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Endorsement

COURT FILE NO.:	**CV-19-616077-00CL** **CV-19-616779-00CL** **CV-19-615862-00CL**	**HEARING DATE:**	**November 17, 2026**

IMPERIAL TOBACCO CANADA LIMITED et al v. JTI-MACDONALD CORP. et al
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ROTHMANS, BENSON & HEDGES INC. v. IMPERIAL TOBACCO CANADA LIMITED et al
&
JTI-MACDONALD CORP. et al v. BENSON & HEDGES INC. et al

SUPERIOR COURT OF QUEBEC
N°: 500-06-000076-980

CONSEIL QUÉBÉCOIS SUR LE TABAC ET LA SANTÉ
-and-
JEAN-YVES BLAIS
-and-
JTI-MACDONALD CORP.
-and-
IMPERIAL TOBACCO CANADA LIMITED
-and-
ROTHMANS, BENSON & HEDGES INC.
v.
FTI CONSULTING CANADA INC.
-and-
ERNST & YOUNG INC.
-and-
DELOITTE RESTRUCTURING INC.

ENDORSEMENT OF JUSTICES KIMMEL AND PICHÉ:

[1] This case conference was convened to consider various requests for motions to be jointly heard by the Superior Courts of Ontario and Quebec (the "Courts") on December 3, 2026 in these proceedings. After considering the written and oral submissions of the participating parties, and conferring as provided for in the the Court-to-Court Communication Protocol that is Schedule "A" to the October 15, 2025 Joint Direction of the Courts, the Courts provide the following directions regarding the December 3, 2026 hearing:

(a) The hearing will be entirely virtual, with webinar and simultaneous translation to be arranged by the Court-appointed monitors and CCAA Plan Administrators for the applicant Tobacco Companies (the "Plan Administrators") through Veritext Legal Solutions, which will serve as the official court reporter for these hearings.

(b) Three motions will be heard at this joint sittings of the Court:

i. A Motion for an Interim Distribution Order (the "QCAP Interim Distribution Motion") filed by QCAP requesting that the Quebec Superior Court and the CCAA Court render orders authorizing the payment, on a rolling basis, of interim distributions in an amount equivalent to 50% of the maximum entitlement of each accepted claimant under the Quebec Administration Plan to Blais Class Members whose claims are accepted by the Claims Administrator.

ii. A Motion for a Confirmation Order by the CCAA Plan Administrators (the "CCAA Plan Administrators' Motion") regarding the ongoing role of Raymond Chabot, operating as Proactio, as agent for Quebec Class Counsel (the "QCAP Agent") in respect of the services that will continue to be provided to QCAP Claimants with outstanding claims to facilitate the completion, submission, revision and distribution of all Tobacco-Victim Claims and Succession Claims under the Quebec Administration Plan.

iii. A motion by Epiq Class Action Services Canada, Inc. ("Epiq") approving its Second Quarterly Global Claims Administration Costs Budget ("Epiq's Budget Approval Motion").

[2] The following timetable of pre-hearing steps shall be adhered to by all parties participating in these three motions (the "Motions"):

(a) The QCAP Interim Distribution Motion and Epiq's Budget Approval Motions have been served.

(b) The Plan Administrators' Notice of Motion shall be served together with this endorsement today.

(c) The complete Motion Record for the Plan Administrators' Motion shall be served by 12:00 p.m. on Friday November 20, 2026.

(d) If QCAP intends to supplement the record on the QCAP Interim Distribution Motion with any additional supporting materials, it shall do so by Friday November 20, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. as well.

(e) If any party intends to oppose any of these Motions, file materials, or make representations at the December 3, 2026 hearing, such party shall advise Quebec Class Counsel and the CCAA Plan Administrators and Epiq of their intentions in that regard by Friday November 20, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. This applies to the participants present at this case conference (insofar as they intend to oppose any of each other's Motions) and to all other stakeholders.

(f) Any party that is opposing any of the Motions shall serve their responding materials (responding motion records with supporting evidence, but excluding factums) by November 25, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

(g) Moving parties' factums shall be served for each Motion by November 27, 2026 at 4:30 p.m., maximum 15 pages double spaced.

(h) Responding factums shall be served by parties opposing any of the Motions by November 30, 2026 at 4:30 p.m., maximum 15 pages double spaced.

(i) Reply factums (maximum 3 pages double spaced per moving party), if required to address unanticipated matters raised in the responding factums, shall be served by the moving parties by December 1, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

(j) All participating parties shall ensure that their materials have been filed with the Courts and uploaded into the appropriate hearing bundle in Case Center by 10:00 a.m. on December 2, 2026.

(k) The Plan Administrators shall serve on all participating parties (as declared through the briefing schedule, above) a Participant List together with a proposed schedule and timetable for oral submissions in respect of the hearing of these Motions by December 2, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. and that shall be filed with the Courts and uploaded into the appropriate hearing bundle in Case Center by 2:30 p.m. on December 2, 2026.

[3] This endorsement shall have the effect of a court order immediately upon its release today, November 18, 2026.

CPiché, J.c.s.

Kimmel J.

Justice Catherine Piché **Justice Jessica Kimmel**

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