 quite plainly: 11 12 ... this Court specifically makes no finding 13 as to whether the interests of Patriot or 14 Nomad are interests in real property, and 15 this Order is without prejudice to the 16 determination of such issue by the United 17 States Bankruptcy Court for the District of 18 Arizona, including with respect to the 19 positions of all parties. 20 21

Well, Patriot has told you that it is its position that the litigation as commenced in United States will reach out and grab the directors, if appropriate, under the conversion and trust claims, and if it's truly without prejudice to the positions of all parties, the court should ensure that paragraph 13 can't be misconstrued to block all or part of the potential claims of Patriot or Nomad in the United States.

And on that basis, in my respect -- and Ms. Teasdale made the argument that at least part of the release language could apply to liabilities with respect to the royalties of Patriot and Nomad; that's the administration and management of the petitioners during the course of these proceedings.

THE COURT: M'mm-hmm.

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CNSL T. PINOS: From the standpoint of practicality, if the desire is to draw a line there and to avoid a US court litigating over the meaning of the words I've just cited to you, together with what the meanings of section 5.1(2) of the CCAA is and it's relevance to the proceedings in the United States, it would be my respectful submission that you adopt the suggested language of Mr. Williams and make it clear that nothing in section 13 affects the positions of all parties with respect to the

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interests of Patriot or Nomad, and that otherwise
            this order is without prejudice to those
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            interests.
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                  Subject to any questions you have, that is my
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            submission.
       THE COURT: All right.
                                Thank you, Mr. Pinos.
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                  All right. Now, save for the monitor, of
            course, I think the only other person that spoke
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            up earlier was Mr. Greenwood.
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                  Mr. Greenwood, are you still there? All
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                    I'm not hearing Mr. Greenwood.
            Mr. Greenwood, you may have to unmute your phone, if you did that earlier.
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       H. GREENWOOD:
                      Yeah. I'm there.
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       THE COURT:
                   Oh, you're there. Okay, good.
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       H. GREENWOOD:
                      Yeah.
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       THE COURT:
                   Do you have anything to add, Mr. Greenwood?
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       SUBMISSIONS RE SALE APPROVAL BY H. GREENWOOD:
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       H. GREENWOOD: My only thought was needing to know more
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            about -- it sounds like we have royalty claims and
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            there seem to be conversion types, what happened
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            to our royalties that would -- I just don't know
            what all these other people -- I don't know what
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            those are filed as, adversary proceedings, or
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            whatever. And in Arizona, I don't remember a
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            deadline being set for bringing those actions.
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            thought everybody was stayed.
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                   Yes. Well, as I understood Ms. Teasdale,
       THE COURT:
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            Mr. Greenwood, that you -- that your claims
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            against Golden Vertex are not being affected, and
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            Ms. Teasdale is nodding; you may not be able to
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            see her. But that the agreement specifically
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            provides that your claims are not affected.
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       H. GREENWOOD: Okay. And I did not understand that to
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            be -- as far as going forward, our royalties would
            be okay, you know, after this proceeding, but that the ones that have already been disappeared and
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            nobody will tell us what they are, how it is, and
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            who did it, and so it's -- you know, whether we
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            will need to file some kind of adversary
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            proceeding is up to the lawyers. But it sounds
            like that they're -- I assume when they sold, they
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            had an old riding royalty that they had retained,
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            and I don't know why that -- how that might be
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            different than our royalty claim, where our
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royalties were collected and then vanished. And I
            don't know who's responsible for that or where
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            they went, or who did it, or whether it would come
            under some of the language reading about these
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            officers and directors. Is it going to come back
            to D&O insurance or -- I mean, I didn't note any
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            limitations, but it said all those --
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       THE COURT: Well, I think the answer -- Mr. Greenwood,
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            I think the answer is, if you look at the sale
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            agreement, section 2.1.3, and (a) provides that:
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                 Golden Vertex will be retaining --
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            It says.
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                 -- all liabilities in respect of Greenwood --
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            Which is you, I assume.
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       H. GREENWOOD: Right, yeah.
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       THE COURT:
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                 -- and all tenants in common of the Greenwood
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                 royalty burdening only the California Moss
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                 lot 37 patented claim.
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                     Right.
       H. GREENWOOD:
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       THE COURT: And more particularly described in a
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            schedule. So that sounds to me like you're not
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            being affected.
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       H. GREENWOOD:
                     That would be for a lawyer -- for, you
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            know, my lawyer. I never could make sure what
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            that was taking about and understood it was for
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            the future, not for the past if they've already
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            taken our money and done something with it.
       THE COURT: Well, I don't know.
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       H. GREENWOOD: Anyway, I don't need -- I don't need
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            to --
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       THE COURT:
                   Yeah.
                          I mean, it seems to me if your
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            royalty claim is being preserved, then what
            royalties will be paid in respect to the future, I
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            assume -- well, I don't know, but generally
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            speaking, royalties work that if the mine is
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            successful and they owe you some money as a result
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            of those operations, then you get paid.
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       H. GREENWOOD: Right. But in the -- but are we going
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            to get paid what they've already earned -- we've
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            already earned in our royalties and never were
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            paid? And I don't know where that money is or who
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did it or where they -- who has it now and who's
            responsible for it being there, and that's all.
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            And I don't -- I don't know if they have
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            sufficient assets to cover all of these claims,
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            along with ours. You know, that's --
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       THE COURT: I think the short answer, Mr. Greenwood, is
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            they don't. They have more than -- more debts
            than, apparently, the assets are worth.
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            why they're insolvent.
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       H. GREENWOOD: Yes, but --
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       THE COURT:
                   That's why they're in this proceeding.
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       H. GREENWOOD: But, to some extent, our royalties
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            shouldn't be their assets.
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                   Well ...
       THE COURT:
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       H. GREENWOOD:
                       They never owned our royalties.
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       THE COURT:
                    Yes.
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       H. GREENWOOD:
                       They just got -- when they were being
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            processed and the royalties turned into gold and
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            marketable, that's when the money disappeared.
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       THE COURT:
                   Right.
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       H. GREENWOOD:
                      I don't know. Anyway ...
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       THE COURT:
                   Okay.
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       H. GREENWOOD: Okay.
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       THE COURT: All right.
                                Okay, thank you, Mr. Greenwood.
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       H. GREENWOOD:
                      Thank you.
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       THE COURT: All right. We'll take the lunch break now,
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            and then, Mr. Jackson, you'll speak afterwards.
            Now, I think I'm on -- oh, I meant to check my schedule. I think I'm -- I think in my schedule
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            I'm on at 2 o'clock. Is that correct, Mr. Clerk?
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       THE CLERK:
                    It's 2 o'clock on the hearing list.
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       THE COURT:
                    Sorry?
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                    It's 2 o'clock on the hearing list.
       THE CLERK:
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       THE COURT:
                    Okay. So we'll have to come back at
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            3 o'clock, then. But one of the things that,
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            Ms. Teasdale, I'd like you to address is that
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            issue about the insurance, and also what
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            Mr. Williams says about the carve-out on the
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            5.1(2) issue, if you can address those
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            specifically. And perhaps Mr. Jackson wants to
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            address them also.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: I will.
                                    Thank you, My Lady.
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       THE COURT:
                   All right. Thank you. I'll see you at
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             3:00.
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       THE CLERK:
                   Order in court.
                                     This court is adjourned
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            until 3:00 PM.
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                 RECESS) ([12:31:06 PM])
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                 (PROCEEDINGS RECONVENED) ([3:01:55 PM])
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       THE CLERK: Recalling Elevation Gold Mining Corporation
            matter, Madam Justice.
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       THE COURT: Thank you.
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                 Ms. Teasdale or Mr. Bedi, I understand you
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            had a new sealing order --
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: We did, yes.
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       THE COURT: -- that you handed up. I've already signed
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            the other one, and I gave it back to you. Why
            don't you take just the -- I understand it's just
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            the counsel list that's been updated.
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            just insert that in the one that I --
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          Sure.
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       THE COURT: -- that I signed.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                         Yes.
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       THE COURT: I don't want to -- I'm not going to sign
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            two orders.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          That's fine.
                                        We --
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       THE COURT: And have them floating around.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: -- just didn't want to replace the
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            back page without you knowing about it, so --
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       THE COURT:
                  Yeah. No, that's fine.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          -- we thought we'd raise that.
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       THE COURT:
                   That's fine.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: All right.
                                      Thank you.
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       SUBMISSIONS RE SALE APPROVAL BY CNSL A. TEASDALE:
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: So you had asked two questions of
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            me -- or you wanted me to address two things
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            before we broke, and so I will address those two
            things right now.
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       THE COURT: M'mm-hmm.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: Oh, yes. Mr. Williams, I believe,
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            has a quick response to you -- to your question
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            that you'd asked.
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       THE COURT: Yes, Mr. Williams.
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS: Over the break, I was able to get
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            further clarification on the Arizona proceedings
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            in terms of why the -- those two adversary claims
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            are pled that way.
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       THE COURT: M'mm-hmm.
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS: And my understanding is that, in the
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            court there, you plead it as it pled now, against
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the companies, and if there's a finding of
            conversions, if you're successful in conversion or
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            the other tortious conduct, you then either add or
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            proceed against the directors and officers.
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       THE COURT:
                  Oh, I see. Okay.
       CNSL L. WILLIAMS:
                          And I understand that that is a
 7
            normal practice.
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       THE COURT: Is it the directors? Is it the directors
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            or the officers or both?
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS: Both.
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                          Okay.
       THE COURT:
                   Both?
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS:
                          And the case we had -- I can take
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            you to it -- basically says directors can be
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            liable in certain circumstances, officers and
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            others, and it's fact-dependent.
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       THE COURT: Okay, thank you.
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                 Ms. Teasdale.
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                          Thank you, Justice.
       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
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                 So you asked me to address two things: First
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            was the question of whether the order as drafted
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            contemplates a carve-out for claims covered by D&O
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            insurance; and the second question was about
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            section 5.1(2) of the CCAA and whether the types
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            of claims here are covered by that section.
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                 So starting with the second question first,
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            section 5.1(2), my submission is that that issue
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            doesn't necessarily have to be decided today.
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            short answer is that the release may release some
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            of Patriot's and Nomad's claims.
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            that's just the fact of the matter and, as I
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            submitted earlier, those claims are speculative,
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            in our submission, and therefore the releases can
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            be granted notwithstanding those claims.
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                 With respect to --
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       THE COURT:
                  Those are those ones during the -- since
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            July, since --
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: That's right.
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       THE COURT:
                   -- the initial order was granted; is that
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            right?
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          Yes.
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       THE COURT: I think that's what you said before.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: Yeah, that's right. And so -- and
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            then that sort of leads into the second point on
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            director and officer insurance.
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                 So the order, as drafted, does not
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            contemplate a carve-out for claims covered by D&O
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            insurance where those claims are also covered by a
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release. Obviously if the release doesn't purport
            to cover a claim that is covered by D&O insurance,
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            that's not an issue. So really just talking
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            about, again, that narrow group of claims that
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            happened during the CCAA pleadings.
                 And so my submissions on that are this.
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                   Well, you're proposing to release them.
       THE COURT:
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          Yes.
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       THE COURT:
                   Right?
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          And so for those claims, at the time
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            those claims would have arisen, the company was
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            under the supervision of the monitor, and it was
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            under the jurisdiction of two courts:
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            and the court in the United States. And I wanted
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            to point out that, as well, the initial -- the
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            amended and restated initial order, which I've
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            handed a copy of through Mr. Clerk to you, it says
            two things that I think are relevant:
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            paragraph 10(a) it says:
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                 The petitioners are directed to make --
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       THE COURT: Okay.
                          What are you referring to now?
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          The amended and restated initial
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            order.
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       THE COURT:
                   Well, okay.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          And so paragraph 10(a).
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       THE COURT:
                   Yeah, m'mm-hmm.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                         It says that:
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                 The petitioners are directed to make no
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                 payments of principal on account of amounts
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                 owing to its creditors as of the order date.
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            And paragraph 7(b) says -- so that's going back.
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            The petitioners are entitled -- not required, but
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            entitled -- to pay expenses. And I'm not sure
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            this is necessarily characterized as an expense,
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            but to the extent it is --
       THE COURT:
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                   This is in what paragraph?
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
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       THE COURT:
                   Oh, 7.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          On page 3.
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       THE COURT:
                   Yeah.
                          Expenses, yeah.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          And then 3(b) -- or 7(b) is:
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                 All obligations incurred by the petitioners
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at all.

after the order. 2 3 So this order is, in effect, saying, don't pay 4 things after the order date. You don't -- or 5 rather, you don't have to pay things after the order date. 7 THE COURT: M'mm-hmm. 8 CNSL A. TEASDALE: You're entitled to, but you're not 9 obligated to. 10 And so my point there is it doesn't seem, 11 then, fair to tag the directors with liability for 12 essentially doing what they're permitted to do by an order $o\bar{f}$ this court under the supervision of 13 14 the monitor. And so, in my submission, those 15 claims can and should be released, and it's not --16 it does not seem appropriate for that to be -- to 17 run against the directors in that circumstance. And I also suspect that Maverix, the primary 18 19 secured creditor of the petitioners, would have 20 had a real issues with the petitioners paying 21 Nomad and Patriot, particularly when the nature of 22 their claims was in dispute. And so I think all 23 of that is pertinent to the issue of whether or 24 not the directors and officers would be entitled 25 to --THE COURT: 26 But these are for post-filing obligations, 27 right, in 7(b)? 28 CNSL A. TEASDALE: Yes, that's correct. But claims for 29 conversion that occurred during -- during the 30 proceedings would be covered by that small part of 31 the carve-out, the romanette (iii), and so would 32 be part of these post-filing obligations. 33 THE COURT: M'mm-hmm. 34 CNSL A. TEASDALE: So -- and I guess the larger point 35 is Patriot and Nomad had notice of the comeback 36 hearing for the amended and restated initial 37 order, and they did not raise that in these 38 proceedings. And so the directors and officers have proceeded on the basis of the orders of this 39 40 court under the supervision of the monitor, with 41 no expectation that Patriot would then -- or 42 nobody would then come out of the woodwork later 43 and say, well, wait a second; you weren't supposed 44 to do that; we're going to sue you for taking 45 those steps in the course of these proceedings. 46 And that doesn't, to me, seem appropriate or just

If the court is inclined to include a carve-out, I do have some submissions on language we would accept, but I will leave that for later. THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

CNSL A. TEASDALE: Those are my submissions. Thank you.

THE COURT: Mr. Jackson?

SUBMISSIONS RE SALE APPROVAL BY CNSL K. JACKSON:

CNSL K. JACKSON: Sorry, Justice. I wanted to clarify one point. In the interests of time, I'm going to keep this fairly brief and, given how things have gone today, I think I understand things that might assist the court a little bit in terms of the monitor's view.

You did ask earlier if the monitor supported the transaction, and it does. The monitor's — you know, the thrust of the report being this was a significantly robust process. Like, it's gone on from pre-filing for a long time and during the actual CCAA proceedings with a court-approved sales process. There were multiple parties engaged. There were multiple offers. This was and remains the best offer that's come before the court and — during the process that arose during the process, and the monitor is satisfied that it is the — it is the best offer that can be obtained in the circumstances.

I think the thing that -- maybe just to make clear on this -- and my friend Mr. Bish touched on this -- Maverix has a first-ranking secured claim, as far as we know, I should say. We know it has a secured claim against the Canadian assets. There are opinions that the monitor's obtained that Maverix's lien is valid, perfected, enforceable against the trustee in Canada and in the US.

Now, Mr. Bish said that there is an opinion that it was first-ranking. You appreciate that counsel for the court's officers don't give opinions on priority generally; it's just as to validity. But what we -- what is said in the monitor's report is that we know of no claims which rank in priority. We've heard of no assertion of a claim which ranks in priority. I will pause there to say that we appreciate that Patriot and Nomad have asserted interest in land,

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well, that's different, because that's not a security interest; that's just a property interest to be determined. But if they don't have one, their claim wouldn't rank in priority.

So the amount of Maverix's claim is significant, and it is -- it dwarfs the purchase price, as I think the court will be aware, having received the unredacted version of the purchase and sale agreement. And so, in the circumstances, given their security, given the amount of their claim, this is all facilitating a transaction, which really is no prejudice to any party. assets being conveyed are shares, over which they have security. They have security over the assess of GVC, or Golden Vertex, and, to the extent that any of those assets are being retained for the benefit of creditors -- that would be cash and cash equivalents, you'll recall, which will be held in Elevation Gold -- everyone's claims attach to them in the same priority as they have today.

And so when we say there's no prejudice, apart from the fact that Maverix has this massive secured claim both sides of the border, there's still the fact that these funds, the proceeds and any cash and any other assets that come up from Golden Vertex, it's all going to be preserved for a period of time before any distribution is made. And while we said that so far we've heard of absolutely no claims which would purport to rank ahead of Maverix, there is a process, a 30-day -the distribution order which my friend will speak to, no doubt, shortly, the contemplation is that it will be held for a period of time to see if anyone does assert a claim, and there's a concept baked in there about how funds being reserved for such claims, if there are any advanced and not resolved.

So this is all very much a without -- sort of -- prejudice result here. There's nobody who could be complaining that somehow this is an inappropriate transaction or that somehow the order that's going today is going to prevent them from being able to assert a claim to proceeds.

I point out one other thing, which I think may be -- it's in the materials, but it may not have been clear. It goes a little bit to the jurisdiction and discretion of this court today.

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The asset that's being sold, as the court has noted, are the shares of GVC, which are owned by Elevation. Those shares are in Canada. They're 2 3 4 actually in the physical possession of Maverix. 5 THE COURT: Yes, Ms. Teasdale said that. Did she say that? Well, that shows CNSL K. JACKSON: 7 how much I was listening. Apologies, Justice, and 8 to my friend Ms. Teasdale. So you have that 9 Okay, very good. point. 10 And finally, I mean, my friend Ms. Teasdale 11 said that this court must approve the transaction. 12 By that I take it it's not that you're bound to do 13 so; it's more that it's appropriate that this 14 court grant the order and approve the transaction. 15 It would be very strange in the context of a 16 Canadian main proceeding, where the sale process 17 was undertaken in this proceeding under the --18 with an order of the court and under the 19 observation of the court, for this court not to approve the very transaction that comes forward, 20 21 which was contemplated but the SISP. It would 22 be -- I think it would be unusual to say that this 23 court makes no determination on the approval of 24 the sale and defers that entirely to the US court. 25 Now, that's not to say that, by making an 26 order approving the transaction today, the US 27 court must, having recognized this is a main proceeding, adopt that, necessarily, and recognize 28 it, necessarily. The point that has been raised 29 30 is that, in Chapter 15, notwithstanding that this 31 proceeding may be the main proceeding, that that 32 court still has a duty to undertake a section 363 33 analysis. 34 Now, without conceding that to be true, that 35

Now, without conceding that to be true, that may well be contested, but, irrespective, if the US court has to do that, it can do that, and nothing in the order would purport to suggest otherwise. And so I think the idea is it leaves that issue open for the US court. If, in fact, as Patriot would urge upon the court, or Nomad, the US court must do that analysis, it can still do that analysis. And so I think that's the expectation of all parties, is that there's no ask of this court to bind that court with some sort of order that would prevent them from undertaking whatever analysis they must do. That's all.

So, Justice, I'm not sure I think I have much

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more in relation to that. The only thing I point out is, in just turning to the draft order, which -- at tab 2, paragraph 11, my friend had 3 4 raised -- sorry, my friend Mr. Williams for the --5 sorry, I'll give you a moment. THE COURT: Yes. 7 CNSL K. JACKSON: Yes. My friend Mr. Williams had raised this idea that there was some language 8 necessary to preserve rights for Patriot, and I 9 10 think they would say Nomad as well. And so we 11 had -- you know, I think when we were going 12 through one of the orders, one of the things that 13 was suggested between counsel for the petitioners 14 and counsel for the monitor was to address that 15 head on. We recognize there is a determination to 16 be made in the US proceeding around the nature of 17 the claims of Patriot and Nomad, and the intention 18 is not to have this order somehow suggest that 19 that process is derailed or otherwise affected by 20 it. 21 And so there is language baked in at 22 paragraph 11 about not making any finding about 23 the interests of Patriot or Nomad, and that the 24 order is without prejudice to the determination of 25 that issue. 26 Now, so I think that answers a lot of it. 27 The only thing -- the only thing it doesn't address is Mr. Williams', I think, comment that, 28 29 what about the adversary proceedings that were 30 commenced in the US, the ones attached to the 31 affidavit where they claim against the company for 32 conversion and all the other things. 33 THE COURT: M'mm-hmm. 34 CNSL K. JACKSON: And he says this order shouldn't 35 prejudice those either. And I don't disagree with 36 I'm not sure what language needs to be 37 wordsmithed to address it, except one thing. think the determination of those claims is one 38 39 thing -- of those proceedings, the outcome of 40 those proceedings. I think there's a secondary point, which is, you know, what the effect of that 41 42 determination is ultimately. 43 I think that that may be something which 44 is -- I think it's, in other words, enforcement of 45 any such claim. Once determined, the enforcement

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            from enforcing, but you can have your claim
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       THE COURT: Well, I think the point, though, by
            Mr. Pinos was that the release in 13 would be the
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            determined to be -- whether they're determined or
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            between these issues that was raised by
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            Mr. Williams --
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       CNSL K. JACKSON:
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       THE COURT: -- and Mr. Pinos.
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       CNSL K. JACKSON: Right. And I was thinking more of
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            the claims against the company that are in the --
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            in the adversary proceedings.
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       THE COURT: Under paragraph 13.
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       CNSL K. JACKSON: If they're satisfied that
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            paragraph 11 is sufficiently -- is a sufficient
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       THE COURT: Yes, I didn't -- I didn't understand that
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            that was the issue.
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       CNSL K. JACKSON:
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       THE COURT:
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            issue.
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       CNSL K. JACKSON: Very good. In that case, then, it's
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            a perfect segue into my final point, which is to
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            deal with the releases.
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       CNSL K. JACKSON:
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            the potential to release claims against directors
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now, those two claims that were filed that Mr. Williams has clarified how it works. It may. It may well do that. I say "may" because there is still the 5.1(2) carve-out, which deals with, just to use the exact language -- which deals with claims based on allegations of misrepresentations made by directors to creditors or of wrongful or oppressive conduct. And so, I suppose, if they could say that this constituted wrongful or oppressive conduct, then the claims may not be released, but that, I would say, could be determined on another date. And so I say this: The release is supported by the monitor. It may release those claims, depending on how 5.1(2) is interpreted in relation to those claims.

Now, why is the monitor supportive of this? In its report, which is at tab 17, Justice.

THE COURT: M'mm-hmm.

CNSL K. JACKSON: It's at page -- it's very small type at the very bottom. It's page 25 of 29, so towards the end. Just section 4.0 sub -- or paragraph 3, I suppose.

THE COURT: Yes. M'mm-hmm.

CNSL K. JACKSON: Thank you. So the monitor notes this:

 The directors and officers and the released parties have made significant contributions to the continued operations of the petitioners' business during these proceedings and have contributed to and were integral in the conduct of the SISP, including facilitating due diligence to the completion of the transaction to the benefit of all stakeholders. The monitor notes the releases are consistent with those granted in other CCAA proceedings.

It's -- I don't think anybody is complaining about a release which concerns the sale process and the transaction or anything like that. It's all about this potential for claims -- tortious claims against the directors and officers, which would only be during the *CCAA* proceedings.

If you look at the monitor's comment, they made contributions to the continued operations of

the petitioners' business during these proceedings. And what could that mean? Well, it's the -- I'm going to say this word wrong, 3 because I haven't yet got it right --4 5 beneficiation -- do you recall that term? I got it right. THE COURT: 7 CNSL K. JACKSON: You know what I'm trying to say. I'm 8 going to try it one more time. 9 THE COURT: I got it right, and you got it wrong. 10 Beneficiation. 11 CNSL K. JACKSON: There. Thank you, Justice. 12 try it myself. I'll leave it at that. That 13 process. 14 I can't believe I remembered that. THE COURT: 15 CNSL K. JACKSON: Right. Better than I. 16 So that process was the process -- that was 17 the only operations, really, that were undertaken during these proceedings, which was the continual, 18 19 I suppose, leaching of the ore that was on the 20 leach pad in Arizona. That and the sale of the --21 of the gold that was generated from that process 22 is what contributed to the liquidity to facilitate 23 the continued operations, as they were, through 24 the process, the payment of professionals, the 25 sale process, everything else. 26 That was known to everyone that this was 27 happening. That was known that that was how this 28 was all being funded. The monitor had commented 29 that that was -- absent that, there was going to 30 be a need for DIP financing, and it wasn't 31 necessary, because that carried on. 32 Now, that -- that process is where -- that 33 relates to the claims by Patriot and Nomad. 34 would say, some of that ore was ours, and so 35 you -- that's where the constructive trust concept 36 comes up. We had -- that was our ore. You -- you 37 turned it into cash. That was our ore turned into 38 cash, the trust flows through; you, directors and 39 officers, took it. 40 The monitor's point in all of this is these directors and officers carried out that process 41 42 transparently, openly, to the knowledge of the court and every party, and nobody stood up and 43 44 said, don't do that because some of that is our 45 money. Not once. And I think -- you know, 46 taking -- stepping back for a second. Part of the

reason these releases are granted where there's a

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successful outcome -- we can debate measures of success, but success could be a plan; it could also be a transaction, as we have here -- is that it encourages those directors and officers to stick around, and if they act honestly and transparently and do what they've told to everyone, and no one objects, we shouldn't later be punishing them with some sort of claim that comes along and said, well, yeah, you did it, but we're still going to claim against you for that during this process. And so I think, from the monitor's perspective, that goes to its comment about facilitating continued business operations.

I'll stop on that point, because I note the time, and the last thing that I say is the monitor is supportive of a carve-out for insured claims. So if there are claims which any party has against directors and officers at any time which are covered by insurance, they should be able to pursue those claims to the limit of that insurance.

There was some discussion over the break as a result of the proceedings prior to where Ms. Teasdale did put around some language which had previously been proposed and removed, but then was tweaked again. The monitor's made clear in those discussions that it would support the inclusion of that language, and I think that would address at least some of the concerns expressed today by Patriot and Nomad, and, to the extent that comes up, I think Ms. Teasdale has some suggested language for that, but the monitor would support the inclusion of that.

THE COURT: All right. And what about Mr. Williams' suggestion in paragraph 12 of his response about the -- I suppose this is a sort of belt and suspenders to what's already in paragraph 11 about that without-prejudice type of language.

CNSL K. JACKSON: Right. So that was -- that was my point on -- I think that was the paragraph 11 point. I wasn't sure if he was saying it needed additional language or whether that was sufficient. Because, you know, paragraph 11 clearly preserves the positions and rights of Patriot and Nomad in relation to their claims vis-a-vis whether they have a royalty interest. My concern was -- is that Mr. Williams -- or my

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observation was, I should say -- was that
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            language to deal with those other proceedings,
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            about the determination of the claims, not the
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            enforcement at this stage.
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       THE COURT: Well, I think paragraph 11 deals with
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            interest in real property, so --
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       CNSL K. JACKSON:
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            more expansive than that --
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       CNSL K. JACKSON:
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       THE COURT: -- in relation to all of those claims, and
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       CNSL K. JACKSON: I think that would -- I mean, I
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            don't -- I don't think there could be any
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       CNSL K. JACKSON:
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                 Anything to add, Ms. Teasdale?
       CNSL A. TEASDALE: No, Justice. Mr. Jackson has
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            covered the points that I would otherwise --
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       THE COURT: I'm sorry?
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CNSL A. TEASDALE: Pardon me. Mr. Jackson has covered
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       THE COURT: Okay. All right. Thank you.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
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       THE COURT: Yes. I'm assuming you're not going to have
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: No. We'll have to make those
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS: Justice, if I could just ask
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            dispensed with service. I'd just ask if there be
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            a direction that we get to see a red-line before
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            it's brought back up.
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       THE COURT: Oh, yes, of course. I just assumed that
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            happens all the time, Mr. Williams. But certainly
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            if there's any dispute about the wording, then
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            that can be brought back to be -- to be addressed.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: Yes, we'll send a copy, obviously,
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       THE COURT:
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       SUBMISSIONS RE DISTRIBUTION BY CNSL A. BEDI:
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       THE COURT: So Mr. Bedi, you're dealing with the
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       CNSL A. BEDI: Yes. I will be --
       THE COURT: I haven't looked at that.
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       CNSL A. BEDI: -- given the time.
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       CNSL A. BEDI: It is almost 3:50.
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            authorizing and empowering the monitor to
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            distribute proceeds arising from the transaction.
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CNSL A. BEDI: The form of the order we seek is attached to the notice of application as 3 schedule D, or at tab 4 of the application record 4 as well. 5 THE COURT: Yes. CNSL A. BEDI: So I'll quickly walk you through a few 7 things. 8 So paragraph 3 of the distribution order 9 provides that: 10 11 If no party makes a written notice -- or 12 provides a written notice of a priority claim 13 within 30 days from the date on which the 14 monitor's certificate is filed, the monitor 15 may distribute proceeds from the sale of the 16 purchased assets to Maverix, subject to the 17 monitor holding back proceeds to satisfy any 18 obligations which may be incurred by the 19 petitioners to the conclusion of these 20 proceedings as the monitor deems appropriate 21 at its sole discretion. 22 23 Paragraph 4 speaks to what happens when the 24 monitor receives one or more written notices of a 25 priority claim within a 30-day period. 26 THE COURT: M'mm-hmm. 27 It basically provides that the monitor CNSL A. BEDI: may distribute sale proceeds to Maverix, provided that it, at all times, retains enough of the sale 28 29 30 proceeds to pay in full any amount of the 31 unresolved priority claims pending resolution of 32 those particular claims. 33 THE COURT: M'mm-hmm. 34 CNSL A. BEDI: And paragraph 5 provides that: 35 36 The distributions made under this order shall 37 be made free and clear of any claims or 38 encumbrances and shall be binding on any 39 trustee in bankruptcy or receiver. 40 41 So section 11 of the CCAA provides the court with 42 a broad discretion to make an order that it 43 considers appropriate in the circumstances.

court has the authority under section 11 to make

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creditors without a plan of arrangement or

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shortfall to secured creditors and with no assets available to unsecured creditors as well.

The mechanisms in the distribution order ensure that no party with a claim against the proceeds will be prejudiced by the distribution order as well. I would respectfully submit that it's reasonable and appropriate for the court to exercise its discretion and approve the distribution order.

Subject to any questions you may have, those will my submissions.

THE COURT: Well, this is sort of a very abbreviated claims process, Mr. Bedi, essentially. How does -- and maybe Mr. Jackson could address this. My concern in this type of an order is, like, how do you really make it known to everyone that this is what they need to do, rather than having it in an order that doesn't necessarily tell everybody, you know, like, warning signs. You know, if you -- you know, you have this timeframe. Do you see what I'm saying?

CNSL A. BEDI: Yes, I understand the concerns.

THE COURT: Do you have any --

CNSL K. JACKSON: I'm happy to address that.

THE COURT: Mr. Jackson?

SUBMISSIONS RE DISTRIBUTION BY CNSL K. JACKSON:

CNSL K. JACKSON: Justice, we did turn our minds to that a bit, and I'm going to borrow a bit from our usual process in, you know, other sale -- sale approvals in *CCAA*s and receiverships where we do get distribution orders, generally on application with notice to the service list.

THE COURT: Right.

CNSL K. JACKSON: On the expectation that anybody who's interested in this, you know, by now will have had sufficient opportunity and notice to step forward and realize that it might be affected by the proceedings. There's a bit of comfort to be taken from the fact that this process has been going on for a while, that there's a service list. You know, there's publication of it, mail-outs to creditors.

You know, in other words, if somebody thought they were going to be prejudiced or affected by this process in any way, they should have stepped

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up by now. So there's a bit of that.
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       THE COURT: M'mm-hmm. And it goes by email, the
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       CNSL K. JACKSON: The distributions of the initial
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            materials on the mail-out of the --
       THE COURT: Well, I mean, you know, if I grant this
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            order, will it be just posted on the service list?
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       CNSL K. JACKSON:
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            more specifically, in relation to this order, if
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            granted, it will be sent to the service list, of
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            website, of course, and I understand -- and we
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            have US counsel that can nod their head vigorously
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            wrong -- is that in the US there's a much -- when
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            we seek recognition of this, there's a much
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            generally get notice.
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            and make sure I'm not overstating that. I'm
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            getting a thumbs up from --
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       THE COURT: Okay. So that follows from the
            certificate, which is post closing then; right?
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       CNSL K. JACKSON: Right. And so -- and so the idea
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            being that persons will get notice of this order
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            by distribution in the US to a much broader
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            category of -- which is where we expect the
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            general trade creditors and such would be.
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            were satisfied that we would hear, if we haven't
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            already, from someone who thought they might have
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            an interest that would be in priority to that of
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       THE COURT: M'mm-hmm.
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       CNSL K. JACKSON:
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            with respect to the distribution order?
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       THE COURT: Oh, okay.
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       CNSL L. WILLIAMS: Just we will be making a claim in
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Submissions re enhanced powers by Cnsl A. Bedi

accordance with that process. 2 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Duly noted. Anyone else? No? All right.
Ms. Teasdale, I think that leaves one order 3 4 5 left, the enhanced powers order. CNSL A. TEASDALE: Yes, it does. Mr. Bedi will also be 7 speaking so that order. 8 THE COURT: Oh, I'm sorry. You've got the distribution 9 order, and that's vetted, I see. 10 CNSL A. TEASDALE: Yes. Thank you. 11 THE COURT: Just for the record, then, I'm signing the 12 distribution order on the bench. 13 CNSL A. TEASDALE: Thank you very much, Justice. Thank you. All right. And the enhanced 14 THE COURT: 15 powers order. 16 CNSL A. TEASDALE: Thank you. 17 18 SUBMISSIONS RE ENHANCED POWERS BY CNSL A. BEDI: 19

THE COURT: And I think you said this was because the directors are heading for the hills. Is that right, Mr. Bedi?

CNSL A. BEDI: That is correct. The directors and officers intend to resign after the conclusion of the transaction, so that necessitates this particular order.

After the directors and officers resign, there will be certain tasks required to complete these proceedings, including attending to various administrative matters, dealing with the distribution of proceeds, winding up the petitioners' estates and attending to all other matters required to bring the CCAA proceedings to a close.

Now, the form of enhanced powers order is contained at schedule B of the notice of application or, I believe, tab 6 of the application record, and this is a vetted copy in front of you as well, I believe.

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When the monitor's certificate appended to the AVO is filed, the monitor will be empowered and authorized to ...

Do various things, including:

2 ... dealing with all administrative matters, 3 taking steps to manage, operate and carry on 4 the business of the petitioners, taking steps 5 to administer the petitioners' restructuring, preserving, protecting and maintaining control of the property, executing 7 8 agreements, prosecuting or defending any 9 proceedings involving the petitioners, 10 dealing with any creditor of the petitioners 11 and sell any property without court approval 12 in one transaction not exceeding \$500,000 or 13 \$1 million in the aggregate. 14 15 Paragraph 5 of this particular order provides: 16 17 The petitioners and former directors and 18 officers, employees, agents, shareholders and 19 advisors shall cooperate with the monitor. 20 21 And paragraphs 6 and 9 deal with the liability of 22 the monitor, and paragraphs 10 to 13 in particular 23 deal with the monitor's environmental liabilities. 24 I'd like to hand up one thing very quickly, 25 if I may. It is a part of the CCAA and one case as well. So section 23(1)(a) of the CCAA states: 26 27 28 The monitor shall ... carry out any other 29 functions in relation to the company that the 30 court may direct. 31 32 Courts have used this provision liberally in order 33 to assign functions and powers to monitors that go 34 beyond investigating and reporting to the court. 35 I'd like to turn to the case that's part of 36 that package as well. It is Inca One Gold Corp. 37 It is referenced in our notice of application as 38 well. 39 THE COURT: I think I'm familiar with that case. 40 CNSL A. BEDI: For the record, the citation is 2024 BCSC 1478. 41 42 THE COURT: M'mm-hmm. 43 CNSL A. BEDI: And in particular, I'd like to draw your 44 attention to paragraph 36 first, which talks about 45 how:

[Enhanced] powers can be granted by the court

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pursuant to s. 23(1)(k) of the CCAA or
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                 pursuant to s. 11 of the CCAA.
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 4
            As well. And in particular, at paragraph 39 of
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            the case, the court reviewed other matters in
            which the monitor was granted enhanced powers.
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            Most of these matters deal with instances where
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            directors and officers of petitioners -- or a
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            petitioner -- resigned, essentially.
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                 In this instance, as we've already mentioned,
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            the directors and officers of the petitioners
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            intend to resign after closing. In light of these
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            pending resignations, we submit that it is
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            necessary, appropriate and in the best interests
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            of the stakeholders to grant the enhanced powers
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                 Subject to any questions you have, those are
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            my submissions.
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       THE COURT: How many directors are there, Mr. Bedi?
                     Pardon?
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       CNSL A. BEDI:
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       THE COURT: How many directors are there?
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       CNSL A. BEDI: There are two officers. The exact
            number of directors escapes me. If you give me
23
24
            one moment, I can look for that.
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                 There are five directors of Elevation Gold in
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            particular.
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       THE COURT:
                   M'mm-hmm.
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       CNSL A. BEDI: That is set out at paragraph 12 of the
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            first affidavit of Mr. Swendseid.
                                               That's at tab 7
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            of the application record.
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       THE COURT: I see that, yeah. M'mm-hmm.
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       CNSL A. BEDI: And Mr. Swendseid is the only director
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            of the subsidiaries.
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       THE COURT: I see.
       CNSL A. BEDI:
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                      Sorry, Mr. Jackson has pointed out to me
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            that at paragraph 2 of this particular affidavit,
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            Mr. Swendseid also swears that he is the sole
38
            director of Eclipse Mining, Eclipse Gold, Golden
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            Vertex, Golden Vertex Idaho Corporation, so each
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            of the subs.
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       THE COURT:
                   Is he the sole director of Elevation?
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       CNSL A. BEDI: No, so the directors of Elevation Gold
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            are listed at paragraph 12 of his affidavit.
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       THE COURT: Oh, I see.
                               The five directors.
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       CNSL A. BEDI:
                     Yes.
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       THE COURT:
                   Yes. And they're all still in place, then;
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            right?
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CNSL A. BEDI: I believe so.
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       THE COURT: Okay. All right.
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       CNSL A. BEDI: Thank you.
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                   Thank you.
       THE COURT:
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                 Before I turn to Mr. Jackson, any other
            submissions by anyone? I'm not hearing anything,
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            Mr. Jackson.
       CNSL K. JACKSON:
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                        Just, not to -- nothing to really
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            add.
                  The supplemental report of the monitor says
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            that they appreciate the need for this and are
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            happy to take on the -- take on the duty.
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       THE COURT:
                  Okay.
                          Thank you.
                 Well, I am satisfied that this is
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            appropriate.
                         It seems to me that we need someone
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            at the helm, and the directors are anticipated to
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            be resigning at the conclusion of the transaction.
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                 Ms. Teasdale or Mr. Bedi, this order that
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            you've handed up to me doesn't appear to be
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            vetted.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: Apologies, My Lady. We will find
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            it.
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       THE COURT: Oh, actually, I had some that you handed up
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            earlier, so maybe it's --
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: Perhaps we can just slip-sheet the
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            appearance list again, like we did -- like we will
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            do for the sealing order.
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       THE COURT: No, this one is not vetted either.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE:
                          Hmm.
29
       THE COURT: Just a minute. Maybe this one. Third time
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            lucky. This one is -- I've found the vetted one.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: Okay. I think I have another one
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            here.
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                  All right. And I assume, if you're
       THE COURT:
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            amending the counsel sheet, then just change it.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: We'll just slip-sheet it. Okay.
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       THE COURT:
                  And Mr. Bedi, you're not even listed here
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            as counsel, so you're not getting any credit on
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            the formal order.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: Oops.
                                 That's what juniors are for,
            My Lady. No, I'm kidding.
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       THE COURT: All right. I've signed the enhanced powers
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            order on the bench, then, and that can go there.
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                 All right.
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       CNSL A. TEASDALE: Thank you very much, Justice.
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            really appreciate your time today.
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       THE COURT: Thank you, counsel. Oh, and then I am
47
            going to return to you these very large affidavits
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on the service issue, because I --CNSL A. TEASDALE: Yes, thank you. THE COURT: And I'm going to return, too, your book of authorities too. CNSL A. TEASDALE: All right. THE COURT: I don't think I need that. All right. Well, good luck with everything, and Merry Christmas or happy holidays to those, if I don't see you again. CNSL K. JACKSON: Thank you, Justice. CNSL A. TEASDALE: Thank you, Justice. THE CLERK: Order in chambers. This chambers is adjourned. THE COURT: Oh, Ms. Teasdale, if you're coming back --well, Mr. Jackson knows my schedule for the next three days, so you can ask him when I'm available before court or during court. Okay? CNSL A. TEASDALE: Thank you very much, My Lady. (VIDEOCONFERENCE CONCLUDES) ([4:03:13 PM]) 22 (PROCEEDINGS CONCLUDED) ([4:03:13 PM])

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