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First Report to Court of KSV Restructuring Inc. as Receiver and Manager of Validus Power Corp., Iroquois Falls Power Corp., Bay Power Corp., Kap Power Corp., Validus Hosting Inc., Kingston Cogen Limited Partnership and Kingston Cogen GP Inc.

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Pre-Filing Report of KSV Restructuring Inc. as Proposed Monitor of Validus Power Corp., Iroquois Falls Power Corp., Bay Power Corp., Kap Power Corp., Validus Hosting Inc. and Kingston Cogen GP Inc.

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#### COURT FILE NO.: CV-23-00703754-00CL

#### ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE (IN BANKRUPTCY AND INSOLVENCY) COMMERCIAL LIST

#### MACQUARIE EQUIPMENT FINANCE LIMITED

Applicant

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#### VALIDUS POWER CORP., IROQUOIS FALLS POWER CORP., BAY POWER CORP., KAP POWER CORP., VALIDUS HOSTING INC., KINGSTON COGEN LIMITED PARTNERSHIP AND KINGSTON COGEN GP INC.

Respondents

#### IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION UNDER SECTION 243(1) OF THE BANKRUPTCY AND INSOLVENCY ACT, R.S.C. 1985, C. B-3, AS AMENDED; AND SECTION 101 OF THE COURTS OF JUSTICE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, C. C.43, AS AMENDED

- and -

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, AS AMENDED

AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT OF VALIDUS POWER CORP., IROQUOIS FALLS POWER CORP., BAY POWER CORP., KAP POWER CORP., VALIDUS HOSTING INC. AND KINGSTON COGEN GP INC., EACH BY THEIR COURT APPOINTED RECEIVER AND MANAGER, KSV RESTRUCTURING INC.

FIRST REPORT OF KSV RESTRUCTURING INC. AS RECEIVER AND MANAGER AND PRE-FILING REPORT OF KSV RESTRUCTURING INC. AS PROPOSED MONITOR

AUGUST 23, 2023

## **1.0 Introduction**

- 1. Pursuant to an application filed by Macquarie Equipment Finance Limited ("Macquarie"), the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) (the "Court") issued an order on August 2, 2023 (the "Interim Receivership Order") adjourning Macquarie's application until August 10, 2023 and appointing KSV Restructuring Inc. ("KSV") as the interim receiver, under section 47.1 of the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* (the "BIA"), of all of the property, assets and undertaking of Validus Power Corp. ("VPC"), Iroquois Falls Power Corp. ("IFPC"), Bay Power Corp. ("Bay"), Kap Power Corp. ("Kap"), Validus Hosting Inc. ("Hosting"), Kingston Cogen GP Inc. ("Kingston GP" and collectively, the "Companies") and Kingston Cogen Limited Partnership ("Kingston LP" and together with the Companies, the "Validus Entities") acquired for, or used in relation to, the business carried on by the Validus Entities (the "Property") until the earlier of:
  - a) the taking of possession of the Property by a receiver, within the meaning of subsection 243 of the BIA; and
  - b) August 10, 2023.

A copy of the Endorsement of the Honourable Justice Kimmel dated August 2, 2023 issued in connection with the Interim Receivership Order is attached as Appendix "A".

- 2. On August 10, 2023, following that adjournment, the Court issued an order (the "Receivership Order") appointing KSV as receiver and manager (in such capacity, the "Receiver") of the Property. A copy of the Receivership Order is attached as Appendix "B". On August 18, 2023, the Honourable Justice Osborne issued an endorsement in connection with the Receivership Order (the "Endorsement"), a copy of which is attached as Appendix "C".
- 3. The principal purpose of the receivership proceedings is to create a stabilized environment to enable the Receiver to take possession and control of the Property, including replacing management so that the Validus Entities' business can continue to operate in the normal course.
- 4. The Receiver is currently in the process of negotiating a proposed offer (the "Offer") with Macquarie and Hut 8 Power Inc., as Macquarie's designated nominee (jointly, the "Potential Purchaser"), which contemplates, *inter alia*, that subject to this Court's approval:
  - a) the Offer would be a "stalking horse bid" in a sale and investment solicitation process (the "SISP") to be carried out in proceedings to be commenced in respect of the Validus Entities by the Receiver under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* ("CCAA");

- b) a break-up fee and expense reimbursement would become payable upon the closing of a superior bid submitted and selected during the SISP; and
- c) if the Offer is the successful bid in the SISP, the transaction would be completed pursuant to a Reverse Vesting Order ("RVO") to be sought in the proposed CCAA proceedings.
- 5. Subject to the Court granting the proposed initial order (the "Initial Order"), it is contemplated that Court approval of a SISP will be sought once the Offer has been finalized in a form acceptable to the Potential Purchaser and the Monitor.
- 6. This report (the "Report") is filed by KSV in its capacity as Receiver and Proposed Monitor (as defined below).

#### **1.1 Purposes of this Report**

- 1. The purposes of this Report are to provide the Court with:
  - a) background information with respect to the Validus Entities;
  - b) the basis on which the Receiver is seeking authorization to bring the proposed CCAA application on behalf of the Companies;
  - c) KSV's qualifications to act as monitor (prior to such appointment, the "Proposed Monitor" and following such appointment, the "Monitor") of the Companies;
  - d) the Validus Entities' cash flow projection for the period August 19 to December 1, 2023 (the "Cash Flow Forecast");
  - e) a summary of the anticipated next steps in the CCAA proceedings, should the Court grant the proposed Initial Order; and
  - f) the rationale for the proposed Initial Order, including the orders:
    - i. declaring that Kingston LP shall be granted the protections provided to the Companies under the Initial Order; and
    - ii. recognizing the Court-ordered charges created in the Receivership Order (the "Charges").

#### 1.2 Currency

1. Unless otherwise noted, all currency references in this Report are to Canadian dollars.

#### 1.3 Restrictions

- 1. In preparing this Report, the Receiver and the Proposed Monitor have relied upon unaudited financial information provided by the Validus Entities' employees, the books and records of the Validus Entities<sup>1</sup> and discussions with representatives of the Validus Entities, Macquarie and its legal counsel. The Receiver has not performed an audit or otherwise attempted to verify the accuracy or completeness of the financial information relied on in a manner that complies with Canadian Auditing Standards ("CAS") pursuant to the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada Handbook and, accordingly, the Receiver expresses no opinion or other form of assurance contemplated under the CAS in respect of such information. Any party wishing to place reliance on the financial information should perform its own diligence.
- 2. With the exception of the Court, the Receiver accepts no responsibility for any reliance placed by any third party on the Validus Entities' financial information presented herein.
- 3. An examination of the Cash Flow Forecast as outlined in the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada Handbook has not been performed. Future oriented financial information relied upon in this Report is based upon assumptions regarding future events; actual results achieved may vary from this information and these variations may be material. The Receiver expresses no opinion or other form of assurance as to whether the Cash Flow Forecast will be achieved.

#### **1.4 KSV's Qualifications to Act as Monitor**

- 1. KSV is a licensed trustee within the meaning of subsection 2(1) of the BIA. KSV is not subject to any of the restrictions to act as Monitor set out in Section 11.7(2) of the CCAA.
- 2. KSV has consented to act as Monitor in the CCAA proceedings should the Initial Order be granted. A copy of KSV's consent to act as Monitor is attached hereto as Appendix "D".
- 3. Neither KSV nor any of its representatives or affiliates has at any time in the past two years been: (a) a director, officer or employee of any member of the Companies; (b) related to any member of the Companies, or to any director or officer of any member of the Companies; or (c) the auditor, accountant or legal counsel, or a partner or an employee of the auditor, accountant or legal counsel, of any member of the Companies.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As discussed in the Affidavit of Joshua Stevens of Macquarie dated July 31, 2023, the Validus Entities' books and records have not been kept current and otherwise appear to be significantly deficient. As of the date of this Report, the Receiver has had limited access to the Validus Entities' books and records. The Receiver was only recently provided with access to the Validus Entities' electronic records, which required negotiation with its data hosting service in respect of pre-filing amounts owing to it, and with both the data hosting service and the Validus Entities' legal counsel in respect of privilege issues raised by the Validus Entities' management.

### 2.0 Background

- 1. The Validus Entities are a group of privately-held entities that own power generation stations that generate and sell capacity and power to the Independent Electricity System Operator ("IESO") as a participant in its "capacity auction" market. VPC is a corporation incorporated pursuant to the *Canada Business Corporations Act* and, based on a corporate profile provided to the Receiver, has its registered office at 100 Wellington Street West, Suite 2300, Toronto, Ontario. Each of the other Companies is incorporated pursuant to the Business Corporations Act (Ontario) and, based on corporate profiles provided to the Receiver, has their registered offices as follows:
  - a) IFPC: 1500 Sandhill Drive, 2b, Ancaster, ON; and
  - b) Bay, Power, Hosting, Kingston GP and Kingston LP: 100 Wellington Street West, Suite 2300, Toronto, Ontario.

A copy of the corporate structure for the Validus Entities is attached as Appendix "E".

- 2. The Property is principally comprised of four power plants in Ontario located in North Bay, Kapuskasing, Iroquois Falls and Kingston. As at the date of this Report, only the plants in Kingston and Iroquois Falls are operational; these plants are on standby and can supply power to the IESO if called upon as a participant in its capacity auction market. The Kapuskasing and North Bay plants are being maintained and secured but are not otherwise operational at this time.
- 3. Immediately following its appointment, the Receiver engaged Ryan Forget of Complete Energy Consulting Inc. to act as a consultant to the Receiver to assist with day-to-day operational, security and asset maintenance issues. Mr. Forget is a former senior employee of the Validus Entities.
- 4. The Receiver has been provided with unaudited financial statements for the period ended July 31, 2023 for VPC, IFPC and Kingston LP, copies of which are attached as Appendix "F". The Receiver has not been provided, nor has it been able to locate, any financial statements for the other Validus Entities, being Bay, Kap, Hosting and Kingston GP. The Receiver is continuing to search for financial statements for those entities and, if located, will file a supplemental report prior to the return of this motion. Given the state of the Validus Entities' books and records, the book values of the Property, to the extent available, may not be reliable. The ultimate realizable value of the Property will be determined by the outcome of a Court-supervised SISP.
- 5. Based on the Receivership Application Materials, the following creditors have security interests against the Property:
  - a) Macquarie demanded \$55,598,575 as of July 24, 2023 and holds senior security against substantially all Property. The responding materials filed by the Validus Entities in the receivership proceedings made claims disputing approximately \$9 million of the amount demanded by Macquarie. The Receiver is reviewing this issue;

- b) Canada Revenue Agency ("CRA"), which registered a lien in the amount of approximately \$6 million against certain real property owned by IFPC. CRA's lien was registered due to IFPC's failure to remit HST collected by IFPC as part of the sale and leaseback transaction between Macquarie and IFPC in April 2022;
- c) TD Bank ("TD"), which registered a security interest against VPC pursuant to the *Personal Property Security Act* (Ontario) in respect of amounts that TD claims relate to six letters of credit issued by TD against which TD holds guaranteed investment certificate security (the Receiver has not yet verified TD's security and is unaware of the quantum of its potential claims); and
- d) Mercedes-Benz Financial and Mercedes-Benz Financial Services Canada Corporation, which registered security in the amount of \$179,206 against VPC in respect of a motor vehicle (a Mercedes G-63 G-Wagon SUV).
- 6. Each of the Companies has liabilities exceeding \$5 million.
- 7. The Receivership Application Materials provide additional background information about the Validus Entities, their financial position, the Validus Entities' defaults under their lease arrangements with Macquarie, and the basis for Macquarie's application for the Receivership Order. Court materials filed in the receivership proceedings and the CCAA proceedings, including the Receivership Application Materials, are available on the Receiver's website at: <a href="https://www.ksvadvisory.com/experience/case/validus-power-corp">https://www.ksvadvisory.com/experience/case/validus-power-corp</a>.

## 3.0 The CCAA Application

- 1. As set out in the Receivership Application Materials, the Potential Purchaser advised that it intends to submit a bid for all or substantially all of the Property, which transaction is proposed to be effected pursuant to an RVO to be issued by the Court in the proposed CCAA proceedings.
- 2. At the hearing to consider the receivership application, the Validus Entities' legal counsel raised concerns with respect to a provision that was included in the draft receivership order, which granted the Receiver the authority to commence a CCAA proceeding. Paragraph 61 of the Endorsement provides that the Receivership Order would need to be amended to authorize the Receiver to bring a CCAA application on behalf of the Companies.
- 3. The Receiver has considered whether it is reasonable and appropriate, at this time, to commence CCAA proceedings on behalf of the Companies. The Receiver believes it is for the following reasons:
  - a) the Offer is conditional on the Court issuing an RVO in the context of a CCAA proceeding;
  - b) the Validus Entities hold numerous permits and licences that allow it to operate in a highly regulated industry. As such, the Potential Purchaser requires that an RVO be issued due to, *inter alia*, uncertainty related to the transferability of these licenses and permits in a commercially reasonable timeframe;

- c) the Receiver is of the view that it is likely that any other purchaser would also require the preservation of permits and licenses pursuant to an RVO;
- d) the implementation steps also contemplate a corporate arrangement pursuant to one or both of the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario) and the *Canada Business Corporations Act*, which is more commonly completed in CCAA proceedings than in receivership proceedings;
- e) the Potential Purchaser has indicated that it is not prepared to pay any amounts owing to CRA in respect of the HST obligation that IFPC failed to remit when it entered into the sale leaseback transaction with Macquarie. Completion of the contemplated transaction under the CCAA will reverse the priority of the HST obligation;
- f) the Receiver is of the view that any purchaser will also require that the HST obligation be reversed and that the super-priority status of this obligation outside of the CCAA is an impediment to a going-concern transaction. Reversing priorities in insolvency proceedings is a common consideration in choice of insolvency proceeding<sup>2</sup>;
- g) there is significantly more precedent for the issuance of RVOs in a CCAA proceeding than in a receivership or other insolvency processes;
- h) as a result of issues concerning the transferability of the licenses and the unpaid HST obligation, there is a greater likelihood that the SISP will result in a goingconcern transaction if conducted under the CCAA than in a receivership;
- i) given the forgoing, the Receiver believes conducting the SISP through the CCAA process may enhance interest from other potential bidders;
- commencement of the CCAA proceedings now will permit the 10-day statutory comeback to run while the parties continue to negotiate the Offer and finalize the terms of the SISP;
- k) timing is important the SISP should commence as quickly as possible due to the following issues:
  - i. KSV, as interim receiver, advised in its report dated August 9, 2023 that the Companies' employees had significant concerns about the role of former management, which led to frustration and a lack of confidence in the business. This is due to, *inter alia*, the Validus Entities deducting RRSP contributions from payroll but not remitting them to the Validus Entities' RRSP plan at Canada Life, and the termination of health benefits. Stability is required among the workforce so that employees do not look for new employment. The Validus Entities have already lost one former plant manager since these proceedings commenced. The Receiver is of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Receiver notes that the Validus Entities took the position at the receivership application that there are sufficient input tax credits ("ITCs") to offset the entirety of the potential HST obligation for which CRA registered a \$6 million lien against IFPC's real property. Given the state of the Validus Entities' books and records, the Receiver has not been able to verify the HST obligation and/or the extent of any offsetting ITCs. The Receiver has been in contact with CRA representatives and has requested that CRA perform a trust exam to determine the Validus Entities' source deduction and HST obligations.

the view that mass resignation is a risk without a reasonably clear plan to preserve the business as a going concern. A stalking horse bid provides employees with certainty that there is a going-concern solution for the business; and

- ii. in order to generate revenue for the business, the Validus Entities need to participate in an annual capacity auction conducted by IESO. The Receiver needs to take steps to participate in the auction commencing immediately. In the Receiver's opinion, the Validus Entities are more likely to be successful in the capacity auction process if there is a stalking horse buyer as it provides a degree of certainty to IESO that there will be a goingconcern solution for the business. Without knowing that there is a buyer, IESO may have concerns awarding the Receiver a contract to provide energy. The bid deadline for participating in the auction is November 29, 2023 and there are milestones that the Receiver will need to satisfy before then to preserve the ability of the Validus Entities or their successors to participate in the auction. The Receiver understands that missing this auction would preclude the Validus Entities from continuing to act as a participant in the IESO capacity auction market for 2024, which could significantly impair the value of the Property to the detriment of all stakeholders.
- 4. Based on the foregoing, the Receiver is of the view that it should be authorized to bring the proposed CCAA application on the Companies' behalf so that a SISP can be commenced as soon as possible in the CCAA.
- 5. As at the date of this Report, the Receiver is reviewing the Offer and issues related to the Offer. The Receiver intends to bring a motion in the CCAA proceeding to approve the SISP once the Offer has been finalized in a form acceptable to the Potential Purchaser and the Monitor.

## 4.0 Validus Entities' Refinancing Efforts

1. The Validus Entities' former President and Chief Executive Officer of the Companies, Todd Shortt, discussed in his affidavit sworn on August 10, 2023 a potential refinancing transaction he is negotiating with Dominion Lending Centres ("Dominion"), as broker. The Receiver has not received an update concerning the refinancing since the receivership application. The relief being sought at this time does not preclude Mr. Shortt from continuing to advance and complete the refinancing or from otherwise participating in a SISP. Pursuing both of these initiatives contemporaneously is consistent with paragraph 57 of the Endorsement, which states:

> "...the Receiver could pursue this possible commitment together with, and in addition to, any possible alternative commitments such as might be revealed through a court supervised sales process."

2. As discussed in the Endorsement, the Receiver has communicated with the Validus Entities, via its legal counsel, concerning the status of the refinancing and offering to assist in that regard. As of the date of this Report, the Receiver has not had a response.

## 5.0 Proposed Initial Order

- 1. The Receiver is seeking an Initial Order, which is largely consistent with the model Initial Order (the "Model Order"), however certain provisions, such as requirement for cash management, an administration charge, directors' charge or DIP charge are unnecessary largely as a result of the ongoing receivership.
- 2. The Receiver highlights the following two provisions that deviate from the Model Order:
  - a) Kingston LP, being a limited partnership, cannot be an applicant under the CCAA. However, it is contemplated to be involved in the SISP and any resulting transaction with the Potential Purchaser. Accordingly, Kingston LP requires the benefit of the stay of proceedings in the CCAA to prevent any disruption to its business and operations, and so that its assets can be conveyed in the CCAA proceedings. In the Receiver's view, there is no prejudice to any stakeholder by extending the stay to Kingston LP and it is consistent with the typical treatment of a limited partnership when its affiliates are subject to CCAA proceedings; and
  - b) the Charges created under the Receivership Order, being the Receiver's Charge and the Receiver's Borrowings Charge (of up to \$1 million), are to be recognized under the proposed Initial Order. The Receiver's Charge is in respect of the fees and disbursements of the Monitor and its legal counsel. Any funding required during the CCAA proceedings will be advanced pursuant to Receiver's Certificates and secured by the Receiver's Borrowings Charge, in accordance with the Receivership Order, with such charge recognized in the Initial Order.
- 3. Based on the foregoing, the Receiver believes the provisions of the proposed Initial Order are reasonable and appropriate in the circumstances.

## 6.0 Cash Flow Forecast

- The Receiver has assisted with the preparation of a cash flow forecast for the period August 19, 2023 to December 1, 2023. The Cash Flow Forecast and the Validus Entities' statutory report thereon pursuant to Section 10(2)(b) of the CCAA (which is executed by the Receiver on behalf of the Validus Entities), are attached hereto as Appendix "G".
- 2. The Cash Flow Forecast reflects that the Validus Entities will not require additional funding during the projection period. To the extent actual cash receipts are lower than projected and insufficient to cover projected expenses, the Receiver has the authority to borrow pursuant to the terms of the Receivership Order. As at the date of this Report, there have been no advances made to the Receiver under the Receiver's Borrowings Charge and/or Receiver's Certificates issued by the Receiver.
- 3. Based on the Receiver's review of the Cash Flow Forecast, the cash flow assumptions appear reasonable. KSV's statutory report on the Cash Flow Forecast is attached hereto as Appendix "H".

## 7.0 Anticipated Next Steps

- 1. Should the Initial Order be granted, the Receiver intends to:
  - a) finalize the terms of a SISP to be conducted by the Monitor, subject to Court approval, which is intended to include the Offer by the Potential Purchaser as the stalking horse bid;
  - b) work with the Potential Purchaser with a view to settling the terms of the Offer;
  - c) review issues related to the Offer, including reviewing the concerns raised by the Validus Entities concerning the amount of Macquarie's debt;
  - d) prepare motion materials for the comeback motion or shortly thereafter, which may include approval of the SISP, subject to the status of the negotiation of the Offer;
  - e) continue its ongoing efforts to stabilize the Validus Entities' operations, including working to restore coverage under the Validus Entities' employee benefit plans, which Canada Life is presently refusing to do. (This may require an urgent motion before the Court); and
  - f) continue to follow up with the Validus Entities' legal counsel on the status of a refinancing transaction with Dominion, as broker, in accordance with paragraphs 56 and 57 of the Endorsement.

## 8.0 Conclusion and Recommendation

- 1. Based on the foregoing, the Receiver respectfully recommends that this Court:
  - a) authorize the Receiver to bring a CCAA application on behalf of the Companies; and
  - b) grant an Initial Order under the CCAA on the terms of the draft Initial Order set out in the application materials filed by the Receiver on behalf of the Companies.

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All of which is respectfully submitted,

SV Restructuring Inc.

KSV RESTRUCTURING INC. SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS RECEIVER AND MANAGER AND PROPOSED MONITOR OF VALIDUS POWER CORP., IROQUOIS FALLS POWER CORP., BAY POWER CORP., KAP POWER CORP., VALIDUS HOSTING INC., KINGSTON COGEN LIMITED PARTNERSHIP AND KINGSTON COGEN GP INC. AND NOT IN ITS PERSONAL CAPACITY

# Appendix "A"



#### ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE (COMMERCIAL LIST)

## COUNSEL SLIP/ENDORSEMENT

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BEFORE JUSTICE: KIMMEL

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#### **ENDORSEMENT OF JUSTICE KIMMEL:**

- 1. The applicant seeks the appointment of KSV Restructuring Inc. ("KSV") as receiver and manager (in such capacity, the "Receiver") pursuant to section 243(1) of the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* and section 101 of the *Courts of Justice Act* (Ontario) over all of the undertakings, properties and assets ("Property") of the respondents to this application (collectively, the "Debtors" or "Validus Group").
- 2. The Validus Group is a power generation company that generates and sells power to the Independent Energy System Operator ("IESO") as a participant in its "capacity auction" market. The Validus Group's operations consist of four power plants located in the Ontario regions of North Bay, Kapuskasing, Iroquois Falls and Kingston. They also own a non-operational data centre in North Bay.
- 3. There are complicated lending and transactional documents between the applicant and the Debtors. The Debtors are indebted to the Applicant in the total outstanding amount of \$55,598,575 as of July 31, 2023. The Debtors granted the Applicant first-ranking security over substantially all of their Property. The Applicant has a contractual right to appoint a receiver in the event of defaults.
- 4. In addition to monetary defaults, the Applicant has detailed in its supporting evidence various other financial and operational defaults of the Debtors, including failing to pay rent and remit HST, failing to pay and remit taxes, incurring a large lien in respect of unpaid taxes, allegedly breaching an agreement with a key customer, failing to properly maintain books and records and failing to maintain insurance.
- 5. The Debtors' principals are alleged to have misappropriated and failed to return funds from a bank account with CIBC that the bank alleges they were erroneously granted access to, and allegedly failed to provide benefits and RRSP contributions to their unionized employees in accordance with a collective bargaining agreement. The Applicant has identified further concerns about the retention of senior management and employee. The allegations raise serious concerns about the stability of the Debtors.
- 6. Since early 2023, the Applicant has made numerous payments on behalf of the Debtors on account of critical items, in order to protect its collateral and minimize the risk of potential destabilization of the Debtors and their operations. Those payments included: (i) \$675,379.60 of insurance premiums that were required to prevent the Debtors' insurance coverage from lapsing; and (ii) \$745,990.78 of the Debtors' accounts payable, including for gas transportation services, gas procurement services, legal fees and information technology services. Those amounts were subsequently repaid to the Applicant on July 24, 2023 through a set-off.
- 7. After making efforts to accommodate the Debtors starting in early 2023, including by agreeing to enter into a forbearance agreement with the Debtors in February 2023, the situation arguably got worse, not better. The Applicant is no longer willing to continue deferring amounts due and payable and/or funding operational expenses in the absence of a court- supervised process.
- 8. The Applicant issued demand letters and notices of intention to enforce security pursuant to section 244 of the BIA first on June 9, 2023 addressing the immediate defaults. On June 9, 2023, the Applicant sent out notices of intention to enforce security pursuant to section 244 of the BIA giving notice to the Debtors of the Applicants' intention to enforce against security. New demands were sent out on July 24, 2023 for repayment of all rent and HST outstanding and accelerated, as of July 31, 2023. The proposed Receiver has proceeded cautiously and took the time to make arrangements with a licensed operator who can assume control of the Debtors' Property before bringing this application.
- 9. The Debtors asked for the receivership application to be adjourned for a few weeks to allow time for them to respond. They would also like to use that time to try to find an alternative source of debt and/or equity so that the Applicant can be repaid in full (something that they have been working on since the beginning of 2023, although they say there may be a recent development that gives them reason for greater optimism). They suggest that the Applicant has more than sufficient security for its debt and already has *de facto* control of the bank accounts and is, thus protected. Despite the ongoing dealings and demands and notices, the Debtors claimed that this application came out of the blue.
- 10. The Applicant does not agree that it has sufficient comfort from the security it has. By way of example, it points to a recent failed sales process that the Debtors undertook for the sale of one of the power plants

and the lack of liquidity or any market interest at least in that property. There are no valuations, which the Applicant in part blames upon the state of disarray of the Debtors' books and records.

- 11. The Applicant has made it known that one of its intended objectives in the receivership is a sale process and stalking horse bid for substantially all of the Debtors' assets, the terms of which the Debtors say they expect they will object to. A CCAA application is also contemplated. The SISP and CCAA application are matters that were not intended to be addressed at the time of the receivership application, but the prospect of them may be relevant.
- 12. They are entitled to respond to the application, but the time they ask for is too long having regard to the circumstances described by the Applicant in its supporting material. Given the seriousness of the allegations and the urgency of some of the circumstances described, but recognizing that the Debtors should be permitted to address these allegations if they can, the court granted a brief adjournment of this application to August 10, 2023, on terms which include an interim receivership order to allow the Receiver to gain access to information and documents and some additional insight and transparency into the records and operations of the business, without taking possession of the Property, and to provide some additional protections if, in the meantime, further funding advanced by the Applicant for operational needs.
- 13. Counsel for the Applicant and the Debtors were asked to work out the terms of this interim receivership order which they have now done. I am satisfied that the Applicant has sent the s. 244 notices and shown that it is necessary for the protection of the Debtors' estate for the benefit of all stakeholders, as well as the interests of the Applicant, such that the appointment of an interim receiver is appropriate under s. 47(1) of the BIA and that it is just and convenient for this interim receivership order to be granted pursuant to s. 101 of the *Courts of Justice Act*, pending the return of this application.
- 14. Given the short duration of this interim order, I am satisfied that the inclusion of the stay and requirement for services to be continued in favour of the Debtors is appropriate, as it is supported by the Applicant's record filed for the full receivership order and is important for the protection of the Debtors' estate in this interim period.
- 15. Some other secured creditors were identified by the Applicant. They were all given notice of this hearing and none appeared. The Applicant shall serve this endorsement and the order signed today on the service list, including but not limited to all secured creditors, and they shall have the opportunity to appear at the next attendance should they wish to do so.
- 16. The parties shall work out a timetable for the exchange of any additional material to be relied upon at the return of this application, all of which shall be served, filed and uploaded into CaseLines by no later than 2 p.m. on August 9, 2023. A copy of this endorsement shall also be uploaded into CaseLines by the Applicant.
- 17. Order to go in the form signed by me today.

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KIMMEL J.

Appendix "B"



Court File No. CV-23-00703754-00CL

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#### SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE

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THE HONOURABLE

JUSTICE OSBORNE

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THURSDAY, THE 10th

DAY OF AUGUST, 2023

BETWEEN:

#### MACQUARIE EQUIPMENT FINANCE LIMITED

Applicant

- and -

#### VALIDUS POWER CORP., IROQUOIS FALLS POWER CORP., BAY POWER CORP., KAP POWER CORP., VALIDUS HOSTING INC., KINGSTON COGEN LIMITED PARTNERSHIP AND KINGSTON COGEN GP INC.

Respondents

#### APPLICATION UNDER SECTION 243(1) OF THE *BANKRUPTCY AND INSOLVENCY ACT*, R.S.C. 1985, c. B-3, AS AMENDED; AND SECTION 101 OF THE *COURTS OF JUSTICE ACT*, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.43, AS AMENDED

## ORDER (Appointing Receiver)

**THIS APPLICATION** made by Macquarie Equipment Finance Ltd. (the "**Applicant**") for an Order pursuant to section 243(1) of the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. B-3, as amended (the "**BIA**") and section 101 of the *Courts of Justice Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.43, as amended (the "**CJA**") appointing KSV Restructuring Inc. ("**KSV**") as receiver and manager (in such capacities, the "**Receiver**") without security, of all of the assets, undertakings and properties

of Validus Power Corp., Iroquois Falls Power Corp., Bay Power Corp., Kap Power Corp., Validus Hosting Inc., Kingston Cogen Limited Partnership and Kingston Cogen GP Inc. (collectively, the "**Debtors**", and each a "**Debtor**") acquired for, or used in relation to a business carried on by the Debtors, or any of them, including, without limitation, the real property described in Schedule "A" hereto, was heard this day by judicial video conference via Zoom in Toronto, Ontario.

**ON READING** the Notice of Application of the Applicant, dated July 31, 2023, filed; the affidavit of Joshua Hamilton Stevens, sworn July 31, 2023 (the "**Stevens Affidavit**") and the exhibits thereto, filed; the factum of the Applicant, dated July 31, 2023, filed; the consent of KSV to act as Receiver, dated July 24, 2023, filed; the supplemental affidavit of Joshua Hamilton Stevens, sworn August 2, 2023, and the exhibits thereto, filed; the second supplemental affidavit of Joshua Hamilton Stevens, sworn August 8, 2023, and the exhibits thereto, filed; the reply factum of the Applicant, dated August 9, 2023, filed; the affidavit of Todd Shortt, sworn August 7, 2023, filed; the affidavit of Todd Shortt, sworn August 7, 2023, filed; the affidavit of Todd Shortt, sworn August 10, 2023, and the exhibits thereto, filed; and the first report of KSV as interim receiver of the Debtors, dated August 9, 2023, filed;

**AND UPON** hearing the submissions of counsel for the Receiver, counsel for the Applicant, counsel for the Debtors, counsel for Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, and such other counsel who were present, no one else appearing although duly served as appears from the lawyer's certificates of service of Mike Noel sworn August 1, 2, 8 and 9, 2023, filed; the affidavit of service of Kunalan Shelvarajah sworn August 1, 2023, filed; and the affidavit of service of Sivarajah Sivaperuman sworn August 9, 2023, filed.

#### SERVICE

1. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the time for service of the Notice of Application and the Application is hereby abridged and validated so that this application is properly returnable today and hereby dispenses with further service thereof.

#### APPOINTMENT

2. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that pursuant to section 243(1) of the BIA and section 101 of the CJA, KSV is hereby appointed Receiver, without security, of all of the assets, undertakings and properties of the Debtors acquired for, or used in relation to a business carried on by the Debtors, or any of them, including, without limitation, the real property known described in Schedule "A" hereto (the "**Property**").

#### **RECEIVER'S POWERS**

3. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Receiver is hereby empowered and authorized, but not obligated, to act at once in respect of the Property and, without in any way limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Receiver is hereby expressly empowered and authorized to do any of the following where the Receiver considers it necessary or desirable:

- (a) to take possession of and exercise control over the Property and any and all proceeds, receipts and disbursements arising out of or from the Property, including, without limitation the Debtors' bank accounts wherever located;
- (b) to receive, preserve, and protect the Property, or any part or parts thereof, including, but not limited to, the changing of locks and security codes, the relocating of Property to safeguard it, the engaging of independent security personnel, the taking of physical inventories and the placement of such insurance coverage as may be necessary or desirable;
- (c) to manage, operate, and carry on the business of the Debtors, or any of them, including the powers to enter into any agreements, incur any obligations in the ordinary course of business in connection with the Property, cease to carry on all or any part of the business, reject or cease to perform any contracts of the Debtors, or any of them, or in respect of the Property;
- (d) to engage construction managers, project managers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, appraisers, agents, real estate brokers, experts, auditors, accountants,

managers, counsel and such other persons from time to time and on whatever basis, including on a temporary basis, to assist with the exercise of the Receiver's powers and duties, including without limitation those conferred by this Order;

- to purchase or lease such machinery, equipment, inventories, supplies, premises or other assets to continue the business of the Debtors, or any of them, or any part or parts thereof;
- (f) to receive and collect all monies and accounts now owed or hereafter owing to the Debtors, or any of them, and to exercise all remedies of the Debtors, or any of them, in collecting such monies or accounts, including, without limitation, to enforce any security held by the Debtors, or any of them;
- (g) to settle, extend or compromise any indebtedness owing to the Debtors, or any of them;
- (h) to execute, assign, issue and endorse documents of whatever nature in respect of any of the Property, including, without limitation, in respect of construction permits and any requirements related thereto, whether in the Receiver's name or in the name and on behalf of the Debtors, or any of them, for any purpose pursuant to this Order;
- (i) to initiate, prosecute and continue the prosecution of any and all proceedings and to defend all proceedings now pending or hereafter instituted with respect to the Debtors, or any of them, the Property or the Receiver, and to settle or compromise any such proceedings. The authority hereby conveyed shall extend to such appeals or applications for judicial review in respect of any order or judgment pronounced in any such proceeding;
- (j) to investigate, and report to this Court on, intercompany payments, transactions and other arrangements between any of the Debtors and other Persons (as defined below), including without limitation the Validus Group (as defined below), that

appear to the Receiver to be out of the ordinary course of business. All Persons shall be required to provide any and all information and documents related to the Debtors requested by the Receiver in connection with such investigations;

- (k) to market any or all of the Property, including advertising and soliciting offers in respect of any and all such Property or any part or parts thereof and negotiating such terms and conditions of sale as the Receiver in its discretion, and with the Applicant's consent, may deem appropriate;
- to sell, convey, transfer, lease or assign the Property or any part or parts thereof out of the ordinary course of business,
  - (i) without the approval of this Court in respect of any transaction not exceeding \$500,000, provided that the aggregate consideration for all such transactions does not exceed \$1,000,000; and
  - (ii) with the approval of this Court in respect of any transaction in which the purchase price or the aggregate purchase price exceeds the applicable amount set out in the preceding clause;

and in each such case notice under subsection 63(4) of the Ontario *Personal Property Security Act*, or section 31 of the Ontario *Mortgages Act*, as the case may be, shall not be required;

- (m) to apply for any vesting order or other orders necessary to convey the Property or any part or parts thereof to a purchaser or purchasers thereof, free and clear of any liens or encumbrances affecting such Property in these proceedings;
- (n) to report to, meet with and discuss with such affected Persons as the Receiver deems appropriate on all matters relating to the Property and the receivership, and to share information, subject to such terms as to confidentiality as the Receiver deems advisable;

- (o) to register a copy of this Order and any other Orders in respect of the Property against title to any of the Property;
- (p) to apply for any permits, licences, approvals or permissions as may be required by any governmental authority, including, without limitation, the Independent Electricity System Operator and the Ontario Energy Board, and any renewals thereof for and on behalf of and, if thought desirable by the Receiver, in the name of the Debtors, or any of them, or any person that the Receiver engages pursuant to paragraph 3(d), and to meet with and discuss with such governmental authority and execute any agreements, or provide any notices, required in connection with or as a result of such permits, licenses, approvals or permissions (but solely in its capacity as Receiver and not in its personal or corporate capacity);
- (q) to enter into agreements with any trustee in bankruptcy appointed in respect of the Debtors, or any of them, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the ability to enter into occupation agreements for any property owned or leased by the Debtors, or any of them;
- (r) to undertake any investigations deemed appropriate by the Receiver with respect to the location and/or disposition of assets reasonably believed to be, or to have been, Property;
- (s) to apply to this Court for such further relief, advice and directions as the Receiver may determine as necessary or desirable;
- (t) to exercise any shareholder, partnership, joint venture or other rights which the Debtors, or any of them, may have; and
- (u) to take any steps reasonably incidental to the exercise of these powers or the performance of any statutory obligations, including opening any mail or other correspondence addressed to any of the Debtors.

and in each case where the Receiver takes any such actions or steps, it shall be exclusively authorized and empowered to do so, to the exclusion of all other Persons, including the Debtors, or any of them, and without interference from any other Person.

#### DUTY TO PROVIDE ACCESS AND CO-OPERATION TO THE RECEIVER

4. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that: (i) the Debtors; (ii) all of their current and former directors, officers, employees, agents, accountants, legal counsel, equity holders, including, without limitation, investors and shareholders, and all other persons acting on their instructions or behalf; (iii) all construction managers, project managers, contractors, subcontractors and service providers, and all other persons acting on their instructions or behalf; and (iv) all other individuals, firms, corporations, governmental bodies or agencies, or other entities having notice of this Order (all of the foregoing, collectively, being "**Persons**" and each being a "**Person**") shall forthwith advise the Receiver of the existence of any Property in such Person's possession or control, shall grant immediate and continued access to the Property to the Receiver, and shall deliver all such Property to the Receiver upon the Receiver's request.

5. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that all Persons shall forthwith advise the Receiver of the existence of any books, documents, securities, contracts, orders, corporate and accounting records, and any other papers, records, information and cloud-based data of any kind related to the business or affairs of the Debtors, and any computer programs, computer tapes, computer disks, cloud or other data storage media containing any such information (the foregoing, collectively, the "**Records**") in that Person's possession or control, and shall provide to the Receiver or permit the Receiver to make, retain and take away copies thereof and grant to the Receiver unfettered access to and use of accounting, computer, software, cloud and physical facilities relating thereto, provided however that nothing in this paragraph 5 or in paragraph 6 of this Order shall require the delivery of Records, or the granting of access to Records, which may not be disclosed or provided to the Receiver due to the privilege attaching to solicitor-client communication or due to statutory provisions prohibiting such disclosure.

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THIS COURT ORDERS that if any Records are stored or otherwise contained on a computer, in the cloud or other electronic system of information storage, whether by independent service provider or otherwise, all Persons in possession or control of such Records shall forthwith give unfettered access to the Receiver for the purpose of allowing the Receiver to recover and fully copy all of the information contained therein whether by way of printing the information onto paper or making copies of computer disks or such other manner of retrieving and copying the information as the Receiver in its discretion deems expedient, and shall not alter, erase or destroy any Records without the prior written consent of the Receiver. Further, for the purposes of this paragraph, all Persons shall provide the Receiver with all such assistance in

gaining immediate access to the information in the Records as the Receiver may in its discretion require including providing the Receiver with instructions on the use of any computer, cloud or other system and providing the Receiver with any and all access codes, account names, account numbers, account creating credentials that may be required to gain access to the information.

7. THIS COURT ORDERS that all Persons, including, without limitation, Validus Power Services Inc., other entities within the Validus group of companies and entities and any other affiliates of the Debtors (collectively, the "Validus Group"), and each of them, shall be required to cooperate, and share information, with the Receiver in connection with all books and records, contracts, agreements, permits, licenses and insurance policies and other documents in respect of the Debtors, or any of them, and/or the Property. In addition to the foregoing general cooperation and information sharing requirements, the Validus Group, or any of them, shall be required to do the following things: (a) in respect of any and all such contracts, agreements, permits, licenses and insurance policies and other documents: (1) maintain them in good standing and provide immediate notice and copies to the Receiver of any communications received from regulators or providers in respect thereof; (2) provide immediate notice to the Receiver of any material change and/or pending material change to the status quo in respect thereof; and (3) provide thirty (30) days' notice of any renewal date, termination date, election date or similar date in respect thereof; and (b) assist, and cooperate with, the Receiver in obtaining any further permits and licenses that may be required.

8. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Receiver shall provide each of the relevant landlords with notice of the Receiver's intention to remove any fixtures from any leased premises at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the intended removal. The relevant landlord shall be entitled to have a representative present in the leased premises to observe such removal and, if the landlord disputes the Receiver's entitlement to remove any such fixture under the provisions of the lease, such fixture shall remain on the premises and shall be dealt with as agreed between any applicable secured creditors, such landlord and the Receiver, or by further Order of this Court upon application by the Receiver on at least two (2) days notice to such landlord and any such secured creditors.

#### NO PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE RECEIVER

9. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that no proceeding or enforcement process in any court or tribunal (each, a "**Proceeding**"), shall be commenced or continued against the Receiver except with the written consent of the Receiver or with leave of this Court.

#### NO PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE DEBTORS OR THE PROPERTY

10. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that no Proceeding against or in respect of the Debtors, or any of them, or the Property shall be commenced or continued except with the written consent of the Receiver or with leave of this Court and any and all Proceedings currently under way against or in respect of the Debtors, or any of them, or the Property are hereby stayed and suspended pending further Order of this Court.

#### NO EXERCISE OF RIGHTS OR REMEDIES

11. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that all rights and remedies against the Debtors, or any of them, the Receiver, or affecting the Property, including, without limitation, licences and permits, are hereby stayed and suspended except with the written consent of the Receiver or leave of this Court, provided however that this stay and suspension does not apply in respect of any "eligible financial contract" as defined in the BIA, and further provided that nothing in this paragraph shall: (i) empower the Receiver or the Debtors, or any of them, to carry on any business which the Debtors, or any of them, is not lawfully entitled to carry on; (ii) exempt the Receiver or the

Debtors, or any of them, from compliance with statutory or regulatory provisions relating to health, safety or the environment; (iii) prevent the filing of any registration to preserve or perfect a security interest; or (iv) prevent the registration of a claim for lien.

#### NO INTERFERENCE WITH THE RECEIVER

12. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that no Person shall discontinue, fail to honour, alter, interfere with, repudiate, terminate or cease to perform any right, renewal right, contract, agreement, licence or permit in favour of or held by the Debtors, or any of them, without written consent of the Receiver or leave of this Court.

#### ACCELERATED LEASE PAYMENTS

13. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that notwithstanding anything in this Order to the contrary, nothing in this Order shall prohibit, restrict, pause or interfere with the running of the notice period in respect of the Accelerated Payments (as defined in the Stevens Affidavit), and the Debtors' respective obligations therefor, pursuant to the July Demand Letters (as defined in the Stevens Affidavit) delivered by the Applicant to the Debtors.

#### **CONTINUATION OF SERVICES**

14. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that all Persons, including, without limitation, the Validus Group, having oral or written agreements with the Debtors, or any of them, or statutory or regulatory mandates for the supply of goods and/or services, including without limitation, all computer software, communication and other data services, construction management services, project management services, permit and planning management services, accounting services, centralized banking services, payroll services, insurance, employee benefits, transportation services, utility or other services to the Debtors, or any of them, are hereby restrained until further Order of this Court from discontinuing, altering, interfering with or terminating the supply of such goods or services as may be required by the Receiver (including, where a notice of termination may have been given with an effective date after the date of this Order), and that the Receiver shall be entitled to the continued use of the Debtors' current telephone numbers, facsimile numbers, internet addresses and domain names, provided in each case that the normal

prices or charges for all such goods or services received after the date of this Order are paid by the Receiver in accordance with normal payment practices of the Debtors or such other practices as may be agreed upon by the supplier or service provider and the Receiver, or as may be ordered by this Court.

#### **RECEIVER TO HOLD FUNDS**

15. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that all funds, monies, cheques, instruments, and other forms of payments received or collected by the Receiver from and after the making of this Order from any source whatsoever, including without limitation the sale of all or any of the Property and the collection of any accounts receivable in whole or in part, whether in existence on the date of this Order or hereafter coming into existence, shall be deposited into one or more new accounts to be opened by the Receiver (the "**Post Receivership Accounts**") and the monies standing to the credit of such Post Receivership Accounts from time to time, net of any disbursements provided for herein, shall be held by the Receiver to be paid in accordance with the terms of this Order or any further Order of this Court.

#### **EMPLOYEES**

16. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that all employees of the Debtors, or any of them, shall remain the employees of the applicable Debtor until such time as the Receiver, on behalf of the applicable Debtor, may terminate the employment of such employees. The Receiver shall not be liable for any employee-related liabilities, including any successor employer liabilities as provided for in section 14.06(1.2) of the BIA, other than such amounts as the Receiver may specifically agree in writing to pay, or in respect of its obligations under sections 81.4(5) or 81.6(3) of the BIA or under the *Wage Earner Protection Program Act*.

#### **PIPEDA**

17. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, pursuant to clause 7(3)(c) of the Canada *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act*, the Receiver shall disclose personal information of identifiable individuals to prospective purchasers or bidders for the Property and to their advisors, but only to the extent desirable or required to negotiate and attempt to complete

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one or more sales of the Property (each, a "**Sale**"). Each prospective purchaser or bidder to whom such personal information is disclosed shall maintain and protect the privacy of such information and limit the use of such information to its evaluation of the Sale, and if it does not complete a Sale, shall return all such information to the Receiver, or in the alternative destroy all such information. The purchaser of any Property shall be entitled to continue to use the personal information provided to it, and related to the Property purchased, in a manner which is in all material respects identical to the prior use of such information by the Debtors, and shall return all other personal information to the Receiver, or ensure that all other personal information is destroyed.

#### LIMITATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITIES

THIS COURT ORDERS that nothing herein contained shall require the Receiver to 18. occupy or to take control, care, charge, possession or management (separately and/or collectively, "**Possession**") of any of the Property that might be environmentally contaminated, might be a pollutant or a contaminant, or might cause or contribute to a spill, discharge, release or deposit of a substance contrary to any federal, provincial or other law respecting the protection, conservation, enhancement, remediation or rehabilitation of the environment or relating to the disposal of waste or other contamination including, without limitation, the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, the Ontario Environmental Protection Act, the Ontario Water Resources Act, or the Ontario Occupational Health and Safety Act and regulations thereunder (the "Environmental Legislation"), provided however that nothing herein shall exempt the Receiver from any duty to report or make disclosure imposed by applicable Environmental Legislation. The Receiver shall not, as a result of this Order or anything done in pursuance of the Receiver's duties and powers under this Order, be deemed to be in Possession of any of the Property within the meaning of any Environmental Legislation, unless it is actually in possession.

#### LIMITATION ON THE RECEIVER'S LIABILITY

19. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Receiver shall incur no liability or obligation as a result of its appointment or the carrying out the provisions of this Order, save and except for any

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gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, or in respect of its obligations under sections 81.4(5) or 81.6(3) of the BIA or under the *Wage Earner Protection Program Act*. Nothing in this Order shall derogate from the protections afforded the Receiver by section 14.06 of the BIA or by any other applicable legislation.

#### **RECEIVER'S ACCOUNTS**

20. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Receiver and counsel to the Receiver shall be paid their reasonable fees and disbursements, in each case at their standard rates and charges unless otherwise ordered by the Court on the passing of accounts, and that the Receiver and counsel to the Receiver shall be entitled to and are hereby granted a charge (the "**Receiver's Charge**") on the Property, as security for such fees and disbursements, both before and after the making of this Order in respect of these proceedings, and that the Receiver's Charge shall form a first charge on the Property in priority to all security interests, trusts, liens, charges and encumbrances, statutory or otherwise, in favour of any Person, but subject to sections 14.06(7), 81.4(4), and 81.6(2) of the BIA.

21. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Receiver and its legal counsel shall pass their accounts from time to time, and for this purpose the accounts of the Receiver and its legal counsel are hereby referred to a judge of the Commercial List of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.

22. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that prior to the passing of its accounts, the Receiver shall be at liberty from time to time to apply reasonable amounts, out of the monies in its hands, against its fees and disbursements, including legal fees and disbursements, incurred at the standard rates and charges of the Receiver or its counsel, and such amounts shall constitute advances against its remuneration and disbursements when and as approved by this Court.

#### FUNDING OF THE RECEIVERSHIP

23. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Receiver be at liberty and it is hereby empowered to borrow from the Applicant by way of a credit facility, such monies from time to time as it may

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consider necessary or desirable, provided that the outstanding principal amount does not exceed \$1,000,000 (or such greater amount that is acceptable to the Applicant and as this Court may by further Order authorize) at any time, at such rate or rates of interest as it deems advisable for such period or periods of time as it may arrange, for the purpose of funding the exercise of the powers and duties conferred upon the Receiver by this Order, including interim expenditures. The whole of the Property shall be and is hereby charged by way of a fixed and specific charge (the "**Receiver's Borrowings Charge**") as security for the payment of the monies borrowed, together with interest, fees and charges thereon, in priority to all security interests, trusts (including, without limitation, deemed trusts), liens, charges and encumbrances, statutory or otherwise, in favour of any Person, but subordinate in priority to the Receiver's Charge and the charges as set out in sections 14.06(7), 81.4(4), and 81.6(2) of the BIA.

24. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that neither the Receiver's Borrowings Charge nor any other security granted by the Receiver in connection with its borrowings under this Order shall be enforced without leave of this Court.

25. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Receiver is at liberty and authorized to issue certificates substantially in the form annexed as Schedule "B" hereto (the "**Receiver's Certificates**"), as modified to reflect the terms of the credit facility between the Receiver and Applicant referred to in paragraph 23, for any amount borrowed by it pursuant to this Order.

26. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the monies from time to time borrowed by the Receiver pursuant to this Order or any further order of this Court and any and all Receiver's Certificates evidencing the same or any part thereof shall rank on a *pari passu* basis, unless otherwise agreed to by the holders of any prior issued Receiver's Certificates.

#### **SERVICE AND NOTICE**

27. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that The Guide Concerning Commercial List E-Service (the "**Protocol**") is approved and adopted by reference herein and, in this proceeding, the service of documents made in accordance with the Protocol (which can be found on the Commercial List website at https://www.ontariocourts.ca/scj/practice/practice-directions/toronto/eservice-

commercial/) shall be valid and effective service. Subject to Rule 17.05 this Order shall constitute an order for substituted service pursuant to Rule 16.04 of the Rules of Civil Procedure. Subject to Rule 3.01(d) of the Rules of Civil Procedure and paragraph 21 of the Protocol, service of documents in accordance with the Protocol will be effective on transmission. This Court further orders that a Case Website shall be established in accordance with the Protocol with the following URL: https://www.ksvadvisory.com/experience/case/validus-power-corp.

28. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that if the service or distribution of documents in accordance with the Protocol is not practicable, the Receiver is at liberty to serve or distribute this Order, any other materials and orders in these proceedings, any notices or other correspondence, by forwarding true copies thereof by prepaid ordinary mail, courier, personal delivery or facsimile transmission to any creditors of the Debtors, or any of them, or other interested parties at their respective addresses as last shown on the records of the Debtors, or any of them, and that any such service or distribution by courier, personal delivery or facsimile transmission shall be deemed to be received on the next business day following the date of forwarding thereof, or if sent by ordinary mail, on the third business day after mailing.

29. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Applicant, the Receiver and their respective counsel are at liberty to serve or distribute this Order, any other materials and orders as may be reasonably required in these proceedings, including any notices, or other correspondence, by forwarding true copies thereof by electronic message to the Debtors' creditors or other interested parties and their advisors. For greater certainty, any such distribution or service shall be deemed to be in satisfaction of a legal or juridical obligation, and notice requirements within the meaning of clause 3(c) of the *Electronic Commerce Protection Regulations*, Reg. 8100-2-175 (SOR/DORS).

#### **CRITICAL PAYMENTS**

30. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Receiver may make payments owing by the Debtors, or any of them, to suppliers, contractors, subcontractors and other creditors in respect of amounts owing prior to the date of this Order where such payments are deemed by the Receiver critical to

the operation of the Debtors and/or for any matter concerning safe care and operation of the Debtors; provided that any such payment that exceeds \$25,000, or where the aggregate of all such payments exceeds \$200,000 shall require the prior written consent of the Applicant.

#### GENERAL

31. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Receiver may from time to time apply to this Court for advice and directions in the discharge of its powers and duties hereunder.

32. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that nothing in this Order shall prevent the Receiver from acting as a trustee in bankruptcy or monitor of the Debtors, or any of them.

33. **THIS COURT HEREBY REQUESTS** the aid and recognition of any court, tribunal, regulatory or administrative body having jurisdiction in Canada or in the United States to give effect to this Order and to assist the Receiver and its agents in carrying out the terms of this Order. All courts, tribunals, regulatory and administrative bodies are hereby respectfully requested to make such orders and to provide such assistance to the Receiver, as an officer of this Court, as may be necessary or desirable to give effect to this Order or to assist the Receiver and its agents in carrying out the terms of this Order.

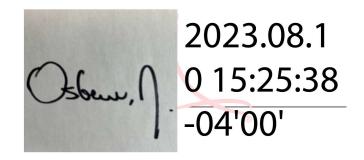
34. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Receiver be at liberty and is hereby authorized and empowered to apply to any court, tribunal, regulatory or administrative body, wherever located, for the recognition of this Order and for assistance in carrying out the terms of this Order, and that the Receiver is authorized and empowered to act as a representative in respect of the within proceedings for the purpose of having these proceedings recognized in a jurisdiction outside Canada.

35. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Applicant shall have its costs of this motion, up to and including entry and service of this Order, provided for by the terms of the Applicant's security or, if not so provided by the Applicant's security, then on a substantial indemnity basis to be paid by the Receiver from the estates of the Debtors, or any of them, with such priority and at such time as this Court may determine.

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36. THIS COURT ORDERS that any interested party may apply to this Court to vary or amend this Order on not less than seven (7) days' notice to the Receiver and to any other party likely to be affected by the order sought or upon such other notice, if any, as this Court may order.

37. THIS COURT ORDERS that this Order and all of its provisions are effective as of 12:01 a.m. Prevailing Eastern Time on the date hereof without any need for entry and/or filing.



#### SCHEDULE "A"

#### **DESCRIPTION OF REAL PROPERTY**

#### **Iroquois Falls Power Corp.**

Firstly:

#### PIN 65337-0369 (LT)

PCL 9012 SEC NEC SRO; PT LT 11 CON 5 TEEFY PT 1, 6R6645 T/W PT 1 TO 4, 6R6644 & 1 TO 6, 6R6626 AS IN C447208 AMENDED BY C470222 T/W PT 2 TO 7 & 13 TO 16, 6R6645 AS IN C447209 AMENDED BY C470223 T/W PT 2, 6 TO 12, 6R6645 AS IN C447211 AMENDED BY C470225 T/W PT 17 TO 19, 6R6645 AS IN C447212 AMENDED BY C470226 T/W PT 1, 6R6898 AS IN C469024 AMENDED BY C470227 T/W PT 4 & 5, 6R6896 AS IN C469025 AMENDED BY C470228 T/W C469026 AMENDED BY C470229 T/W PT 1 & 2, 6R6853 AS IN C474890 AMENDED BY C521180 ; TOWN OF IROQUOIS FALLS

#### Secondly:

#### PIN 65337-0456 (LT)

SURFACE RIGHTS ONLY; PT S 1/2 LT 12 CON 3 TEEFY PT 1, 6R5962 EXCEPT PT 1, 6R8283 S/T PT 2, 6R6832 AS IN C469070 AMENDED BY C470222, C470223, C470224, C470225, C470226, C470227, C470228, C470229 & C470230; DISTRICT OF COCHRANE

#### Thirdly:

#### PIN 65337-0458 (LT)

SURFACE RIGHTS ONLY; S 1/2 LT 12 CON 3 TEEFY EXCEPT PT 1, 6R5962, PTS 2 & 3, 6R8283 & PT 1, 6R8318, S/T PT 1, 3 & 4, 6R6832 AS IN C469070 AMENDED BY C470222, C470223, C470224, C470225, C470226, C470227, C470228, C470229 & C470230 ; DISTRICT OF COCHRANE

#### Fourthly:

#### PIN 65337-0372 (LT)

PCL 9070 SEC NEC; LOCATION RY 357 TEEFY COMPOSED OF THOSE PARTS OF THE BED OF THE ABITIBI RIVER LYING IN FRONT OF LT 11, CON 5, PT 2, 6R6853; DISTRICT OF COCHRANE

#### Fifthly:

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#### PIN 65337-0373 (LT)

PCL 9070 SEC NEC; LOCATION RY 357 TEEFY COMPOSED OF THOSE PARTS OF THE BED OF THE ABITIBI RIVER LYING IN FRONT OF LT 11, CON 3, PT 1, 6R6853; DISTRICT OF COCHRANE

#### Kap Power Corp.

Firstly:

#### PIN 65095-0051 (LT)

PCL 12700 SEC CC; PT LT 24 CON 11 O'BRIEN PT 2, 6R6749 T/W PT 3, CR548 AS IN C478024; TOWN OF KAPUSKASING

#### Secondly:

#### PIN 65095-0052 (LT)

PCL 12927 SEC CC; PT LT 23 CON 10 O'BRIEN PT 1, 6R5800 T/W PARTS 1 & 2, 6R6731 AS IN C452347 T/W PT 3, 6R6731 AS IN C451853 T/W PARTS 4 & 5, 6R6731 AS IN C451851 T/W PARTS 3 TO 7, 6R6749 AS IN C453701 T/W PT 3, CR548 AS IN C478024; TOWN OF KAPUSKASING

#### **Bay Power Corp.**

#### PIN 49127-0021 (LT)

PCL 18734 SEC WF; PT LT 21 CON 2 WIDDIFIELD PT 7 & 8, 36R9382 T/W PT 1, 36R9384 AS IN LT332823, PT 1, 36R9381 AS IN LT332824, PT 2, 36R9381 AS IN LT332826, PT 2, 36R9384 AS IN LT332902, PT 3 & 9, 36R9381 AS IN LT332885, PT 7 & 8, 36R9381 AS IN LT333337, PT 4-6, 36R9381 AS IN LT339664, PT 2, 36R9382 & PT 1, 2, 3 & 5, 36R10374 AS IN LT366707, PT 1-3, 36R10375 AS IN LT366710; T/W LT366708 & LT366709; NORTH BAY ; DISTRICT OF NIPISSING

#### Kingston Cogen GP Inc.

**Firstly:** 

#### PIN 45132-0375 (LT)

PT LT 23 CON 1 ERNESTOWN PT 1 29R6737,; TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT AS IN LA69824; TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT AS IN LA208637; TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT AS IN LA208644; TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT AS IN LA210426; TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT AS IN LA210734; TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT AS IN LA210736; TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT AS IN LA210738; TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT OVER PTS 1 - 49 29R9849 UNTIL 2025/12/31 AS IN LX37160;

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TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT OVER PTS 1,3,4 29R6966 UNTIL 2025/12/31 AS IN LX37161; TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT OVER PTS 1 - 50 29R9850 UNTIL 2025/12/31 AS IN LX37162; TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT OVER PTS 1 - 11 29R9845 UNTIL 2030/12/31 AS IN LX37163; TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT OVER PTS 1 - 71 29R9851 UNTIL 2025/12/31 AS IN LX37164; TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT OVER PTS 1 - 14 29R9846 UNTIL 2025/12/31 AS IN LX37164; TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT OVER PTS 1 - 14 29R9846 UNTIL 2025/12/31 AS IN LX37165; TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT OVER PTS 1 - 16 29R9847 AS IN LX37166; TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT OVER PTS 1 - 7 29R6860, PTS 1 & 2 29R7373, PTS 1 - 13 29R7650 AS IN LX37167; LOYALIST TOWNSHIP

## Secondly:

## PIN 45132-0377 (LT)

PT LT 24 CON BROKEN FRONT ERNESTOWN, PTS 1 TO 12 29R9843; T/W LA69824;; TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT OVER PTS 1 - 49 29R9849 UNTIL 2025/12/31 AS IN LX37160; TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT OVER PTS 1,3,4 29R6966 UNTIL 2025/12/31 AS IN LX37161; TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT OVER PTS 1 - 50 29R9850 UNTIL 2025/12/31 AS IN LX37162; TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT OVER PTS 1 - 11 29R9845 UNTIL 2030/12/31 AS IN LX37163; TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT OVER PTS 1 - 12 29R9844 29R9844 AS IN LX37168; TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT OVER PTS 1 - 12 29R9843 AS IN LX37169; SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT OVER PTS 1 - 12 29R9843 IN FAVOUR OF LA285539 (PARCELS 1,2,3); EXCEPT PTS 1 - 12 29R9843 & LA285539 (PARCEL 4) AS IN LX37170; LOYALIST TOWNSHIP

## Thirdly:

## PIN 45132-0362 (LT) – (Registered Owner: Invista (Canada) Company)

LOC. CL14116, BEING PT OF THE BED OF LAKE ONTARIO IN FRONT OF LT 24, BROKEN FRONT CON. ERNESTOWN, PT 1 29R9227; LOYALIST

Pursuant to Instrument No. LX37609 registered on October 26, 2011, being an Application General (Sublease).

## **SCHEDULE "B"**

#### **RECEIVER CERTIFICATE**

# CERTIFICATE NO.

AMOUNT \$

1. THIS IS TO CERTIFY that KSV Restructuring Inc., the receiver (the "**Receiver**") of the assets, undertakings and properties of Validus Power Corp., Iroquois Falls Power Corp., Bay Power Corp., Kap Power Corp., Validus Hosting Inc., Kingston Cogen Limited Partnership and Kingston Cogen GP Inc. acquired for, or used in relation to a business carried on by the Debtor, including all proceeds thereof (collectively, the "**Property**") appointed by Order of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) (the "**Court**") dated the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023 (the "**Order**") made in an action having Court file number \_\_\_\_\_\_, has received as such Receiver from the holder of this certificate (the "**Lender**") the principal sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_, being part of the total principal sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_, which the Receiver is authorized to borrow under and pursuant to the Order.

2. The principal sum evidenced by this certificate is payable on demand by the Lender with interest thereon calculated and compounded [daily][monthly not in advance on the \_\_\_\_ day of each month] after the date hereof at a notional rate per annum equal to the rate of \_\_\_\_\_ per cent above the prime commercial lending rate of Bank of \_\_\_\_\_ from time to time.

3. Such principal sum with interest thereon is, by the terms of the Order, together with the principal sums and interest thereon of all other certificates issued by the Receiver pursuant to the Order or to any further order of the Court, a charge upon the whole of the Property, in priority to the security interests of any other person, but subject to the priority of the charges set out in the Order and in the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*, and the right of the Receiver to indemnify itself out of such Property in respect of its remuneration and expenses.

4. All sums payable in respect of principal and interest under this certificate are payable at the main office of the Lender at Toronto, Ontario.

5. Until all liability in respect of this certificate has been terminated, no certificates creating charges ranking or purporting to rank in priority to this certificate shall be issued by the Receiver to any person other than the holder of this certificate without the prior written consent of the holder of this certificate.

6. The charge securing this certificate shall operate so as to permit the Receiver to deal with the Property as authorized by the Order and as authorized by any further or other order of the Court.

7. The Receiver does not undertake, and it is not under any personal liability, to pay any sum in respect of which it may issue certificates under the terms of the Order.

DATED the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

**KSV RESTRUCTURING INC.**, solely in its capacity as Receiver of the Property, and not in its personal capacity

Per:

Name: Title:

INSOLVENCY ACT, R.S.C. 1985, C. B-3, AS AMENDED; AND SECTION 101 OF THE COURTS OF JUSTICE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, C. C.43, AS AMENDED	MACQUARIE EQUIPMENT FINANCE LIMITED v VALIDUS POWER CORP. et al. Court File No. CV-23-00703754-00CL IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION UNDER SECTION 243(1) OF THE <i>BANKRUPTCY AND</i> <i>INSOLVENCY ACT</i> , R.S.C. 1985, C. B-3, AS AMENDED; AND SECTION 101 OF THE <i>COURTS OF</i> <i>JUSTICE ACT</i> , R.S.O. 1990, C. C.43, AS AMENDED <i>JUSTICE ACT</i> , R.S.O. 1990, C. C.43, AS AMENDED <i>JUSTICE ACT</i> , R.S.O. 1990, C. C.43, AS AMENDED
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Appendix "C"



SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE COMMERCIAL LIST

# **COUNSEL SLIP / ENDORSEMENT**

COURT FILE NO.: CV-23-00703754-00CL

DATE: August 18<sup>th</sup> 2023

REGISTRAR: Tiana Khan

NO. ON LIST: 4

TITLE OF PROCEEDING: **MACQUARIE EQUIPMENT FINANCE LIMITED v VALIDUS** POWER CORP. et al

**BEFORE JUSTICE:** Justice Osborne

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# **ENDORSEMENT OF JUSTICE OSBORNE:**

- 1. The Applicant, Macquarie Equipment Finance Limited, seeks the appointment of a receiver over the properties and assets of the Respondents/Debtors pursuant to both section 243 of the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* (BIA) and section 101 of the *Courts of Justice Act* (CJA). The Respondents oppose the appointment of a full Receiver today, but consent to the continuation of the previously ordered interim receivership.
- 2. This Application originally came on before Kimmel, J. on August 2, 2023 at which time an interim receivership order (limited in scope) was made, and the matter was adjourned until the hearing of this Application on August 10, 2023, to give the Respondents a full opportunity to file materials and respond.
- 3. Defined terms in this Endorsement have the meaning given to them in the motion materials, the August 2 Endorsement, and/or the First Report of the Interim Receiver dated August 9, 2023, unless otherwise stated.
- 4. At the conclusion of the two hour hearing, I granted the relief sought by the Applicant in the form of a full receivership, following which I signed and released an order that had been approved by the parties as to form and content. It was important to the parties that the Application be disposed of promptly, since the interim receivership expired on the day of the hearing. I indicated that reasons would follow. These are those reasons.
- 6. The test for the appointment of a receiver pursuant to section 243 of the *BIA* or section 101 of the *CJA* is not in dispute. Is it just or convenient to do so?
- 7. In making a determination about whether it is, in the circumstances of a particular case, just or convenient to appoint a receiver, the Court must have regard to all of the circumstances, but in particular the nature of the property and the rights and interests of all parties in relation thereto. These include the rights of the secured creditor pursuant to its security: *Bank of Nova Scotia v. Freure Village on the Clair Creek*, 1996 O.J. No. 5088, 1996 CanLII 8258.
- 8. Where the rights of the secured creditor include, pursuant to the terms of its security, the right to seek the appointment of a receiver, the burden on the applicant is lessened: while the appointment of a receiver is generally an extraordinary equitable remedy, the courts do not so regard the nature of the remedy where the relevant security permits the appointment and as a result, the applicant is merely seeking to enforce a term of an agreement already made by both parties: *Elleway Acquisitions Ltd. v. Cruise Professionals Ltd.*, 2013 ONSC 6866 at para. 27. However, the presence or lack of such a contractual entitlement is not determinative of the issue.
- 9. The appointment of a receiver becomes even less extraordinary when dealing with a default under a mortgage: *BCIMI Construction Fund Corporation et al v. The Clover on Yonge Inc.*, 2020 ONSC 1953 at paras. 43-44.

- 10. As I observed in *Canadian Equipment Finance and Leasing Inc. v. The Hypoint Company Limited*, 2022 ONSC 6186, the Supreme Court of British Columbia, citing *Bennett on Receivership*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (Toronto, Carswell, 1999) listed numerous factors which have been historically taken into account in the determination of whether it is appropriate to appoint a receiver and with which I agree: *Maple Trade Finance Inc. v. CY Oriental Holdings Ltd.*, 2009 BCSC 1527 at para. 25):
  - a. whether irreparable harm might be caused if no order is made, although as stated above, it is not essential for a creditor to establish irreparable harm if a receiver is not appointed where the appointment is authorized by the security documentation;
  - b. the risk to the security holder taking into consideration the size of the debtor's equity in the assets and the need for protection or safeguarding of assets while litigation takes place;
  - c. the nature of the property;
  - d. the apprehended or actual waste of the debtor's assets;
  - e. the preservation and protection of the property pending judicial resolution;
  - f. the balance of convenience to the parties;
  - g. the fact that the creditor has a right to appointment under the loan documentation;
  - h. the enforcement of rights under a security instrument where the security-holder encounters or expects to encounter difficulties with the debtor;
  - i. the principle that the appointment of a receiver should be granted cautiously;
  - j. the consideration of whether a court appointment is necessary to enable the receiver to carry out its duties efficiently;
  - k. the effect of the order upon the parties;
  - 1. the conduct of the parties;
  - m. the length of time that a receiver may be in place;
  - n. the cost to the parties;
  - o. the likelihood of maximizing return to the parties; and
  - p. the goal of facilitating the duties of the receiver.
- 11. How are these factors to be applied? The British Columbia Supreme Court put it, I think, correctly: "these factors are not a checklist but a collection of considerations to be viewed holistically in an assessment as to whether, in all the circumstances, the appointment of a receiver is just or convenient: *Pandion Mine Finance Fund LP v. Otso Gold Corp.*, 2022 BCSC 136 at para. 54).
- 12. It is not essential that the moving party establish, prior to the appointment of a receiver, that it will suffer irreparable harm or that the situation is urgent. However, where the evidence respecting the conduct of the debtor suggests that a creditor's attempts to privately enforce its security will be delayed or otherwise fail, a court-appointed receiver may be warranted: *Bank of Montreal v. Carnival National Leasing Ltd.*, 2011 ONSC 1007 at paras. 24, 28-29.
- 13. Accordingly, is it just or convenient to appoint a receiver in the particular circumstances of this case?

- 14. As stated, in my view it is not only just *or* convenient, but indeed it is just *and* convenient to appoint a receiver here.
- 15. Much of the context of, and background to, this Application are set out in the Endorsement of Justice Kimmel dated August 2 and need not be repeated here. Moreover, much of the underlying chronology of events is not in dispute. Most of the key events in the chronology are set out in the Chronological Summary found at Tab 1 of the Applicant's Compendium.
- 16. In the main, The Validus Group is a power generation company that generates and then sells power to the Independent Energy System Operator (IESO) as a participant in IESO's capacity auction market. The principal operations of The Validus Group consist of four power plants Located in Ontario: North Bay, Kapuskasing and Kingston. There is a data centre in North Bay.
- 17. Validus Power Corp. is a holding company, the primary or sole assets of which consist of the shares or units held in each of the other Debtors, each of which are direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries. Four of those Debtors, in turn, own the operating assets corresponding to the four power plants.<sup>1</sup>
- 18. Pursuant to what, for today's purposes, can generally be described as the loan agreements between the Applicants on the one hand and the Debtors/Respondents on the other hand, the Debtors are indebted to the Applicant in a significant amount.
- 19. The parties entered into a sale and leaseback transaction originally in respect of the Iroquois Falls power plant, pursuant to which the Applicants purchased substantially all of the turbines, plant and equipment used in that plant operation from Iroquois Falls Power Corp. (IFPC). The Applicant paid a purchase price of \$45 million plus HST.
- 20. The Applicants then leased the purchased assets back to IFPC under a lease agreement which required IFPC to make regular monthly rent payments and pay all other amounts when due. The Applicant was (and is) entitled to accelerate all payments due as liquidated damages and demand payment of same if there is a default by IFPC or any of the other Debtors. Each of the other Debtors guaranteed both the obligations of IFPC and the guarantee obligations of the other guarantors.<sup>2</sup>
- 21. All of the Debtors provided the Applicant with first ranking security over substantially all of their property and assets, subject to certain limited exceptions set out in the materials and about which there is no issue today.
- 22. While there was, as at the hearing of the Application, some dispute as to the precise amount and whether or not there had been double counting as to certain input factors, the Applicants submit that the total outstanding amount was, as of July 31, 2023, \$55,598,575. The Respondents expressly conceded in argument that the amount was at least in excess of \$40 million.
- 23. Pursuant to the loan agreements, the Applicant has a contractual right to appoint a receiver if an event of default has occurred. The Applicant has first-in-time registrations against each of the debtors under the *PPSA* and against all of the real property of the Debtors registered on title, as well as physical possession of the shares and units that Validus Parent pledged pursuant to the loan agreements.
- 24. Events of default have clearly occurred. In addition to the fundamental monetary defaults in the form of the failure to repay amounts when due, there are additional covenant and operating defaults, including the failure to pay rent, the failure to remit HST and other taxes, the breach of an agreement with a key customer, and the failure to properly maintain books and records, and to maintain insurance.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The one exception to that is the turbines, plant and equipment for the Iroquois Falls plant, which is all owned by the Applicant.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The guarantees are unlimited with the exception of Validus Holdings which provided a limited recourse guarantee.

- 25. I observe, as did Justice Kimmel, that during 2023, the Applicant has made various payments on behalf of the Debtors in respect of critical items, in order to protect further erosion from its collateral and, as Justice Kimmel noted, to minimize the risk of potential destabilization of the Debtors and their operations.
- 26. The parties entered into a forbearance agreement in February, 2023. The Debtors have breached the terms of that forbearance agreement. The Applicant issued demands and section 244 *BIA* Notices on June 9, 2023 and again on July 24, 2023. The proposed Receiver has made arrangements with a licensed operator who can assume control of the Property of the Debtors in the event the Application is granted.
- 27. The Application was adjourned on August 2 at the request of the Debtors to permit them an opportunity to file responding materials and attempt to find an alternative source of debt or equity financing to permit the repayment of the Applicant. Justice Kimmel observed that this was something on which the Debtors had been working since the beginning of 2023, although they submitted to the Court on August 2 that there may be a recent development offering greater hope for success.
- 28. The Applicant submits that it has lost confidence in management of the Respondents, that (as further described below) a recent sales process completely failed, that there is no apparent liquidity in the Property of the Debtors, the books and records are in disarray with the result that an accurate valuation is difficult if not impossible, and that it is contractually entitled to the appointment of a Receiver which is now appropriate.
- 29. The principals of the Debtors are alleged to have misappropriated and failed to return funds from a bank account to which they were erroneously granted access (CIBC) and are alleged to have failed to provide benefits and RRSP contributions to their unionized employees pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement.
- 30. The Applicant submits that its significant efforts to accommodate the Debtors have included the provision of a four month rent holiday in February of this year, and the facilitating, at their expense, of an unsuccessful out of court sales and marketing process in respect of one of the Debtors, in addition to the payments on behalf of the debtors referred to above, in the aggregate amount of at least \$1,421,370.38. Unfortunately, none of these efforts has led to a viable path forward.
- 31. The sale and marketing process took place. in March and April of this year. For parties submitted nonbinding expressions of interest. One bid or made a binding offer on which it defaulted. The process concluded unsuccessfully.
- 32. The Applicant observes that one of its intended objectives in the receivership, if granted, is a sales process which will likely include a stalking horse bid for substantially all of the assets of the Debtors, in turn likely in conjunction with a filing pursuant to the CCAA. The Debtors submit that they will object to this and indeed this entire Application is a ruse to allow the Applicants to acquire their assets at less than full value.
- 33. As stated, I was satisfied at the conclusion of oral argument that a full receivership was appropriate and I so ordered. The parties agreed on the form and content of the order given that disposition, and I was satisfied that the draft order was both consistent with the terms of the Model Order of the Commercial List and appropriate in the circumstances of this case, with the one exception that I declined to grant an order authorizing the Applicant to commence a CCAA process. In my view, that was premature, although I was clear that my decision in declining to grant that relief was without prejudice to the ability of the Applicant to seek that relief in the future.
- 34. I accept the position of the Applicant that it has not acted in a rushed or rash fashion. Indeed, the chronology of the events since the original defaults as summarized above demonstrate that the contrary is true. The Respondents submitted that the Application on August 2 before Justice Kimmel came out of the blue and took them by surprise.

- 35. I appreciate that the preference of the Respondents would have been to avoid such an Application, but in my view they can hardly be surprised given the defaults, the terms of the forbearance agreement, the contractual consent to the appointment of a receiver in the event of default, the failed sales process, the continued HST arrears (and corresponding Canada Revenue Agency lien for approximately \$6 million) the continued arrears of municipal taxes, and most fundamentally, the continued default and demands under the loan agreements notwithstanding the demands made on June 9, 2023 together with corresponding section 244 *BIA* Notices, demanding payment of the Base Rent and HST arrears.
- 36. In any event, the Respondents filed full responding materials and made submissions at the hearing of the Application.
- 37. I am satisfied that, as submitted by the Applicant, there is disarray in management of the Applicant, and there is a real risk both to the existing employees of the Respondents in terms of the payment of salaries and wages and the remittance of statutory source deductions, and also to the stability of the operations of the Debtors in the sense of a real risk that the existing employees may leave. That would without question destabilize if not impair irrevocably the operation of the Debtors.
- 38. In this regard, I observe the position of the Interim Receiver as set out in its First Report to the Court dated August 9, 2023, in which the Interim Receiver observes among other things that the employees have expressed a lack of confidence in management; concern if management remains in control of the business of the Debtors; and frustration with respect to benefit and RRSP amounts withdrawn from their payroll but not remitted as required. All of these factors contributed to the expressed view of the Interim Receiver that mass resignation is a risk.
- 39. Moreover, the First Report reflects that the cash flow prepared for the receivership period reflects that substantially all cash receipts will be required to maintain the operations of the business. The result, as reflected in the cash flow, is that the projected cash receipts are not sufficient to service the lease arrangements of the Debtors by way of payment of the monthly base rent of \$1.4125 million. In addition, there is no funding to service the past-due amounts which total approximately \$9.6 million inclusive of HST, representing six monthly payments, before interest and costs.
- 40. Further as noted above, there has been a default in the payment of insurance premiums, some of which have already been paid by the Applicant to protect its position. Additional funding to maintain coverage will be required. No prudent operator would continue to own let alone operate power plant assets without appropriate insurance coverage in place.
- 41. Within the next 10 days alone, \$306,000 will be required for insurance premiums together with \$108,000 for payroll. There is no funding available for immediate payroll needs.
- 42. In short, there is just no funding available either to finance the immediate operational and/or debt servicing needs and obligations of the Respondents, nor to begin to repay the amounts already overdue. I conclude that the collateral of the Applicant is at risk.
- 43. The Respondents rely upon the Affidavit of Mr. Todd Shortt sworn August 7, 2023 and the Supplementary Affidavit of Mr. Shortt sworn August 10, 2023 together with the exhibits thereto. Mr. Shortt concedes that the Debtors have struggled with their operations and that a dispute with Hut 8 Mining Corp. in respect of a lease in North Bay, Ontario has resulted in the Debtors losing an important source of revenue which in turn had a snowball effect on the rest of the operations (para. 22).
- 44. Mr. Shortt also states that the Debtors have been working to obtain alternative financing to fully repay the Applicant and that indeed financing has been arranged although it needs to be formally documented. He states that he believes that the appointment of a full receiver would destroy the business.

- 45. The financing commitment the Debtors say they have received is attached as Exhibit "A" to Mr. Shortt's Supplementary Affidavit. He states that the conditions are marked as fulfilled. Indeed, the document reflects that certain documentation has been "provided".
- 46. I agree with the concerns expressed by counsel to the Applicant that this commitment letter does not provide the certainty urged upon me that the Applicant will be repaid in full, let alone by a date certain. I say this for a number of reasons.
- 47. First, the commitment is from a broker, not from the lender or syndicate of lenders itself or themselves (which are not identified). The commitment is "based on the information provided to us" which is not defined in the commitment letter nor elsewhere in the record, such as by an affidavit from or own behalf of the proposed lender(s).
- 48. The concern of the Applicant, with which I agree and accept, is exacerbated by the inadequate record keeping of the Debtors (see, for example, the Affidavit of Joshua Stevens sworn July 31, 2023, para 54(a), and the April 16, 2023 Notice of Default and Reservation of Rights from the Applicant to the Debtors setting out Specified Events of Default, including among other things, a breach of the obligation to provide annual financial statements, semi-annual financial statements, bank statements and other reports required (d); and a breach of the obligation to maintain proper books, accounts and records in accordance with Section 4.23 of the Participation Agreement (p)).
- 49. How, the Applicant asks rhetorically, can the Debtors purport to have satisfied the proposed lenders represented by the letter of commitment, in the absence of books and records, and financial statements?
- 50. I accept that concern, which I share. I further observe that even if the proposed lender or lenders were in fact satisfied, there is no evidence in the record to demonstrate this. There is nothing beyond the commitment letter. There is no affidavit, as noted above, from or on behalf of the proposed lenders addressing this issue or even stating more generally that the financing commitment was unconditional and unequivocal and that the lenders were prepared to advance funds immediately or by any date certain.
- 51. Second, the proposed financing commitment is expressly conditional on factors, in addition to those that are indicated on the document as having been provided, in respect of which there is no evidence that they have been satisfied.
- 52. For example, Mr. Shortt is required to be a guarantor. It may be reasonable to assume that he would agree to such an obligation, but there is no evidence of this, and there is certainly no guarantee to which the terms have already been agreed. Presumably, that remains to be done.
- 53. Moreover, the "Lender Fee" is stated as being: "1.50% plus 20% equity in the four power plants". There is no evidence of any agreements in place pursuant to which the transfer of 20% of the equity in the four power plants is to be transferred. Such agreements would require the consent of the Applicant as a first order of business. Even if that were forthcoming, as it may well be, the complexity of the existing loan agreements between the Applicants and the Debtors suggests that there would be significant time required to negotiate and finalize the terms of this 20% equity purchase.
- 54. At a minimum, I am comfortable concluding that the result, for the purposes of the disposition of the Application today, is that there remains significant uncertainty in the conditionality of the financing required. Even if the proposed transactions proceeded expeditiously and smoothly, a certain amount of time would be required to negotiate and conclude the equity purchase agreements, with the additional result that there is no certainty as to the date upon which the funding would be available even if the agreements all closed seamlessly.
- 55. Required "standard loan documentation" has not yet been reflected as having been provided.

- 56. Most fundamentally, however, if the proposed commitment letter represents a financing commitment that can be closed, and funds advanced, in relatively short order, so much the better. Nothing in my conclusion to appoint a full receiver prevents or prohibits the Receiver from continuing discussions with the proposed lender or lenders to pursue this proposed commitment and determine whether it is in the best interests of stakeholders. Indeed, I was clear at the hearing of the motion and am clear now that I would expect the Receiver to do nothing less.
- 57. If that funding commitment closed relatively quickly, it follows that the cost of the Receivership would be minimized. However, in the interim, stability will be maximized and the Receiver could pursue this possible commitment together with, and in addition to, any possible alternative commitments such as might be revealed through a court supervised sales process.
- 58. In any event, the complete absence of any interim funding from any source further reinforces my conclusion that a full Receiver should be appointed now since, in the absence of funding available to continue operations even in the immediate term (and to pay, among other things, payroll to maintain the employees), the circumstances all but guarantee the further destabilization of the business of the Debtors, the further erosion of the security of the Applicant, and the further risk to all stakeholders of an outcome that is less than optimal.
- 59. Considering all of the factors relevant to the appointment of a receiver, and in particular the relative prejudice to the Applicant on the one hand and the Debtors and other stakeholders on the other hand, the balance of convenience clearly favours the appointment of a full Receiver at this time in my view.
- 60. The Receiver can and I expect will sort out issues such as the potential for double counting in respect of certain stipulated loss amounts. I expect that it goes without saying that nothing in my decision to appoint a full Receiver would entitle the Applicant to recover amounts in excess of those which it is owed. But again, the Receiver will sort all of that out. It can also address matters such as the inadvertent payment, and refusal to repay, the amounts in respect of CIBC.
- 61. For all of these reasons, I am satisfied that the Receiver should be appointed on the terms set out in the order agreed as to form and content (without, for the time being, the authority to commence a CCAA proceeding).
- 62. I am grateful to all counsel for their submissions.

Colour, J.

Appendix "D"

Court File No.

# ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE COMMERCIAL LIST

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, AS AMENDED

AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT OF VALIDUS POWER CORP., IROQUOIS FALLS POWER CORP., BAY POWER CORP., KAP POWER CORP., VALIDUS HOSTING INC. AND KINGSTON COGEN GP INC., EACH BY THEIR COURT APPOINTED RECEIVER AND MANAGER, KSV RESTRUCTURING INC.

## CONSENT

**KSV RESTRUCTURING INC.**, hereby consents to act as the court-appointed monitor of Validus Power Corp., Iroquois Falls Power Corp., Bay Power Corp., Kap Power Corp., Validus Hosting Inc. and Kingston Cogen GP Inc. in connection with their proceedings pursuant to the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* and pursuant to the terms of an order substantially in the form filed.

DATED AT TORONTO, ONTARIO this 21st day of August, 2023

**KSV RESTRUCTURING INC.** Per:

Name: David Sieradzki Title: Managing Director IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT, R.S.C. 1985, c. Court File No. ■ C-36, AS AMENDED AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT OF VALIDUS POWER CORP., IROQUOIS FALLS POWER CORP., BAY POWER CORP., KAP POWER CORP., VALIDUS HOSTING INC. AND KINGSTON COGEN GP INC. EACH BY THEIR COURT APPOINTED RECEIVER AND MANAGER, KSV RESTRUCTURING INC.

# ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE COMMERCIAL LIST

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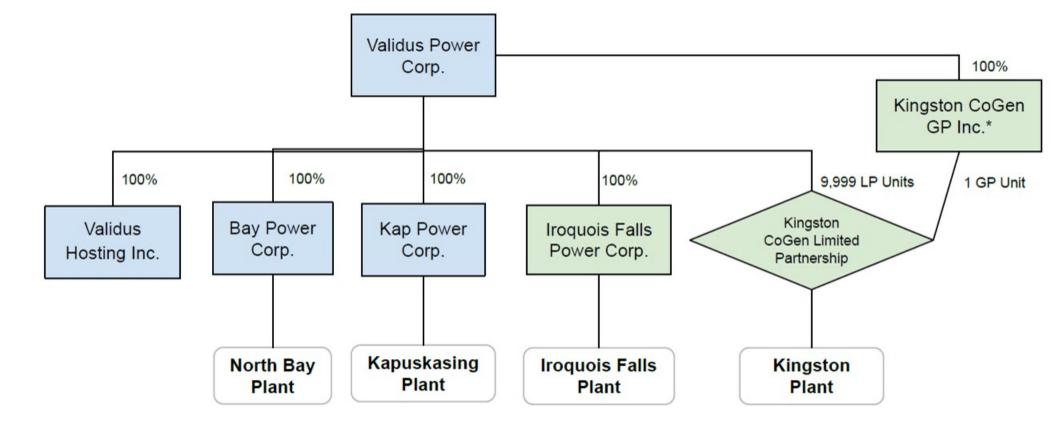
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# Appendix "E"



Appendix "F"

# Validus Power Corp. Balance Sheet As of 31 July 2023

	31 Jul 23
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Bank - TD Term Deposit	1,506,445.00
Libro - Chequing	-486,790.17
Libro - Membership shares Libro - US Acct	50.00 195.00
TD	-86,290.40
TD Bank - Canadian	-2,460,521.06
TD Bank - US	34.48
Total Chequing/Savings	-1,526,877.15
Accounts Receivable	0.404.000.00
Accounts Receivable	6,181,699.09
Total Accounts Receivable	6,181,699.09
Other Current Assets	
Due from Bay Power Corp	127,541.20
Due from Iroquois Falls	-1,225,835.50
Due from Kap Power Corp	116,501.55
Due from Kingston Cogen	-3,025,455.64
Due from Sunnyside Consulting	-274,647.13
Libro - GIC	568,561.00
Total Other Current Assets	-3,713,334.52
Total Current Assets	941,487.42
Fixed Assets	
Computers	5,309.94
Furniture and Equipment	33,223.50
Investments in Power Plants	45,560,643.50
Paving	38,439.52
Signs	5,535.00
Vehicles	173,590.00
Total Fixed Assets	45,816,741.46

# Validus Power Corp. Balance Sheet As of 31 July 2023

	31 Jul 23
Other Assets Prepaid Deposit Term Deposit	713,580.53 68,561.00
Total Other Assets	782,141.53
TOTAL ASSETS	47,540,370.41
LIABILITIES & EQUITY Liabilities Current Liabilities Accounts Payable *Accounts Payable Accounts Payable Accounts Payable - USD	9,936,830.22 2,205.05 3,031,848.45
Total Accounts Payable	12,970,883.72
Credit Cards Amex	1,638.50
Total Credit Cards	1,638.50
Other Current Liabilities Due to/from 2707038 Ontario Inc Due to/from Acuity Enterprises Due to/from DSG Inc. Due to/from Urica Energy Manage Greg Foss Loan Payable GST/HST Payable Loan Payable - MacQuarie Payroll Liabilities RRSP Contributions	-710,564.06 -10.00 2,874,795.30 374,985.00 1,525,000.00 2,770,706.33 36,000,000.00 1,751,468.00 69,590.42
Total Other Current Liabilities	44,655,970.99
Total Current Liabilities	57,628,493.21
Total Liabilities	57,628,493.21

# Validus Power Corp. Balance Sheet As of 31 July 2023

	31 Jul 23
Equity	
Capital Stock	100.00
Retained Earnings	-5,618,480.83
Net Income	-4,469,741.97
Total Equity	-10088122.80
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	47,540,370.41

# Validus Power Corp. Profit & Loss January through July 2023

	Jan - Jul 23
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income Interest income Revenue	10,731.11 193,132.10
Total Income	203,863.21
Cost of Goods Sold Construction Materials Costs Subcontractors Expense	63,614.36 6,300.00
Total COGS	69,914.36
Gross Profit	133,948.85
Expense Auto and Truck Expenses Bank Service Charges Business Licenses and Permits commissions US Consulting	355.00 50,954.57 -1,600.00 31,403.00 1,819,334.55
Electricity Expenses - IESO Gas Expense Insurance Expense Interest Expense Janitorial Services Office Supplies Payroll Expenses	20,056.46 130,650.00 371,424.00 19,242.58 1,837.96 3,050.62 1,481,846.02
Professional Fees Property Taxes Rent Expense Repairs and Maintenance Shop Supplies Software expense Telephone Expense Travel Utilities	243,108.26 14,855.78 210,387.14 47,737.97 43,845.15 55,635.21 26,802.99 6,128.31 85,587.59
Total Expense	4,662,643.16
Net Ordinary Income	-4,528,694.31

# Validus Power Corp. Profit & Loss January through July 2023

	Jan - Jul 23
Other Income/Expense Other Expense	
Foreign Exchange	-58,952.34
Total Other Expense	-58,952.34
Net Other Income	58,952.34
Net Income	-4,469,741.97

# Iroquois Falls Power Corp.

# Balance Sheet

As of July 31, 2023

	TOTAL
Assets	
Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalent	
Bank - CIBC CDN	2,385,775.49
Bank - Credit Card Shelley	-9,126.49
Bank - IF	-649,148.75
Bank - MacQuarie	-143,249.21
Chequing	-1,298.06
CIBC - USD	492.87
Total Cash and Cash Equivalent	\$1,583,445.85
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	0.00
Due to/from MacQuarrie	0.00
Total Accounts Receivable (A/R)	\$0.00
Due to/from KCLP	-31,811.00
Due to/from VPC	32,151,512.13
Inventory Asset	51,863.40
Prepaid expenses	0.00
Total Current Assets	\$33,755,010.38
Non-current Assets	
Property, plant and equipment	
Property, Plant and Equipment	0.00
Total Property, plant and equipment	\$0.00
700 CAPEX	24,080.00
Land	124,278.00
Total Non Current Assets	\$148,358.00
Total Assets	\$33,903,368.38
Liabilities and Equity	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable (A/P)	
Accounts Payable (A/P)	374,936.83
Accounts Payable (A/P) - USD	5,103.35
Total Accounts Payable (A/P)	\$380,040.18
Accrued liabilities	5,672,663.80
Corporate taxes payable	2,000,000.00
Deferred income	0.00
GST/HST Payable	5,292,197.19
GST/HST Suspense	-1,685,395.00
Payroll Liabilities	332,009.40
RRSP Payable	164,210.24
Union Dues Payable	7,566.25
Wage Adj Accrual	22,268.69

# Iroquois Falls Power Corp.

# Balance Sheet

As of July 31, 2023

	TOTAL
Total Liabilities	\$12,185,560.75
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	23,444,242.17
Retained Earnings	-3,141,536.96
Profit for the year	1,415,102.42
Total Equity	\$21,717,807.63
otal Liabilities and Equity	\$33,903,368.38

# Iroquois Falls Power Corp.

# Profit and Loss

April - July, 2023

	TOTAL
INCOME	
Capacity Obligation Availability Charge	-63,720.00
Capacity Obligation-Capacity Charge	-8,496.00
Class B Global Adjustment Settlement Amount	-31,783.89
Net Energy Market Settlement for Generators	-5,942.68
Network Service Charge	-2,760.80
Other Miscellaneous Charges - IESO	107.03
Services	1,985,682.84
Services-Capacity Obligation Availability Payment	290,280.00
Total Income	\$2,163,366.50
COST OF GOODS SOLD	
202 Fuel Transportation - Enbridge	38,709.05
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$38,709.05
GROSS PROFIT	\$2,124,657.45
EXPENSES	
Bank charges	12.20
Disposal Fees	10.00
Dues and Subscriptions	1,767.50
Legal and professional fees	550.00
Meals and entertainment	1,461.83
Other general and administrative expenses	111,365.09
Promotional	40.00
Repair and maintenance	15,329.87
Shipping and delivery expense	926.56
Supplies	3,605.01
Utilities	738.15
Wages and benefits	573,755.40
Total Expenses	\$709,561.61
OTHER EXPENSES	
Exchange Gain or Loss	-6.58
Total Other Expenses	\$ -6.58
PROFIT	\$1,415,102.42

# Kingston Cogen Limited Partnership

# **Balance Sheet**

As of July 31, 2023

ΤΟΤΑ	
	Assets
	and Cash Equivalent
39,618.6	- CIBC KCLP
673,453.8	- Kingston
-128,618.7	- MacQuarie
-23,049.4	Card - Shelley
1,000.0	Cash
\$562,404.3	Cash and Cash Equivalent
	nts Receivable (A/R)
130,886.5	ints Receivable (A/R)
\$130,886.5	Accounts Receivable (A/R)
25,000.0	From IFPC
0.0	d expenses
\$718,290.8	urrent Assets
	rrent Assets
	ty, plant and equipment
490,351.0	
15,661,119.4	nery and equipment
616,151,470.4	Property, plant and equipment
1,574,267.0	/from Validus
617,725,737.4	on Current Assets
618,444,028.2	sets
	and Equity
	29S
	t Liabilities
	Ints Payable (A/P)
205,693.2	unts Payable (A/P)
7,874.6	unts Payable (A/P) - USD
\$213,567.8	Accounts Payable (A/P)
0.0	ed Liabilities
98,804.8	ed Liabilities
80,900.4	s Accrual
398,258.2	HST Payable
115,726.5	Il Liabilities
43,125.4	P Payable
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\$950,383.4	abilities
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534,097.4 17,493,644.8	or the year <b>quity</b>
\$17,493,644.8 \$18,444,028.2	
	bilities and Equity

# Kingston Cogen Limited Partnership

Profit and Loss

April - July, 2023

295.88 15,171.53 \$469,092.48 \$534,097.45
295.88
295.88
14,875.65
52,032.94
3,265.33
11,959.50
890.53
800.00
786.59
104.40
1,038.41
214.25
1,600.00
7,790.45
4,930.27
51.12
42.72
493.12
578.00
4,292.28
114.00
195.00
12,598.64
288.33
329,042.50
37,986.14
3,678.97
3,678.97
31,180.40
\$1,003,189.93
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Appendix "G"

Validus Power Corp., Iroquois Falls Power Corp., Bay Power Corp., Kap Power Corp., Validus Hosting Inc., Kingston Cogen Limited Partnership and Kingston Cogen GP Inc.

#### Projected Statement of Cash Flow

For the Period August 19 to December 1, 2023

(Unaudited; \$C)

								For	the weeks endin	ıg							
	Notes	25-Aug-23	01-Sep-23	08-Sep-23	15-Sep-23	22-Sep-23	29-Sep-23	06-Oct-23	13-Oct-23	20-Oct-23	27-Oct-23	03-Nov-23	10-Nov-23	17-Nov-23	24-Nov-23	01-Dec-23	Total
Week		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
Receipts	1																
IESO capacity payment	2	1,550,655	-	-	-	1,446,651	-	-	-	-	1,550,655	-	-	-	1,446,651	-	5,994,612
Firewater	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,000	-	-	-	-	25,000
Capacity Market Deposit Refund	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	495,209	-	495,209
Total Receipts		1,550,655	-	-	-	1,446,651	-	-	-	-	1,550,655	25,000	-	-	1,941,860	-	6,514,821
Disbursements																	
Payroll, benefits and source deductions	5	80,904	194,535	85,109	170,109	85,109	40,109	85,109	170,109	85,109	35,109	90,109	35,109	220,109	35,109	90,109	1,501,855
Maintenance, insurance and gas	6	74,504	198,563	120,563	66,326	45,563	60,296	351,563	45,563	45,563	45,563	45,563	45,563	45,563	45,563	45,563	1,281,876
Contingency		46,517	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	81,517
Consulting costs		-	-	16,950	-	-	-	16,950	-	-	-	-	16,950	-	-	-	50,850
HST/GST		-	-	-	-	-	138,439	-	-	-	-	127,299	-	-	-	110,655	376,393
Capacity Market Deposit	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,795,775	-	1,795,775
Total Disbursements		201,925	395,598	225,121	238,935	133,171	241,343	456,121	218,171	133,171	83,171	265,470	100,121	268,171	1,878,946	248,826	5,088,265
Net cash flow before the undernoted		1,348,729	(395,598)	(225,121)	(238,935)	1,313,480	(241,343)	(456,121)	(218,171)	(133,171)	1,467,483	(240,470)	(100,121)	(268,171)	62,914	(248,826)	1,426,556
Professional fees	8		300,000	-	-	-	-	250,000	-	-	250,000	-	-	-	-	200,000	1,000,000
Net cash flow		1,348,729	(695,598)	(225,121)	(238,935)	1,313,480	(241,343)	(706,121)	(218,171)	(133,171)	1,217,483	(240,470)	(100,121)	(268,171)	62,914	(448,826)	426,556
Opening Cash Balance		7,686	1,356,415	660,817	435,696	196,761	1,510,241	1,268,898	562,776	344,605	211,434	1,428,917	1,188,447	1,088,326	820,154	883,068	7,686
Net cash flow		1,348,729	(695,598)	(225,121)	(238,935)	1,313,480	(241,343)	(706,121)	(218,171)	(133,171)	1,217,483	(240,470)	(100,121)	(268,171)	62,914	(448,826)	426,556
Closing Cash Balance		1,356,415	660,817	435,696	196,761	1,510,241	1,268,898	562,776	344,605	211,434	1,428,917	1,188,447	1,088,326	820,154	883,068	434.242	434.242

Validus Power Corp., Iroquois Falls Power Corp., Bay Power Corp., Kap Power Corp., Validus Hosting Inc., Kingston Cogen Limited Partnership and Kingston Cogen GP Inc. (the "Applicants") Notes to Projected Statement of Cash Flow For the Period August 19 to December 1, 2023 (Unaudited; \$C)

#### Purpose and General Assumptions

1. The purpose of the projection is to present a cash flow forecast of the Applicants for the period August 19, 2023 to December 1, 2023 (the "Period").

The cash flow projection has been prepared based on hypothetical and most probable assumptions.

Assumes the Iroquois Falls Power Corp. ("IFPC") and Kingston Cogen Limted Partnership ("KCLP") plants are not called upon to provide power during the Period.

#### **Probable and Hypothetical Assumptions**

- 2. Represents payments from the Independent Electricity System Operator ("IESO") to IFPC and KGLP for being a capacity market participant and being on standby to provide electricity generation to the market if requested by IESO. Payments are received two months after the period in which they are earned and include HST.
- 3. Represents a payment from IESO for testing that occurred in June 2023.
- 4. Represents the return of a deposit paid by IFPC and KCLP to IESO for participating in the capacity market during the spring and summer of 2023.
- 5. Includes employment related disbursements, including: (i) payroll and source deductions; (ii) reimbursement of pre-filing out-of-pocket costs paid by employees; (iiI) reimbursement of health care costs that the employees paid personally but were to be covered by the Applicants' benefits plan, which has been terminated; (iv) RRSP contributions deducted by the Applicants from employee paycheques but which the Applicants did not remit to the RRSP plan; and (v) unremitted union dues.
- 6. Includes estimated maintenance costs, gas and fuel transport costs required for IFPC to perform testing in September, and insurance premiums.
- 7. Represents the full-year deposit paid to IESO by IFPC, KCLP, Bay Power Corp. and Kap Power Corp. to participate in the capacity auction.
- 8. Represents the estimated fees of KSV as receiver and CCAA monitor, as well as those of its legal counsel.

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#### ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE COMMERCIAL LIST

#### IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, AS AMENDED

## AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT OF VALIDUS POWER CORP., IROQUOIS FALLS POWER CORP., BAY POWER CORP., KAP POWER CORP., VALIDUS HOSTING INC., KINGSTON COGEN LIMITED PARTNERSHIP AND KINGSTON COGEN GP INC.

#### APPLICANTS

#### MANAGEMENT'S REPORT ON CASH FLOW STATEMENT (paragraph 10(2)(b) of the CCAA)

KSV Restructuring Inc. as Receiver and Manager of Validus Power Corp., Iroquois Falls Power Corp., Bay Power Corp., Kap Power Corp., Validus Hosting Inc., Kingston Cogen Limited Partnership and Kingston Cogen GP Inc. (collectively, the "Applicants") has developed the assumptions and prepared the attached statement of projected cash flow as of the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2023 for the period August 19, 2023 to December 1, 2023 ("Cash Flow"). All such assumptions are disclosed in the notes to the Cash Flow.

The hypothetical assumptions are reasonable and consistent with the purpose of the Cash Flow as described in Note 1 to the Cash Flow, and the probable assumptions are suitably supported and consistent with the plans of the Applicants and provide a reasonable basis for the Cash Flow.

Since the Cash Flow is based on assumptions regarding future events, actual events will vary from the information presented and the variations may be material.

The Cash Flow has been prepared solely for the purpose outlined in Note 1 using a set of hypothetical and probable assumptions set out therein. Consequently, readers are cautioned that the Cash Flow may not be appropriate for other purposes.

Dated at Toronto, Ontario this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2023.

KSV Restructuring Inc.

KSV RESTRUCTURING INC. IN ITS CAPACITY AS RECEIVER AND MANAGER OF VALIDUS POWER CORP., IROQUOIS FALLS POWER CORP., BAY POWER CORP., KAP POWER CORP., VALIDUS HOSTING INC., KINGSTON COGEN LIMITED PARTNERSHIP AND KINGSTON COGEN GP INC. Appendix "H"

COURT FILE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

## ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE (COMMERCIAL LIST)

## IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT, R.S.C. 1985, c.C-36, AS AMENDED

## AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT OF VALIDUS POWER CORP., IROQUOIS FALLS POWER CORP., BAY POWER CORP., KAP POWER CORP., VALIDUS HOSTING INC., KINGSTON COGEN LIMITED PARTNERSHIP AND KINGSTON COGEN GP INC.

# PROPOSED MONITOR'S REPORT ON CASH FLOW STATEMENT

(paragraph 23(1)(b) of the CCAA)

The attached statement of projected cash-flow of Validus Power Corp., Iroquois Falls Power Corp., Bay Power Corp., Kap Power Corp., Validus Hosting Inc., Kingston Cogen Limited Partnership and Kingston Cogen GP Inc. (collectively, the "Applicants") as of the 22<sup>nd</sup> day August, 2023, consisting of a weekly projected cash flow statement for the period August 19, 2023 to December 1, 2023 (the "Cash Flow") has been prepared by KSV Restructuring Inc. in its capacity as Receiver and Manager of the Applicants (the "Receiver") for the purpose described in Note 1, using probable and hypothetical assumptions set out in the notes to the Cash Flow.

Our review consisted of inquiries, analytical procedures and discussions related to information supplied by the Receiver. We have reviewed the support provided by the Receiver for the probable and hypothetical assumptions and the preparation and presentation of the Cash Flow.

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that, in all material respects:

- a) the hypothetical assumptions are not consistent with the purpose of the Cash Flow;
- b) as at the date of this report, the probable assumptions developed by the Receiver are not suitably supported and consistent with the plans of the Applicants or do not provide a reasonable basis for the Cash Flow, given the hypothetical assumptions; or
- c) the Cash Flow does not reflect the probable and hypothetical assumptions.

Since the Cash Flow is based on assumptions regarding future events, actual results will vary from the information presented, and the variations may be material. Accordingly, we express no assurance as to whether the Cash Flow will be achieved. We express no opinion or other form of assurance with respect to the accuracy of any financial information presented in this report, or relied upon in preparing this report.

The Cash Flow has been prepared solely for the purpose described in Note 1 and readers are cautioned that it may not be appropriate for other purposes.

Dated at Toronto this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2023.

KSV Restructuring Inc.

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