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BETWEEN:

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- and -

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February 26, 2024

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# AFFIDAVIT OF CONNIE DENG (SWORN FEBRUARY 26, 2024)

I, Connie Deng, of the Town of Georgina, in the Province of Ontario, MAKE OATH AND

SAY:

1. I am a legal assistant with the law firm of Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP,

lawyers for the Applicant, and, as such, have knowledge of the matters contained in this Affidavit.

2. Attached as Exhibit "A" is an email chain dated February 23 to 25, 2024 between

the lawyers for the Applicant and lawyers for the Respondents.

**SWORN** by Connie Deng of the Town of Georgina, in the Province of Ontario, before me at the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario, on February 26, 2024 in accordance with O. Reg. 431/20, Administering Oath or Declaration Remotely.

> — Docusigned by: Montana Licari

Commissioner for Taking Affidavits (or as may be) DocuSigned by:

**CONNIE DENG** 

MONTANA LICARI

This is Exhibit "A" referred to in the Affidavit of Connie Deng sworn by Connie Deng of the Town of Georgina, in the Regional Municipality of York, before me at the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario, on February 26, 2024 in accordance with O. Reg. 431/20, Administering Oath or Declaration Remotely.

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Subject:	RE: [EXT] FW: Antamex - Adjournment Request
Date:	February-25-24 11:13:19 PM

Thanks, Wael.

As a preliminary point, EDC advised us today that the sureties were represented on the call today by in-house lawyers attempting to vet the legal merits of EDC's application. This was obviously inappropriate given that the invitation extended by Antamex and the sureties to EDC expressly indicated that the call was to proceed without lawyers to discuss the business terms of the sureties' proposal. We trust this will not happen again.

Your statement about EDC being unwilling to engage in any discussion about a possible adjournment is incorrect. Yesterday, we asked that Antamex and the sureties return to EDC with a detailed proposal which addressed EDC's deteriorating security position and Antamex's indebtedness to EDC. Antamex and the sureties have not done so. As set out in the Smith Affidavit, there is a substantial risk that the Landlord, competing lien claimants, and others will seek (or have already sought) to exercise self-help remedies in respect of the Leased Equipment located at the Norwich Glass Plant in Connecticut. EDC is already aware of two lawsuits commenced in respect of that equipment. I also understand from my conversations with the proposed receiver that Antamex's cash flow forecast shows significant expenditures next week. Such expenditures will further erode the value of EDC's security.

The sureties' position that they should be given two weeks to complete a "books and records" review is problematic because, among other reasons, the sureties' review discloses no clear objective and does not offer any protection for EDC's interest during the review period. On the contrary, the sureties' proposal appears to be an attempt to protect the interests of the sureties at the expense of EDC's interests as a secured lender. The proposed review can and ought to be conducted in the context of a receivership under the supervision of, and in consultation with, the receiver. If the sureties are unwilling to offer any protection for EDC's interest, EDC must move ahead as planned to mitigate its losses. We understand that the sureties were only recently made aware of Antamex's financial difficulties and its default under the EDC Loan Documents. Considering that EDC issued its demand and section 244 notice more than six (6) weeks ago, Antamex's failure to disclose these matters to the sureties until now is unacceptable and only further demonstrates the urgency of the receiver's appointment.

We ask that you please advise the Court about your client's anticipated adjournment request as soon as possible. The hearing is scheduled to be heard by Justice Black on Tuesday, February 27 at 11 am (Zoom videoconference). If you need access to CaseLines or anything else, please let us know.

Mitch

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Mitch,

I confirm that Antamex arranged a business call today at 2 p.m. that included EDC and each of the sureties being Euler, Aviva and Nationwide. The purpose of the call was to introduce EDC to representatives of the surety companies, allow the sureties the opportunity to convey the seriousness of their engagement with this matter and to discuss a possible consent adjournment. I am advised that EDC was not willing to engage in any discussion about a possible adjournment. Accordingly, we have been instructed to ask the court to adjourn the hearing of the receivership application for 2 weeks. I understand that each of the sureties intends to support Antamex's request.

As always, we are available if you, EDC, or Deloitte wish to speak.

Regards

Wael

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## [EXTERNAL/EXTERNE]

Wael – You indicate below that the sureties require a two-week adjournment to perform a books and records review and make funding decisions regarding Antamex's ongoing or anticipated projects. EDC cannot consent to an adjournment on the basis of such a vague request with no details about Antamex's or the sureties' intended course of action. Could you please consult with Antamex and the sureties and provide us with a more detailed proposal which addresses EDC's deteriorating security position (particularly in respect of the US collateral) and the payment of Antamex's Indebtedness to EDC within a reasonable timeframe? If possible, we would like to see this proposal sometime tomorrow. Deloitte is available to discuss this with you, your clients, and anyone else who may wish to discuss these matters.

Please note that I will have limited availability until 10 pm this evening, but I will be watching my emails as closely as I can.

Mitch

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All: Please see below.

Thank you

Wael



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Mitch,

Further to our discussion a few minutes ago, I am writing on behalf of Antamex to request a 2-week adjournment of the hearing of EDC's receivership application.

As discussed, in light EDC's pending receivership application, Antamex has engaged in discussions with its sureties, Euler Hermes North America, Aviva and Nationwide regarding providing funding.

The sureties are taking Anatmex's funding request very seriously and are committing extensive resources to evaluate and respond to the request.

We had a very productive legal call with several representatives of the sureties at 5pm today. They advised us that they have retained an expert to commence a books and records and project review to evaluate the funding request. We understand that as part of that review, representatives of the sureties will be flying in on Monday morning to attend Antamex's offices. The sureties were unanimous in saying that Antamex can advise EDC, and if necessary, the Court, that the sureties are very seriously considering funding Antamex and need the time to complete their review. They unanimously support an adjournment of the receivership hearing for not less than 2-weeks. They will work diligently on their review process during that period.

Antamex believes that it is in the best interests of Antamex and all of its stakeholders, including EDC, to provide the sureties with the requested time to evaluate the funding request. Antamex has advised us that it has sufficient funds to continue to operate beyond the requested adjournment date and does not believe that there would be any prejudice to EDC's position during that period of time. On the other hand, a receivership at this time and in the current circumstances, would be detrimental to the going-concern prospects of the business, the completion of its projects and Antamex's stakeholders.

We kindly request that you seek instructions from EDC regarding the requested adjournment and provide us with your response as soon as possible. While we have been instructed to prepare materials to support the adjournment request, I hope we can agree that it would be best if funds were not spent on an unnecessary legal fight about this adjournment request.

We look forward to hearing back from you tomorrow, if possible.

Regards

Wael



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