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Interim Report of the Receiver (Subsection 246(2) of the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*)

IN THE MATTER OF THE RECEIVERSHIP OF QUEBEC LITHIUM INC.

1. Introduction

- This interim report is filed by KSV Kofman Inc. ("KSV") in its capacity as receiver ("Receiver")
 of Quebec Lithium Inc. ("QLI").
- 2. On October 14, 2014, the Quebec Superior Court in the District of Montreal (the "Court") issued an order, subsequently amended and restated, granting RB Energy Inc. ("RB"), QLI, QLI Métaux Inc. ("QLIM") and Sirocco Mining Inc. ("Sirocco") (collectively, the "Company") protection under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* ("CCAA"). KPMG Inc. was appointed the Monitor in the CCAA proceedings.
- 3. During the CCAA proceedings, the Company, with the assistance of, and in consultation with, its sale advisor and under the supervision of the Monitor, carried out a sale process. This process did not generate any offers.
- 4. On May 8, 2015, Duff & Phelps Canada Restructuring Inc. ("D&P") was appointed as Receiver of substantially all of the property, assets and undertaking of the Company pursuant to an Order issued by the Court.
- 5. Also on May 8, 2015, the Court terminated the CCAA proceedings.
- 6. On June 30, 2015, D&P was acquired by KSV. Pursuant to an Order of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice made on July 10, 2015, D&P's ongoing mandates were transferred to KSV, including acting as Receiver in these proceedings. The licensed trustees/restructuring professionals overseeing this mandate prior to June 30, 2015 remain unchanged.
- 7. The purposes of this interim report are to provide:
 - a. An update regarding QLI's receivership proceedings;
 - b. An interim statement of receipts and disbursements; and
 - c. An overview of the Receiver's activities to date.

2. Receivership Proceedings

2.1 Background

- 1. QLI is a wholly-owned subsidiary of RB, incorporated pursuant to the laws of the Province of Quebec. A corporate organizational chart is attached as Appendix "A".
- 2. QLI's primary business is its lithium mine and chemical processing plant in La Corne, Quebec ("Lithium Project"). The Lithium Project remains in "care and maintenance" mode. When operational, the Lithium Project will produce battery-grade lithium carbonate.
- 3. QLI currently employs approximately 12 individuals. These employees are carrying out the care and maintenance functions at the mine, implementing the Company's action plan vis-à-vis environmental issues at the mine, assisting the Receiver with certain administrative and accounting functions, as well as assisting to commission studies and assessments of the Lithium Project.

2.2 Secured Creditors

- 1. The Company's secured creditors are detailed as follows (the validity and quantum of these secured claims have not been reviewed by the Receiver):
 - a. <u>DIP Lender</u> Hale Capital Partners L.P. ("Hale") advanced US\$13 million as the DIP Lender in the Company's CCAA proceedings, which is secured pursuant to the Courtordered charge against the Company's business and assets.
 - b. <u>Senior Debt Facility</u> At the commencement of these proceedings, Bank of Nova Scotia ("BNS"), Administrative Agent and Lead Arranger on behalf of a lending syndicate comprised of BNS, Caterpillar Financial Services Limited and The Commonwealth Bank of Australia, was owed approximately \$72 million. This facility was guaranteed by Investment Quebec ("IQ"), which guarantee has since been called upon and funded by IQ.
 - IQ Loan In addition to the Senior Debt Facility noted above, IQ advanced \$3 million to RB and QLI on a secured basis.
 - d. <u>Construction Liens</u> Several construction legal hypothecs have been registered against the Company's property at its lithium mine and chemical processing plant in La Corne, Quebec. The estimated amount, at the commencement of these proceedings, registered against the Company's property was approximately \$5.8 million.
 - e. <u>Tianjin Products and Energy Resources Development Co. Ltd. ("Tewoo")</u> Tewoo advanced US\$10 million to QLI, which is guaranteed by Sirocco and secured by a pledge of Sirocco's shares of Boron Chemicals Holdings Ltd. ("Boron"). Sirocco, through its interest in Boron, is the indirect shareholder of Atacama Minerals Chile S.C.M., an entity which operates an iodine mine in Chile.

- f. <u>Letters of Credit</u> BNS has issued letters of credit totaling approximately \$4 million. These are secured by cash collateral maintained by BNS in an aggregate principal amount of approximately \$4 million.
- g. <u>Lease Facilities</u> There are equipment lessors who have security interests in certain of QLI's leased equipment. The Receiver has corresponded with certain of these lessors regarding its equipment located at QLI.

2.3 Cost Sharing Agreement

- 1. On August 6, 2015, IQ, Hale and the Receiver entered into a cost sharing agreement (the "Cost Sharing Agreement"), whereby, among other things, IQ agreed to share the costs for the period April 25, 2015 to December 31, 2015, to a maximum of \$1.5 million, necessary to maintain the property of QLI and which have been funded by Hale.
- 2. As at the date of this report, IQ has funded approximately \$1.2 million pursuant to the Cost Sharing Agreement.

2.4 Environmental Issues

- 1. Prior to the commencement of the receivership proceedings, Environment Canada ("EC") served the Company with a Notice of Intent to issue a Direction pursuant to the *Fisheries Act* ("Notice of Intent"), including a draft *Fisheries Act* Direction.
- 2. The Receiver and Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP ("Osler"), the Receiver's legal counsel, have corresponded extensively with EC regarding the Notice of Intent and the status of various environmental issues at QLI's mine site. After extensive correspondence and providing EC with information and studies requested by it, a Direction was not issued.
- 3. QLI, the Receiver and Osler continue to have a frequent and ongoing dialogue with EC regarding the environmental issues at QLI and its intended action plan, which is being monitored and carried out in accordance with plans and other documentation provided to EC. In this regard, QLI is addressing environmental matters as set out by EC, including engaging third party advisors and contractors.

2.5 Distributions in these Proceedings

 As of the date of this report, there have been no distributions made to the Company's secured creditors.

3. Assets under Administration

- 1. Attached as Appendix "B" is the Receiver's consolidated interim statement of receipts and disbursements for the period ending October 30, 2015. The statement reflects that there is approximately C\$494,000 and US\$398,000 in the receivership accounts.
- 2. A sale process for the Lithium Project in the receivership proceedings has not commenced. Certain of the Company's secured creditors are performing diligence on the viability of the Lithium Project, including engaging consulting firms to perform studies and assessments. The timing, structuring and other key terms of any potential sale process for the Lithium Project is unknown at this time.

3. Other than the cash in the estate accounts and the Lithium Project itself, the Receiver continues to pursue significant tax refunds potentially owing to QLI resulting from investment tax credit claims for 2012 through 2014. These refunds are currently subject to an audit by Revenu Québec. The Receiver, QLI and QLI's tax advisors have been working with Revenu Québec to provide it with information to expedite processing of these refunds.

4. Status of Receivership Proceedings

1. The timing for completion of these receivership proceedings is unknown at this time.

Dated at Toronto, Ontario this 9th day of November, 2015

KSV KOFMAN INC.

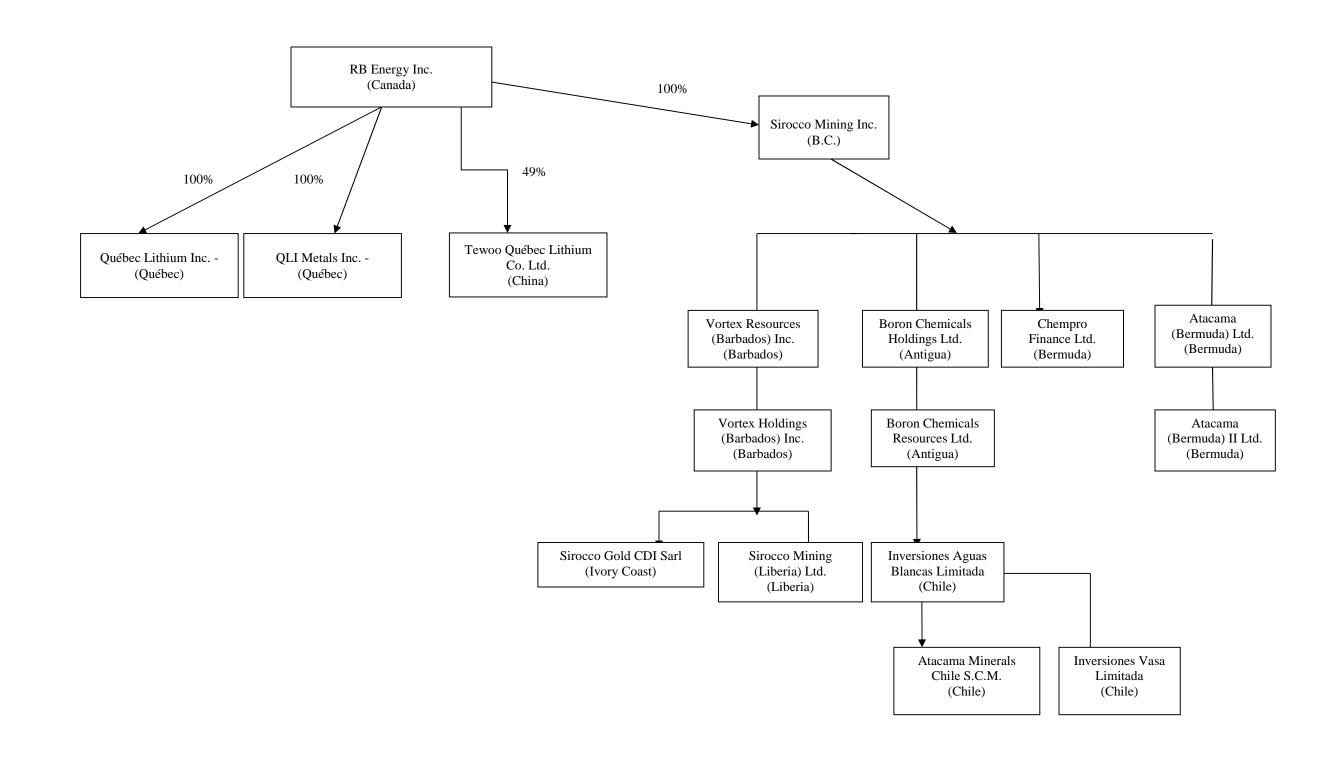
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Appendix "A"



Appendix "B"

RB Energy Inc., Quebec Lithium Inc., Sirocco Mining Inc., and QLI Métaux Inc.

Consolidated Interim Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

For the period May $8,\,2015$ to October $30,\,2015$

(unaudited)

	CAD	USD
Receipts		
Cash	2,279,081	625,752
Receipts pursuant to the Cost Sharing Agreement	1,152,373	-
Tax refunds and sales taxes collected	265,015	-
Miscellaneous	163,236	1,039
	3,859,705	626,791
Disbursements		
Operating, environmental, and other expenses	1,019,372	104,455
Payroll costs	696,574	-
Professional fees	548,930	-
Sales taxes, property taxes and municipal taxes	531,344	9,073
Consulting fees	298,412	115,609
Insurance	271,441	-
	3,366,073	229,137
Balance in Receivership Accounts	493,632	397,654