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1.0 Appointment

On June 28, 2005, pursuant to an application made by the Manitoba Securities Commission (“MSC”) under Section 27 of *The Securities Act*, the Court of Queen’s Bench (the “Court”) made an Order (“Initial Receiving Order”) appointing Deloitte Restructuring Inc. (formerly Deloitte & Touche Inc. hereafter referred to as “Deloitte” or the “Receiver”) as Receiver and Manager of the Crocus Investment Fund (“Crocus” or the “Fund”). The Initial Receiving Order appointed Deloitte as Receiver over all of Crocus’ current and future assets, undertakings and properties and granted the Receiver powers to carry out its duties as outlined in the Order.

2.0 Background

Pursuant to Paragraph 17, 18 and 19 of the Initial Receiving Order, any expenditure or liability properly made or incurred by the Receiver, including the fees of the Receiver and its legal counsel incurred at their normal rates and charges, as well as the disbursements of the Receiver and its counsel, were authorized to be paid on a periodic basis subject to any final assessment or taxation as may be ordered by the Court.

In support of an interim passing of accounts the Receiver filed Receiver's Report No. 17 detailing the activities of the Receiver and its counsel for the period April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2016 (the "Second Interim Taxation Period"). Report No. 17 also provided details of the Receiver's accounts and those of its legal counsel for the Second Interim Taxation Period. Subsequent to the preparation of Receiver's Report No.17 the Receiver also performed the following activities relating to the interim passing of accounts:

1. Placed a notice in the Saturday May 14, 2016 edition of the Winnipeg Free Press advising of Receiver's Report No. 17 and to ascertain if there were any shareholders who objected to the passing of accounts. Shareholders were requested to respond in writing to the Receiver by June 6, 2016.
2. The text of the notice was also placed at the top of the Receiver's website on Friday May 13, 2016.

As at the close of business on Monday June 6, 2016 no objections were received by the Receiver. Furthermore no objections have been received as at the date of this Report.

3.0 Summary

The notice period for raising any objection to the Receiver's passing of accounts has now passed. As at the date of this Report no written objections were received by the Receiver. Effective June 14, 2016 the Receiver has updated its website to advertise the hearing of the passing of accounts scheduled for September 16, 2016.

Respectfully submitted this 16th day of June, 2016.

DELOITTE RESTRUCTURING INC., in its capacity as Receiver and Manager of Crocus Investment Fund and not in its personal capacity.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "B. Warga". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Per: B. Warga
Senior Vice-President

Appendix 1 – May 14, 2016 Advertisement

'I don't know anything about it. You're telling me about it for the first time, and it doesn't sound like my voice at all'

— Donald Trump

Posing as spokesman Trump ruse?

Gossip columnist's 1991 tape surfaces

By Marc Fisher and Will Hobson

THE voice is instantly familiar; the tone, confident, even cocky; the cadence, distinctly Trumpian. The man on the phone vigorously defending Donald Trump says he's a media spokesman named John Miller, but then he says, "I'm sort of new here," and "I'm somebody that he knows, and I think somebody that he trusts and likes."

A recording obtained by the *Washington Post* captures what New York reporters and editors who covered Trump's early career experienced in the 1970s, '80s and '90s: calls from Trump's Manhattan office that resulted in conversations with "John Miller" or "John Barron" — PR men who sound precisely like Trump himself — who indeed are Trump, masquerading as an unusually helpful and boastful advocate for himself, according to the journalists and several of Trump's top aides.

In 1991, Sue Carswell, a reporter at *People* magazine, called Trump's office seeking an interview with him. She had been assigned to cover the soap opera surrounding the end of Trump's 12-year marriage to Ivana, his budding relationship with the model Marla Maples and his rumoured affairs with any number of celebrities who appeared on the gossip pages of New York newspapers.

Within minutes, Carswell got a return call from Trump's publicist, a man named John Miller, who jumped into a detailed explanation of why Trump dumped Maples for the model Carla Bruni. "He really didn't want to make a commitment," Miller said. "He's coming out of a marriage, and he's starting to do tremendously well financially."

Miller turned out to be remarkably forthcoming — a spokesman with rare insight into the private thoughts and feelings of his client. "Have you met

him?" Miller asked the reporter. "He's a good guy, and he's not going to hurt anybody. ... He treated his wife well and ... he will treat Marla well."

Some reporters found the calls from Miller or Barron disturbing; others thought they were examples of Trump being playful. Today, as the presumptive Republican nominee for president faces questions about his attitudes toward women, what stands out to some who received those calls is Trump's characterization of women who he portrayed as drawn to him sexually.

"Actresses," Miller said in the call to Carswell, "just call to see if they can go out with him and things." Madonna "wanted to go out with him." And Trump's alter ego boasted that in addition to living with Maples, Trump had "three other girlfriends."

Miller was consistent about referring to Trump as "he," but at one point, when asked how important Bruni was in Trump's busy love life, the spokesman said, "I think it's somebody that — you know, she's beautiful. I saw her once, quickly, and beautiful..." and then he quickly pivoted back into talking about Trump — then a 44-year-old father of three — in the third person.

In 1990, Trump testified in a court case that "I believe on occasion I used that name." He did not respond to a request for comment for this article.

In a phone call to NBC's *Today* program Friday, Trump denied he was John Miller. "No, I don't think it — I don't know anything about it. You're telling me about it for the first time, and it doesn't sound like my voice at all," he said. "I have many, many people that are trying to imitate my voice and then you can imagine that, and this sounds like one of the scams, one of the many scams — doesn't sound like me."

Later, he was more definitive: "It was not me on the phone. And it doesn't sound like me on the phone."



Donald Trump is seen in New York in 1991. Back when Trump's love life was tabloid fodder, a Trump spokesman with intimate knowledge of his personal relationships offered gossip about a failing marriage, a new paramour and three other girlfriends.

Trump has never been adamant about denying that he often made calls to reporters posing as someone else. From his earliest years in business, he occasionally called reporters using the name "John Barron."

A "John Barron," described as a "vice-president of the Trump organization," appeared in a front-page *New York Times* article as early as 1980, defending Trump's decision to destroy sculptures on the facade of the Bonwit Teller department store building, the Fifth Avenue landmark he was demolishing to make way for his Trump Tower. Barron was quoted variously as a "Trump spokesman," "Trump executive," or "Trump representative" in *New York* magazine, the *Washington Post* and other publications.

Trump's fascination with the name "Barron" persisted for decades. When he was seeing Maples while still married to Ivana, he sometimes used the code name "the Baron" when he left messages for her. In 2004, when Trump commissioned a TV series based on the life of a New York mogul like him, his only request to the writer was to name the main character "Barron." And when Trump and his third wife, Melania, had a son, they named him Barron.

In the 1991 recording, Miller sounded quite at ease regaling the reporter with tales of Trump hanging out with Madonna at a ball at the Plaza Hotel, which he owned at the time. Asked about the rumoured Madonna-Trump friendship, Miller, unlike every other PR man on the planet, neither batted the question away nor gave it short shrift. Rather, he said, "Do you have a second?"

Carswell, the reporter, sounded a bit startled: "Yeah, obviously," she replied. Whereupon Miller offered a detailed account of the Trump encounter with Madonna, who "came in a beautiful evening gown and combat boots." The PR man assured the reporter nothing untoward occurred: "He's got zero interest that night."

Miller also revealed to Carswell why Trump seemed to relish any and all media coverage, even the most critical. "I can tell you that he didn't care if he got bad PR until he got his divorce finished," Miller said.

The more the press wrote about Trump's money troubles, the greater

advantage he would have in negotiations toward a financial settlement with his then-estranged wife, Ivana. Then, "once his divorce is finished," Miller said, you would see stories about how Trump was "doing well financially, and he's doing well in every other way."

Carswell this week recalled that she immediately recognized something familiar in the Queens accent of Trump's new publicist. She thought, "It's so weird that Donald hired someone who sounds just like him." After the 20-minute interview, she walked down the hall to play the tape to co-workers, who identified Trump's voice.

Carswell then called Cindy Adams, the longtime *New York Post* gossip columnist who had been close to Trump since the early 1970s. Adams immediately identified the voice as Trump's.

"Oh, that's Donald," Carswell recalled Adams saying.

Then Carswell played the tape for Maples, who confirmed it was Trump and burst into tears as she heard Miller deny that a ring Trump gave her implied any intent to marry her.

Carswell, now at *Vanity Fair*, said the tape cuts off mid-interview, leaving out the part in which Miller said that actress Kim Basinger had been trying to date Trump. Hearing the tape for the first time in decades, Carswell said, "This was so farcical, that he pretended to be his own publicist. Here was this so-called billion-dollar real estate mogul, and he can't hire his own publicist. It also said something about the control he wanted to keep of the news cycle flowing with this story, and I can't believe he thought he'd get away with it." The *Post* obtained the recording from a source who asked to be identified only as a person with whom Carswell shared the microcassette of the call shortly after the interview.

From the start of his career as a builder, Trump worked the press. He showered reporters with praise, then threatened to sue them if they wrote something he considered inaccurate.

He made himself available to reporters at nearly any time, for hours on end. And he called them, too, to promote his own projects and give gossip.

"One thing I've learned about the press is that they're always hungry for a good story, and the more sensational,

the better," Trump wrote in his best-seller *The Art of the Deal*. "The point is that if you are a little different, or a little outrageous, or if you do things that are bold or controversial, the press is going to write about you."

Trump did not describe using false identities to promote his brand, but he did write about why he strays from the truth: "I play to people's fantasies. People may not always think big themselves, but they can still get very excited by those who do. That's why a little hyperbole never hurts. People want to believe that something is the biggest and the greatest and the most spectacular. I call it truthful hyperbole. It's an innocent form of exaggeration and a very effective form of promotion."

Carswell was far from the only reporter who got calls from suspiciously Trumpian characters. Linda Stasi, then a *New York Daily News* columnist, said Trump once left her a voice mail from an "anonymous tipster" who wanted it known that Trump had been spotted going out with models. And editors at *New York* tabloids said calls from Barron were at points so common that they became a joke on the city desk.

After Carswell's story appeared — headlined *Trump Says Goodbye Marla, Hello Carla... And a Mysterious PR Man Who Sounds Just Like Donald Calls to Spread the Story* — Trump invited the reporter out for a night on the town with him and Maples.

Carswell says Maples persuaded Trump to issue the invitation as an apology for tricking her. A few weeks later, when *People* ran a story about Trump and Maples getting engaged, Trump was quoted saying the John Miller call was a "joke gone awry."

Carswell had been skeptical all along. On the recording, she challenged Miller: "Where did you come from?"

"I basically worked for different firms," he replied cryptically. And then he marvelled at his boss's ability to withstand critical news coverage: "I've never seen somebody so immune to... bad press."

— Washington Post

Hear the 1991 interview: <http://wapo.st/1WtRdVg>

Legals

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF the Estate of ROBERT ATHOL RANDELL, late of the City of Winnipeg, in Manitoba, Deceased.

ALL CLAIMS against the above Estate duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be sent to the undersigned at 104-1601 Regent Avenue West, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R2C 3B3, on or before the 22nd day of June, A.D., 2016.

DATED at the City of Winnipeg, in Manitoba, this 10th day of May, A.D., 2016.

SLADEN H. ADLEMAN
Solicitor for the Executor

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF the Estate of SOPHIE THERESA CHERNECKI, late of the City of Winnipeg, in Manitoba, who died on September 11, 2012.

All claims against the above Estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be filed with the undersigned at 200 - 1135 Henderson Highway, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R2G 1L4 on or before June 27, 2016.

Dated at Winnipeg, Manitoba this 10th day of May, 2016.

DERKSEN LAW
Solicitors for the Estate
Per: TIMOTHY BROWN

NOTICE TO CLASS A AND I SHAREHOLDERS OF CROCUS INVESTMENT FUND

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Receiver of Crocus Investment Fund, Deloitte Restructuring Inc. (formerly Deloitte & Touche Inc.), is preparing to make an application to the Court of Queen's Bench in the Province of Manitoba for an order to pass its accounts. Information regarding the accounts is detailed in Receiver's Report #17 which is posted on the Receiver's website www.deloitte.com/ca/crocusfund.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, before making the application to pass accounts, the Receiver has been authorized by the Court of Queen's Bench in the Province of Manitoba to ascertain if there are any shareholders wishing to raise an objection to the passing of the Receiver's accounts. Only those shareholders wishing to express opposition or raise objection to the passing of accounts need respond to this Notice and submit an objection in writing. The passing of accounts does not affect your right as a shareholder to future distributions to Class A or I shareholders.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any shareholder intending to raise an objection to the Receiver's application to pass its accounts must submit the objection in writing to the Receiver no later than 5:00 p.m. (CDT) on Monday, June 6, 2016. Objections should be filed with the Receiver by registered mail, fax, or hand delivery, so that the objection is actually received by 5:00 p.m. (CDT) on or before Monday, June 6, 2016 at the following address:

Deloitte Restructuring Inc., as Receiver and Manager of Crocus Investment Fund, 2300 - 360 Main Street, Winnipeg, MB R3C 3Z3, Phone: (204) 942-0051, Facsimile: (204) 947-2689, Attention: Mr. Brent Wargia.

Deloitte.

Notice of Hearing

UNDER THE HIGHWAYS PROTECTION ACT THE HIGHWAY TRAFFIC BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a hearing of the Highway Traffic Board will be held on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 204-301 Weston Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

PERMITS - PART I - SECTION 9 H.P.A. AND PART III - SECTION 17 H.P.A. 1/009/057/B/16 - DELLA STEINKE

Application to Replace Dwelling (Residential) adjacent to P.T.H. No. 9, Lot 3, Plan 2634, R.L. 18, Parish of St. Paul, R.M. of West St. Paul.

The Highway Traffic Board will be prepared to consider all submissions, written or oral, on the above applications by contacting the Secretary prior to or at the hearing.

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Pundits had it wrong from the start

By Callum Borchers

DONALD Trump is the presumptive Republican presidential nominee. This is a real thing that has happened.

So now seems like a good moment to remember some of the many, many times we in the news media said this day would never come. The media folks on this list shouldn't feel too bad; almost everyone else was wrong, too — including three-quarters of the electorate, which in July believed Trump was not a serious candidate, according to Gallup.

If you were a believer from the beginning, good for you. But you probably weren't.

In no particular order, here's a sampling of the most wrong media predictions about Trump's candidacy:

1. "Our emphatic prediction is simply that Trump will not win the nomination. It's not even clear that he's trying to do so." (Nate Silver, *FiveThirtyEight*, Aug. 11)
2. "Historians looking back will peg the beginning of the end of the Trump show to his New Hampshire moment last week." (Arianna Huffington, *Huffington Post*, Sept. 22)
3. "Trump has every right to run. This is a democracy after all. But what he should not get is covered as though this is an even-close-to-serious attempt to either win the Republican nomination or influence the conversation in GOP circles in any significant way. It's not." (Chris Cillizza, *The Fix*, June 17)
4. "The chance of his winning (the) nomination and election is exactly zero." (James Fallows, *Atlantic* magazine, July 13)
5. "Trump is no more going to actually win the nomina-

tion than Sanders is." (Matthew Yglesias, *Vox*, Aug. 5)

- 6. "Trump is toast after insult: 'McCain not a war hero.'" (*New York Post*, July 19)
- 7. "Donald Trump is going to lose because he is crazy." (Jonathan Chait, *New York* magazine, Aug. 26)
- 8. "When the primaries arrive early next year, the Trump vote will subdivide further among the other Republican tor-toises. If he stays in, Donald Trump becomes another presidential also-ran. With ostentation suitable to his stature, Mr. Trump should retire to a skybox, and enjoy what he has wrought." (Daniel Henninger, *Wall Street Journal*, Sept. 30)
- 9. "Donald Trump is not going to be the next president of the United States. This reporter is already on record pledging to eat a bag of rusty nails if the real estate tycoon with the high hair manages to snag the GOP nomination, much less takes down likely Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton next fall." (Ben White, *CNBC*, July 17)
- 10. "Now, seriously, does anyone other than the Donald truly believe his fame and fortune are going to get him anywhere in a Republican presidential primary, let alone a general election? His candidacy has been a joke from the start. He makes for great copy, but so did Jack the Ripper." (Peter Fenn, *U.S. News & World Report*, July 20)
- 11. "We're told from (pretty much) every analyst out there — liberal, conservative, doesn't matter — to not take Trump seriously, and they're right." (Joe Concha, *Mediaite*, July 9)
- 12. "It's going to be Rubio. I'm telling you: It's going to be Rubio." (David Brooks, *New York Times* columnist on NBC, Jan. 24)

— Washington Post

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