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AFFIDAVIT OF CHARANPREET BRAR Sworn/Affirmed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021

I, CHARANPREET BRAR, of the City of Calgary, in the Province of Alberta, MAKE OATH AND SAY THAT:

I am an officer and representative of the Defendant in this matter. As such, I have
personal knowledge of the matters hereinafter deposed to except where stated to be
based on information and belief and where it is so stated, I verily believe the same to
be true.

#### **Cooperation with A&M**

I have read and reviewed the Affidavits of Arnold Mason and they contain factual errors with respect to our cooperation with A&M as well as with respect to the sequence of events. In addition to my prior evidence I make this affidavit bona fide to address some of the new issues contained in Mr. Mason's recent Affidavits.

- I am informed by People's lawyer, Scott Chimuk, and verily believe to be true that the parties obtained the Court date on April 7, 2021 at the outset of discussions between counsel in early March 2021 as a "just in case" date should the parties need it and not as a response to any alleged default of People Express. In addition, I am informed by Mr. Chimuk that the date was moved from April 7, 2021 to April 20, 2021 in order to allow RBC time to consider a new financing option that was presented to us from ECapital.
- 4. Further, Justice Eidsvik did not order that A&M was to be appointed as an unofficial monitor. Rather, People Express agreed with the private appointment of A&M as a monitor out of a good faith indication of our willingness to abide by the spirit of Justice Eidsvik's direction that the parties ought to try to cooperate with each other in good faith to attempt a resolution outside of a formal receivership. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit "A"** are the transcripts from the February 25, 2021 attendance before Justice Eidsvik.
- 5. While both parties immediately engaged in discussions regarding forbearance following the Court attendance before Justice Eidvik it must be remembered the context under which these discussions took place RBC was effectively holding a gun to our head and threatening to cut off all financing and shutdown our bank accounts such that we would be unable to operate our business. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit "B"** is a copy of an email from RBC counsel wherein they threatened to immediately cut off our credit line and visas if we did not immediately agree to their forbearance terms. While it is true that we were negotiating this with counsel the practical business reality is that RBC had all the power during these discussions and there was little that we could do other than agree without seriously jeopardizing our business.
- 6. Further, the first phone call and request from A&M took place on Wednesday March10, 2021. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit "C"** is a copy of an email and attached spreadsheet from RBC attaching the initial request for documents. In short, the first request for documents was relatively vague and despite being provided late in the day Wednesday called for some documents to be delivered by that Friday.
- 7. People Express did its best to comply with all document requests however it must be remembered that while these requests were going on we were also still running our business, trying to arrange for the sale of equipment to pay out the loan and trying

to arrange for major financing to take out the RBC loan in its entirety - all under very short timelines.

- 8. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit "D"** is a chain of email correspondence between People Express and A&M. As you can see from the emails People Express provided all documentation to A&M on Wednesday March 17, 2021. It was only two days later on Friday March 19, 2021 that RBC advised that it required more documentation however it failed to provide a list specifying exactly what documents it was missing. It was only after our counsel wrote to request a specific list of documents that were missing that we were provided with such a list. On March 17, 2021
- 9. Attached hereto and marked as **"Exhibit E"** to my previous Affidavit is a copy of an email from A&M on April 5, 2021 indicating that we had complied with all of A&M's requests and that they would reach out to us for anything further if required. As such A&M has confirmed that we have in fact cooperated and provided them with everything they required within the deadlines.

#### **Financing Options**

- 10. Further to my earlier Affidavit we have continued to pursue other financing options. In addition to the potential \$6,000,000.00 financing option regarding People Express's A/R, we have also been having discussions regarding financing on our trucks and trailers.
- 11. We have already sold some equipment , with RBC's consent, to Essex Lease Financial Corporation for \$850,000.00 plus GST which was used to pay down our RBC debt. We have had further discussions with Essex, including discussions today, wherein Essex confirmed that they were interested in lending against the trailers to take out the RBC loan. In a phone call today Ross Sten, Essex's CEO, confirmed and I verily believe to be true that he expected a deal could likely close in 2 3 weeks. This deal would include the financing of our trailers as well as the sale of some of the non-essential equipment.

#### Garage Keepers Lien

12. I note that Paragraph 14 of Mr. Mason's affidavit of April 15, 2021 refers to the existence of several Garage Keeper's liens. I note that these liens are not new. It is standard procedure in the trucking business that when we send trucks for substantial repairs that the repair shop will enter Garage keeper's liens while we arrange payment

plans to pay out these repairs. We have a good relationship with the parties that filed these liens and continue to make arrangement for payments on these repair costs. This is usual operating procedure and RBC ought to be well aware of this.

#### Good Faith Resolution

- 13. Given the developments regarding financing that have taken place to date I believe that we are on the cusp of closing several deals which collectively will likely satisfy the RBC demand.
- 14. If we are provided more time ie. one week to file a NOI and 30 days thereafter I expect that we can close these deals and save People Express from receivership. If the Consent Order is filed, on the other hand, these opportunities will go away and People Express will be put into a receivership. This will cost 150 of our hard working employees their jobs and destroy the business of the second largest produce carrier in Western Canada.
- 15. I make this Affidavit in support of the dismissal of RBC's application and the granting of People's cross application and for no other purpose.

SWORN/AFFIRMED BEFORE ME at the City of Calgary, in the Province of Alberta, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

A Commissioner for Oaths in and for

Alberta

CHARANPREET BRAR

TERI-LYNN SEXSMITH
A Commissioner for Oaths
in and for Alberta
My Commission Expires on Dec. 7, 20.

## **EXHIBIT** "A"

Action No.: 2101-02280 E-File Name: CVQ21PEOPLE Appeal No.:

## IN THE COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH OF ALBERTA JUDICIAL CENTRE OF CALGARY

BETWEEN:

ROYAL BANK OF CANADA

Plaintiff

and

PEOPLE EXPRESS TRANSPORT LTD.

Defendant

#### PROCEEDINGS

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3	Fahmany 25, 2021	Morning Session
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6	The Honourable Madam Justice Eidsvik	Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta
7	(remote appearance)	
8 9	J. L. Oliver (remote appearance)	For Royal Bank of Canada
10	S. C. Chimuk (remote appearance)	For People Express Transport Ltd.
11	R. Mitchell (remote appearance)	For People Express Transport Ltd.
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17	THE COURT:	Good morning, counsel.
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19	MR. OLIVER:	Good morning, My Lady.
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21	MR. CHIMUK:	Good morning, My Lady.
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23	THE COURT:	Good morning. All right. Let me just pull up
24	your material here. Okay. So we have	an application by RBC, represented by Mr. Oliver.
25	Are you going to make the representation	ons today, Mr. Oliver?
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27	MR. OLIVER:	Yes, I will, My Lady. Good morning. For the
28	record, Jeffrey Oliver appearing as cou	nsel to Royal Bank of Canada. Also in attendance
29		t Chimuk and Randy Mitchell of the firm McLeod
30		People Express Transport Ltd. Also in attendance
31		artment of Justice on behalf of Canada Revenue
32		firm is on the line, he is counsel to the proposed
33		z & Marsal Canada Inc. And in addition, from
34	Alvarez & Marsal we have Orest Kono	walchuk and Cassie Riglin.
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41	THE COURT:	All right.

1 2 Thank you. As you've indicated, this is an MR. OLIVER: 3 application to appoint a receiver over the property assets and undertaking of the defendant, People Express Transport Ltd. and that -- that request included the request to abridge the 4 5 usual 10 day notice period that's -- which abridgement is permitted under section 243(1.1.) of the BIA. In the alternative, the bank is seeking the appointment of an interim receiver 6 pursuant to section 47 of the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act. I will flag for you at the 7 outset that I understand that my friend, Mr. Chimuk, is requesting an adjournment of the 8 9 hearing --10 11 THE COURT: M-hm. 12 -- so I'm in your hands with respect to how you 13 MR. OLIVER: would like to proceed. I'd be happy to address service and I anticipate that my submissions 14 in chief would be approximately 15 to 20 minutes, so I'm -- I'm mindful of the limited time 15 that we -- that we have this morning. 16 17 Well, probably I should hear the adjournment 18 THE COURT: 19 application first. So, Mr. Chimuk? 20 Thank you, Madam Justice. 21 MR. CHIMUK: 22 Thank you. 23 THE COURT: 24 25 Submissions by Mr. Chimuk 26 There's -- there's a couple of reasons why we are 27 MR. CHIMUK: seeking an adjournment, the most pressing one being the fact that we were just provided 28 with new affidavit material from my friend in the from of an unsworn affidavit which 29 purports to substantively respond to and put in issue many of the allegations in our affidavit 30 that was filed yesterday, and we received that at 8:44 AM, an unsworn copy today.

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Upon receiving this at 8:44, 2 or 3 minutes later, I responded to my friend advising that there was just no way that we would be able to -- (a) I would be able to review it, you know, in an hour and a half, hour and 45 minutes prior to today's application, give it to my client, and -- and be in a position to substantively respond and seek instructions with respect to (INDISCERNIBLE), and that's why I advised him at that time immediately that we would be seeking an adjournment of today's application.

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I now have had a chance to -- over the last hour and a half to review it and read it and -- and we do take issue with respect to many of the things contained in it. He challenges

much of what's contained in our affidavit and our intention would be to file a supplemental affidavit responding to this as well as to cross-examine with respect to this affidavit.

Part of the problem here, and this -- I don't want to encroach too much on my substantive submissions, is that, in our respectful view, it's been a bit of a -- a moving target in terms of what exactly it is that we are responding to. We note that the notice of enforcement was provided by RBC on the 12th and, as noted by my friend, they filed their application in less than the statutory minimum 10 day requirement under the BIA. Now, we appreciate the (INDISCERNIBLE), the Court has discretion with respect to that, but our submission is going to be that, when you're -- when you're talking about a demand payment and the demand payment portion of the loan which is (INDISCERNIBLE) is to the tune of 3 and a half million dollars. The other 9,035,000, whatever it is, is with respect to the term, but that when you're talking about a 3 and a half million dollar demand, you know, it's not as if my client can simply open their wallet and say, Do you want that in tens or twenties, right? And so that there are commercial practical reasons why there is the minimum 10 day statutory notice for them to get that money.

And then, in addition, there's an argument we can make, and this is in, as I'm sure My Lady is aware, in (INDISCERNIBLE) BIA, it talks about whether or not in addition to the minimum statutory notice there is an argument that you are entitled to (INDISCERNIBLE) as well when there is no demand period specified in the financing agreement, and that's the case and it's a reference to a demand, but it doesn't make reference in those documents to what that demand period is.

So, anyways, the -- the long and the short of it, again, not getting into the substance, is to say we're here, the application was filed earlier than it -- than it should have been filed, in any event. When the application was filed on Friday, at first it was -- it was filed with respect to the appointment of receiver number 243. The substance, in -- in our view, of the allegations relating to the urgency or -- or why this appointment needed to be done related to two main issues, number one being the fact that allegedly there were debts owed to CRA, CRA was -- it was not up to date allegedly and, number two, there were payroll liabilities, allegedly.

Another reason why that's important when it comes to timing is because I understand that, at least the initial position on Friday was we need to get immediately before the Court because we're concerned that there could be potential super priority claims which are going to (INDISCERNIBLE) the security and, you know, whether we're going under just inconvenient under 243 or whether we're going under a -- a threat to the security under section 47, you know, that's -- that's why it's important and that's why we need to do this right away.

 THE COURT:

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We substantively responded to that first just MR. CHIMUK: between counsel providing them with information with respect to payroll and CRA

information that was later included in our affidavit that was filed yesterday. We had sent that to my friend on Tuesday and -- and that information found its way into the -- the

affidavit that we filed late yesterday afternoon with the Court.

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And so at -- at first it appears, well, the issue is there's this CRA liability and the issue is that there's this payroll that's not being made and we're really concerned with respect to super priority and that's why we need to be in quick. And so, even though there's the 10 day period, we're asking you to waive it, this needs to be heard, there's urgency and immediacy to it.

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Well, we responded, and this is contained in exhibits to the affidavit that we provided, with a letter from the accountant stating that everything's up to date, that there are no outstanding issues with respect to CRA. We provided print offs from the CRA website indicating that everything's up to date, that there's no issue there, and we provided payroll information as well indicating that there is no outstanding payroll issue. So, essentially, there -- there is no emergency as -- as to why we need to be here right now with respect to, you know, waiving notice periods under the Act, which we suggest that the Court shouldn't do lightly. If there was an emergency, then, obviously, it's -- it's within the discretion of the (INDISCERNIBLE) just there isn't.

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And then we get the -- when we talk about the (INDISCERNIBLE), we get -- we get more affidavits, you know, we get another affidavit from my friend yesterday notwithstanding the fact that it's his application, and then we get an -- an affidavit this morning and in that affidavit, which I don't know if My Lady's had an opportunity to review --

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THE COURT:

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But you'll note that in the attachments that they MR. CHIMUK: attach, like their Exhibit A and their Exhibit D and whatnot, these are documents which were in existence -- you know, it purports to be information from, you know, November and December of 2020. I don't know why this information wasn't included in the initial affidavit that was sworn on Friday, this isn't new information. I mean, it's new to the -- the substance of the affidavit is new to the extent that it replies to our affidavit, but this isn't new information. And they, again, in this affidavit, they're raising issues with respect to things like insurance.

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Well, I have had the chance to briefly talk to my client, we will be filing a supplemental

affidavit that says the insurance is up to date, there is no issues with respect to insurance, but I note that, you know, this -- this insurance issue is -- is effectively a new issue that's being raised today and what's happening here, I think, is that they -- they have these arguments with respect to why this was so urgent. We substantively responded and provided the best information that was available in -- in the short timeframe that the company had, i.e., a letter from an independent accountant saying that -- that there is no issue, that everything's up to date, and now we've -- we've answered that, in my view.

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Now they're changing the goal posts and now -- okay, now there's these new allegations, what about insurance? What about -- what about this? What about that? And they're -they're trying to do so, it would be my submission, in order to support the position that somehow there -- there is an emergency issue here today. With respect, given the fact that -- that the argument is changing, we ought to have the opportunity to cross-examine on this affidavit which challenges our evidence in my brief --

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## THE COURT:

Okay. So, Mr. Chimuk, what kind of timing are you suggesting is appropriate and on what conditions are you prepared to accept on the

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#### MR. CHIMUK:

Absolutely. So a -- a couple of things. First, in terms of -- of the conditions that we'd be willing to accept for the adjournment, you know, we appreciate -- we want to be reasonable here and -- and we appreciate that it's important that we provide my friend at RBC with -- with information as it comes, (INDISCERNIBLE) they're -- they're saying that there's these CRA issues and they're saying that there's these employee issues, so we have no problem with respect to ongoing disclosure to them during -- during the adjournment period, until this could be heard substantively on its merits, so that nobody's caught unaware or -- and that they have all the information that's available to them to do so, and that's contained -- our letter of proposal there has -- has set out what we're going to agree to in our -- I think the last paragraph of

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So we're willing to agree to ongoing disclosure with respect to CRA with respect to what we're doing on financing. I know that they've raised issues with respect to the financing. I just -- I received the document late last night, an updated one, so it's -- it's not out of time. We'll provide that information (INDISCERNIBLE) and so we have no issue consenting to continue to provide information as it relates to refinancing, potential sale of assets, information related to CRA, information related to payroll, we'll do that.

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And then with respect to timing of the adjournment, we're in -- we're in the Court's hands. Our intention is not to -- to unduly delay here. I guess -- I suppose it's going to be subject to the availability of the Court. We would suggest -- the cross-examinations are not -- it's not going to be that long. I would suspect, and I don't want to speak for my friend, but I suspect that (INDISCERNIBLE) of cross-examinations probably could be done in an afternoon, we're doing everything remotely, anyway, so it's probably not a big timing concern. I would suggest, but, of course, this -- this up to Madam Justice, if you find it helpful that the parties file briefs, you know, as long as there's a couple of days or, you know, between the submissions and those briefs, that would seem reasonable to me. So we're certainly in the Court's hands just with respect to -- to timing. I -- I don't suspect that we (INDISCERNIBLE).

10 THE COURT:

Sorry, I missed the last bit.

MR. CHIMUK: Sorry. I just said I don't -- I don't suspect that we need a -- a ton of time, I don't know, 3 weeks seem to be reasonable to get -- to be able to get all those steps done.

16 THE COURT:

Okay. All right. Does that conclude your

remarks for now?

19 MR. CHIMUK:

Yes, it does, Madam Justice.

THE COURT:

Okay. All right. Thank you.

Okay. Mr. Oliver?

#### Submissions by Mr. Oliver

MR. OLIVER: Thank you, My Lady. This matter is truly litigation in real time. I appreciate my friend just received this supplementary affidavit this morning. Of course, we received his affidavit at 2:47 yesterday afternoon and the payroll information was provided to our office at -- in or around the same period of time. And that -- it's that payroll information in particular that I would submit is concerning. It demonstrates, relatively clearly, that there is -- that payroll is not current and that there are serious questions about that -- about that issue.

So while a -- a 3 week adjournment would be certainly -- certainly nice, I -- with the greatest of respect, I -- I don't think that's the world we can realistically live in without some interim relief in the form of -- of an interim receiver in the interim period for RBC. We are at a point now, My Lady, where I don't think my client believes the reporting that it's getting. As Mr. Masson's affidavit indicates, there are bald assertions in the affidavit before you that payroll is current when the very documents we were provided appear to indicate that it's not.

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The reality is the defendant is a large trucking company. They operate out of six locations, one -- two in the United States, four in Canada, with 150 tractors, 175 trailers, and 150 employees. This is -- this is a large operation. The RBC is the most significant stakeholder, it's owed \$12.4 million. The fact that there are term loans and demand loans, frankly, are irrelevant because the -- there are cross-default provisions, as one would expect in those term loans, so for all intents and purposes, the term loans are demand loans because once demand is issued all of the debt becomes due -- due and payable.

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The concern is there remains emergent circumstances. The defendants themselves requested and were denied an increase in the line of credit of half a million dollars approximately 2 weeks ago and, at that point, the bank was advised that those funds were necessary in order to make payroll. And as I have indicated, based on Mr. Masson's evidence, we have average payrolls being about 12 days late and it looks like the February 15th payroll has not been met.

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### THE COURT:

Well, Mr. Oliver, the problem is that your fellow is saying one thing, they're saying another thing, it's completely contradictory in front of the Court, quite frankly. I don't quite understand the rush here that RBC had. I mean, they seem to have come forward with some concerns about financing, they're trying to get other financing in place and RBC, after a 20 year relationship, wants to pull the plug on them within 10 days? I find, quite frankly, it's a bit much.

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And so I have to say that's sort of my reaction to reading all of this material. There seems to be a distrust that's come up, that's for sure, and there seems to be a lot of questions, but why are they not talking to each other? This filing of affidavits with completely different information, it's not really reasonable. Like what's happening here? Why aren't you all getting into a room somewhere, perhaps with the Receiver or somebody else to help you, and try to get to the bottom of this? But to throw all of this at the Court all in a contradictory nature with very short timelines seems to be really over the top, especially in these COVID times. I'm a bit shocked, I have to say.

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### MR. OLIVER:

I appreciate your -- your comments, My Lady, I'll certainly take those -- take those back to -- to RBC. What -- what I can say is the bank does have concerns about -- about payroll. They -- they are not happy with the information that has been provided, they are not satisfied with it. The --

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#### THE COURT:

Well, I need to get to the bottom of it. Look, I understand their concerns, they need to get to the bottom of it, but to appoint a receiver is a pretty draconian step, quite frankly. So think of some alternatives besides appointing a receiver.

1 2 MR. OLIVER: Certainly, the --3 4 THE COURT: And think of adjournments because it does not seem fair what's going on to me. This does not seem fair, frankly, and so that's my biggest 5 6 concern from the Court's perspective, right. 7 8 MR. OLIVER: Yes. So the -- the request that was granted -- or that was -- that was included in the application materials for the -- for the interim receiver 9 was a recognition that things were certainly moving -- moving quickly and that the Court 10 may have concerns with respect to the granting of a -- of a full fledged receiver, so we're 11 -- we're certainly alive to the -- to the concerns. 12 13 14 The -- it was the suggestion of the interim receiver as a stopgap measure was an attempt to essentially give some protection and transparency to the -- to RBC while the parties have 15 -- have an opportunity to have further -- further discussions on those issues, the -- and we 16 would then return back to the Court, obviously, in the future with a -- with a report from 17 (INDISCERNIBLE) with respect to what is -- what is going on. 18 19 If -- if Your Ladyship is not inclined to grant that relief, I understand and -- and we -- we 20 can discuss what a schedule otherwise -- otherwise looks -- looks like. The bank's main 21 concern, My Lady, is there are significant liquidity issues. We have approximately 16 22 mechanics' liens that seems to be registered on this -- this large fleet of vehicles and we all 23 -- all the while, a very large operation is seemingly operating on not a lot of capital at the 24 25 moment. 26 So those -- those are the -- are the concerns. I will raise them. We're obviously in Your 27 Ladyship's hands on -- on these issues, but I did want to provide that background with 28 respect to why the request for the interim receiver was included. 29 30 No, fair enough. Well, this seems to me that the 31 THE COURT: bank needs to get to the bottom of some of these concerns that's been expressed by Mr. 32 33 Masson, is that his name in your affidavit? 34 35 MR. OLIVER: Masson, yes. 36 Masson. Masson. Right. And, I mean, they 37 THE COURT: have a lot of questions. There was the affidavit that was put together, you know, quite 38 quickly by Mr. Brar that tried to answer some of the concerns but, of course, just like you 39 said and your client said in his affidavit, you know, you didn't have and Mr. Brar didn't 40 have time to get to the bottom of all of the details, I mean, you know, hours, basically, since 41

this, you know, was brought up.

 So, I mean, there's the strictly legal way of going through this, cross-examinations on affidavits and yada, yada, all that sort of stuff, which is important, but also like there's more of a dispute resolution method as well, which is to get these parties together perhaps with this fellow, Orest, your potential receiver, have him in the room and have a meeting to try to sort this out and see if there's other ways that you can solve the problems that these people expressed. They're trying to get alternative financing with this (INDISCERNIBLE). The material they've attached, I agree, was old, now they're saying that there's other stuff that's newer. I mean, they were throwing this together in a panic, no doubt, in face of RBC's pretty heavy-handed application to get into court, you know, within days of them asking for some help.

So is there some way that that can happen in a short order? Like getting back into court, you'll have to talk to the commercial coordinator. We're quite booked up but, you know, in emergency situations, we always try to find a commercial judge, even if you can't get on the list itself, because I understand the list itself is pretty plugged, we only have one commercial judge sitting a week, unfortunately. So, you know, we're doing the best we can.

 And so, you know, it just doesn't seem right today in this massive contradictory evidence. I don't have the confidence to order that an interim receiver be appointed today, but I would like to see some kind of solution because I hear RBC's concerns. I mean, you know, they're serious concerns, there's all these trucks running around, other people could start seizing things and, of course, it's like a rush to the bank, Mr. Oliver, as soon as you start this stuff, too, you create a lack of confidence with a lot of their other commercial partners, right. So, you know, you have to be very careful. Sometimes just raising these fears will create the actual thing that you're afraid of that might not have even happened if you'd worked more cooperatively. Just saying, you know, these things are tough, and you know this as much as I do, I'm not telling you anything that you don't know, you're very experienced counsel, so.

 So what can we do to try to give a little more time here so the parties can get together with counsel, with Mr. Konowalchuk, is that his name? Yes, Konowalchuk, perhaps. They've indicated that they're willing to open up their books as they need to to allow a more fulsome review of some of these things and have a conversation. I don't know how you put that in an order, necessarily, for the interim but I'm open to suggestions.

And in terms of timing and getting back in court should, you know, you not be able to reach a resolution one way or another, I mean, it could be that you'll be able to agree to some kind of interim receiver or get some independent help from Mr. Konowalchuk in a

receivership type of position funded by RBC, which they're prepared to do, right, they said they're prepared to fund this.

So, I don't know, I'm throwing this back to you, Mr. Oliver, to try to think creatively of how to reach a resolution here, or if not a resolution, at least calm the bank down in terms of, you know, forward movement here in trying to resolve some of these problems. Getting a hold of someone like Cargill, what's going on with Cargill? Why haven't they paid their bills? I mean, it's a huge amount of money that's owing, and there's other people that have been pointed out by your client and by Mr. Brar in the affidavits.

There's a lot of (INDISCERNIBLE) out there and, in part, there's this pandemic stuff and part maybe I don't know. Everybody's working shorthanded so, you know, it just seems to me that you certainly got their attention by bringing this application and certainly things are urgent, but what can you do and what kind of order can I grant to give a short adjournment here and get your client and Mr. Chimuk's clients together?

MR. OLIVER: So off the top of my head, My Lady, from -- from memory, I -- I seem to recall there -- there is time available, just sort of working backwards here, there is time available on the commercial list in Edmonton if -- if it's required throughout --

THE COURT: Right, another good suggestion. In Edmonton, they're way less busy than us and we're doing all of it virtually, anyway, so, us in Calgary.

MR. OLIVER: Yes.

THE COURT: That's a great idea.

MR. OLIVER: So there's -- they're -- they're relatively open, from memory, in the month of March. I -- I would be -- I -- my understanding is, and it's at the risk of stating the obvious, the RBC clearly wants to exit this lending relationship and so anything we would be looking at would be an arrangement that would provide the -- the disclosure RBC I think requires in the intervening period to have a level of comfort that -- that its security position and the operation of the business are relatively stable, or at least as stable as can be, in the circumstances in the intervening period.

I'd have to speak to the bank about -- about whether mediation in and of itself makes -- makes sense, but my -- my inclination is -- is I think a litigation schedule, which I can discuss with my friend perhaps offline in conjunction with interim -- some interim protections as well as certainly an -- an open ended discussion about whether the exit from the bank could be done in an -- in a -- in a orderly fashion or not. Certainly, the -- the bank

at -- at some point may be forced to come back before the Court either because we can't resolve matters or there are other emergent issues that -- that cause us additional concern.

But all of that to say, and I apologize for the rambling, perhaps I should go away with my friend, we could have a discussion offline and attempt to resolve -- to work backwards, which is we will pick a day to agree on a litigation schedule and agree on some interim protections that are acceptable to all of us. That is off the top of my head.

THE COURT: All right. Mr. Chimuk, what do you think about that idea? It seems to be fairly reasonable, in my view.

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MR. CHIMUK: Oh, am I -- am I good? Okay.

THE COURT: There we are. That's better.

Okay. Awesome. Yeah, I'm -- I'm agreeable to MR. CHIMUK: that. What I think probably makes the most sense is that we -- we adjourn the matter sine die but with -- with the -- and we have no problem entering into a consent order along the lines of what's contained in our affidavit with respect to the ongoing disclosure. And, further, I'll work with my friend and we're agreeable that if there -- if there are issues with respect to the disclosure or if there are issues at some point where it just looks like we're -- we're not going to be able to have a workable solution here, then we'd put the matter back on the list and we -- we argue it and then offline myself and my friend can -- can discuss (a) what that mediated resolution is going to look like. I'm -- I'm prepared to recommend to my client the Court's suggestion, which is that me meet with Mr. Konowalchuk, you know, and Mr. Oliver and RBC and -- and get us together in a room, I think that's a great idea, and that we can work on that. And then if that doesn't work out or if it doesn't look like that's going to be successful, then myself and Mr. Oliver can work on a litigation plan, and, again, I don't -- I don't think that litigation plan necessarily needs to be lengthy, cross-examination --

THE COURT: Well, I think you probably want to get some kind of litigation plan in place right away, Mr. Chimuk. It wouldn't have to take much, but you should set out things because I think, with the RBC's concerns, you should have an outline so that, you know, if you work things out, which would be reasonable and hopeful, which will involve, it sounds like, alternate financing, but you've already started down that road so you might be able to do something there, but you have a backup plan and I'd prefer to have something, some deadlines. And, listen, I'm prepared to vet any consent order that

you come to.

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So if you can work something out immediately here with Mr. Oliver, you can send it to me, if it's consented to, I can then -- because I'm familiar, having read through the amount of material you've managed to produce in a little bit of time. Anyways, since I'm familiar with that, then I can easily deal with that order without having somebody else have to review all of this in the interim. And then if you have to come back, you can set it down on the Edmonton list, it's a very good idea of Mr. Oliver's to, and then you could have a more fulsome argument, but at least your facts should be narrowed down by then. Right now, there's just too much contradiction on the record to feel confident about what to do here.

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All right. So back to Mr. Oliver, then. Do you want to adjourn this sine die? Do you want to, on these conditions, as Mr. Chimuk has said, or would you like to set a date? I can't really give you a date because I don't know a date, but.

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17 MR. OLIVER:

My -- My Lady, I think I'm -- I'm comfortable with a sine die adjournment as long as it -- it is clear that -- that we're -- we're not prevented from getting this matter on sort of at our own -- at our own request if we -- if we deem it necessary to do so. If that's acceptable, then -- then I'm okay with that.

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THE COURT:

All right. Okay. Good. Then that's the way I'll leave it. Then I would appreciate if you and Mr. Chimuk work immediately towards getting a consent order sort of put together here of this adjournment, which will be sine die, and on the conditions that there'll be, you know, a disclosure as sort of set out by Mr. Chimuk's client in the affidavit, and perhaps even more than that because what I've suggested is that you have an agreed intervention of a potential receiver, if necessary, to try to help sort out some of these issues. It could be that many of the issues that RBC raised in its affidavit, for instance, can be answered, maybe not, maybe getting the help of a third party would be useful, et cetera.

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Okay. So I'll look. If you need to get an order to me, send it either to the commercial coordinator or to my assistant, Maria Mancia. Maybe through the commercial coordinator is easier so that he is kept abreast, and we try to work together constantly to make sure that everybody's on the same page of what's going on. And he might be booking the Edmonton matters now, too. There's been so many changes in our courthouse, I can't even keep up.

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MR. OLIVER:

I think you're right, I -- I think he is, yes.

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THE COURT: Yes. I think he's actually booking for Edmonton, too, which makes a lot of sense, although, it's a lot of work for him, he's a little bit overwhelmed. Anyways, aren't we all? All right. Good. Then that's what we'll do. So I'll adjourn it for the record.

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Madam clerk, sine die on the conditions that we've discussed.

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THE COURT CLERK:

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MR. CHIMUK: Just with -- with respect to costs of -- of today's application, normally, I wouldn't be asking for costs with respect to adjournments and that sort of thing, but we did send a with prejudice communication to my friend yesterday essentially including -- it's -- it's the offer that's included in the affidavit that we submitted. We've been in contact with him, we immediately advised him this morning we thought an adjournment was necessary. My client's been trying to work with -- with RBC, and I don't think this is on my friend here, but, you know, RBC has been taking an extremely aggressive position with respect to this of -- of not working with us and -- and not being prepared to sit down and have a discussion and have reasonable disclosure. You know, this has resulted in us, as Madam Justice rightly anticipated, you know, scrambling at the last minute, you know, working through lunch, yada, yada, yada. I'm not complaining about it, but what I am complaining about is -- is that I -- I don't think that that's the type of conduct that should necessarily be endorsed by the Court and I think that if a party wants to play hardball like that, particularly in a delicate matter that we're talking about an essential service that, yeah, has, you know, a hundred employees or -- or whatever the number is that we're talking about potentially putting out of business. I think there should be a costs award in the circumstances.

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29 30 THE COURT:

Mr. Chimuk, it's too difficult for me to tell you whether RBC's concerns are valid or not because there's contradictory evidence, so I'm going to say that the costs will be reserved for today. If you come back and you argue the application, you can then argue the costs should have been awarded today. And I'll leave it to the person who ultimately sees a little more light at the end of the tunnel in terms of what is going on here. All right? But I hear your remarks and they're on the record, but I'll reserve costs for today. Okay?

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MR. CHIMUK:

Thank you.

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All right. Thank you very much, both of you, THE COURT: and thank you, Mr. Oliver, for asking us to find you more time because that was important as it turns out, even though we're dealing mainly with an adjournment application, nonetheless, those all by themselves take time so I appreciate that.

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MR. OLIVER:

Thank you.

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2	THE COURT:	All right, gentlemen. Well, good luck and I hope
3		o help this company through some troublesome times that
4	it's having. All right.	
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6	MR. OLIVER:	Thank you.
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Subject: RE: People Express Transport Limited [IWOV-LEGAL.033337-00817]

Thank you. Please let me know as soon as you have instructions. As per my voicemail, if we can't settle upon an agreement with respect to monitoring by the end of the day, RBC will cease extending credit on the revolving line of credit and the Visas. I am mostly open during the day to deal with this.

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Scott.

Further to our call this afternoon, we reiterate that it is RBC's expectation that PETL make best efforts to comply with the delivery of the information and documents outlined in the attached preliminary diligence and documentation request (the "Phase I Documents") on the timelines set out therein. To the extent that some of the Phase I Documents cannot be provided on the timelines set out in the attached, we will seek instructions from RBC at that time with respect to how to proceed. In the event that PETL fails to deliver the Phase I Documents in accordance with the attached schedule and/or prior to March 18, 2021, RBC reserves the right to argue that there has been a default under the Forbearance Agreement.

We trust that PETL will prioritize the collection of Phase I Documents accordingly and look forward to A&M's receipt of same.

Kind regards,

Cassels

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Preliminary Diligence and Documentation Request
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March 10, 2021

Information and Documentation	Priority	Date to be Delivered to A&M	Individual(s) Resp	oonsible Pr	rovided?	Date Provided	Quality	A&M Comments
PHASE 1								
(I) Monthly Borrowing Limit Certificate ("MBLC") - supporting documentation								
Supporting documentation, schedules and financial information with respect to all reported figures included in the MBLCs provided by the Company to RBC for the months ended September 30, 2020 through and including January 31, 2021.	А	March 12, 2021						
Detailed listing in excel of aged accounts receivable (to the invoice level) and holdback accounts receivable including details of any disputed amounts and/or provisions for doubtful accounts.	Α	March 12, 2021						
Detailed listing in excel of accounts payable by entity (to the invoice level) with the following information for each creditor:  - amount outstanding;  - details of potential or asserted lien (including garage keeper liens) and/or trust claims;  - identification of any amounts due to related parties or non-arm's length entitles;  - a summary of any amounts owed to Canada Revenue Agency in respect of unremitted payroll source deductions and GST; and  - details of any contingent liabilities	А	March 12, 2021						
If applicable, listing of all inventory, including: description, location, original cost, estimated fair market value, copies of any recent appraisals or other indications of value.	С	March 16, 2021						
(II) Priority Payables								
Most recent statements of account from CRA for GST, corporate taxes and payroll deductions. Additionally, most recent statements for any provincial/state jurisdictions outside of Alberta (i.e., HST, PST).	Α	March 12, 2021						
Copies of most recent corporate tax returns.	С	March 16, 2021						
If applicable, a schedule of employee pension plans, funded status, accrued obligations and funding requirements.	В	March 15, 2021						
Copies of most recent Workers Compensation Board ("WCB") balances.	Α	March 12, 2021						
Schedule of rent obligations by location, copies of all leases, listing of any amounts outstanding with regard to leasing facility/land (overdue rent), and evidence of payment last three months of rental payments.	Α	March 12, 2021						
Listing of any other accrued liabilities (federal trust claims, liens and other priority amounts) including description, amount and basis of calculation.	В	March 15, 2021						
(III) Employee Payroli								
Copies of all recent and historical notice of assessments or any other notices from CRA with respect to source deductions (EI, CPP, incomes taxes, etc.).	Α	March 12, 2021						
Copies of all payroll reports (for September 2020 to current) for employees/contractors and evidence of corresponding remittances made to CRA for each payroll period. Need to see evidence that each payroll cheque has cleared the bank.	Α	March 12, 2021						

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- if applicable, independent contractor agreements							
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Documentation of any outstanding liens that have been filed against any of the Company assets.	A	March 12, 2021					
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Subject:

**RE: Information Request List** 

**Attachments:** 

People Express Transport Ltd. - IRL Draft (AM update March 13 2021)v2.xlsx

Scott,

Thank you to the management team for sending over the documents they were able to gather for Friday, much appreciated.

We have reviewed that was sent and I have attached an updated information request list documenting what has been received to date. You will note that we do require more supporting information on some of the "A" items as outlined in the attached.

Management is welcome to reach out to our team directly if further clarity is required on what we are looking for.

Regards, Cassie

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Subject: Re: Information Request List

#### Hi Orest

As I indicated in our call that concluded at the end of the business day on Wednesday which was the first opportunity we had to discuss your disclosure request that we only received earlier that afternoon - Peoples is fully committed to trying to accommodate this request and that we would get back to you as soon as we had a chance to actually start working in your request. At present we have had one full business day to do so.

As I indicated earlier I am out of the office today and only sporadically available. That being said the Peoples team is doing its best to accommodate your request despite the incredibly short notice.

We will keep you updated.

Regards

Scott

On: 12 March 2021 09:17,

"Konowalchuk, Orest" <okonowalchuk@alvarezandmarsal.com> wrote:

Good morning Scott and the People management team,

I am following up on the below email and our 'all hands-on call' this past Wednesday at 3:30pm, where we introduced our collective selves and discussed engagement matters, including our (attached) Information Request List ("IRL"), in particular the priority items. As a reminder, we had ask that the "A" priority items be made available on or before today and, although we have not seen anything come through to us yet, we do wish to remind all that we respectfully require the "A" items today and encourage management to send over any information that becomes available by piecemeal.

Obtaining the information on our IRL in a timely manner is critical to allow A&M to carry out its mandate. We understand that management is busy in its operations and obtaining refinancing; however, given the agreed upon forbearance agreement (F.A.) between the Company and RBC and the executed A&M engagement letter by all parties (that is tied to the F.A.), we understand that the refinancing efforts and our engagement should be handled "dual track".

We are standing by available. If there is anything you need from A&M, please let us know. As we also discussed, although it did not appear that management could make themselves available for an initial one-on-one call with A&M (which is typical in these types of engagement and crucial for us to understand the status of the Company), A&M remains available at anytime to have such a call. We are not suggesting a one to two hour call; however, an initial 15-30 minute will suffice to start.

Thank you again and look forward to hearing from you shortly on the above and overall update on matters.

Kind regards, Orest

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**Subject:** Information Request List

Scott,

In anticipation of our call, please find attached a draft of our initial request list. We have tried to prioritize items as best we could, but given the short time frame we are working under the requested deadlines are still quite condensed. We are hopeful that the majority of our requests are actually readily available and easily provided.

We can discuss the list further on our call this afternoon.

Regards, Cassie

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Detailed listing in excel of aged accounts receivable (to the invoice level) and holdback accounts receivable including details of any disputed amounts and/or provisions for doubtful accounts.	Α	March 12, 2021		Partly	-Excel listing of AR by invoice level at January 31, 2021require any documentation on holdbacks, disputed and/or provision listing provided require detailed AR listing by invoice level for each borrowing base period (September 2020 to December 31, 2020)
Detailed listing in excel of accounts payable by entity (to the invoice level) with the following information for each creditor:  - amount outstanding;  - details of potential or asserted lien (including garage keeper liens) and/or trust claims;  - identification of any amounts due to related parties or non-arm's length entitles;  - a summary of any amounts owed to Canada Revenue Agency in respect of unremitted payroll source deductions and GST; and  - details of any contingent liabilities	А	March 12, 2021		Partly	-Excel listing of AP by entity -require AP listing broken down at invoice levelRequire any documentation or status of current or potential liensrequire information regarding any related party transaction / non-arms length
If applicable, listing of all inventory, including: description, location, original cost, estimated fair market value, copies of any recent appraisals or other indications of value.	С	March 16, 2021			
(II) Priority Payables					
Most recent statements of account from CRA for GST, corporate taxes and payroll deductions. Additionally, most recent statements for any provincial/state jurisdictions outside of Alberta (i.e., HST, PST).	А	March 12, 2021		Yes	-CRA screenshot provided showing account balanceAlberta corporate tax account balance provided -require any information pertaining to HST/PST. if applicable
Copies of most recent corporate tax returns.	С	March 16, 2021			ID21/k21' II andlicable
If applicable, a schedule of employee pension plans, funded status, accrued obligations and funding requirements.	В	March 15, 2021			
Copies of most recent Workers Compensation Board ("WCB") balances.	A	March 12, 2021		No	

Schedule of rent obligations by location, copies of all leases, listing of any amounts outstanding with regard to leasing facility/land (overdue rent), and evidence of payment last three months of rental payments.  Listing of any other accrued liabilities (federal trust claims, liens and other priority amounts) including	А	March 12, 2021	-Yard lease agreement provided -require proof of payment of rent -require rent/lease schedule and outstanding amounts, if applicable -require listing of rent obligations by location
description, amount and basis of calculation.	В	March 15, 2021	
(III) Employee Payroll		A	
Copies of all recent and historical notice of assessments or any other notices from CRA with respect to source deductions (EI, CPP, incomes taxes, etc.).	Α	March 12, 2021	Yes -screen shots CRA payroll account provided
Copies of all payroll reports (for September 2020 to current) for employees/contractors and evidence of corresponding remittances made to CRA for each payroll period. Need to see evidence that each payroll cheque has cleared the bank.	А	March 12, 2021	-excel documents provided showing payment runs and cheque register -require reconciliation to bank/CRA for employee payment and remittances -require payroll reports that shows gross and net payroll obligations per pay period, inclusive of payroll remittances (third party report, if applicable).
List of all employees and contractors including:  - Name and address;  - position/title;  - employer entity;  - location of work;  - salary/wage and benefits;  - hiring date; and  - if applicable, independent contractor agreements	В	March 15, 2021	
(IV) Fixed Assets	10.5		
Listing of all equipment broken down by major category and showing owned vs. leased, including:  - Description;  - Location (province/state, jurisdiction, terminal, division);  - Original cost;  - Estimated fair market value;  - Equipment finance or lease arrangement including principal outstanding; and  - Copies of any recent appraisals or other indications of value.	В	March 15, 2021	
Current GPS tracking report identifying current location of units with GPS devices.	В	March 15, 2021	
Listing of parts inventory, including:  - Description;  - Location;  - Original cost;  - Estimated fair market value; and	С	March 16, 2021	
Details of intercompany accounts including related party and intercompany guarantees, if any (name, amount, nature of debts).	С	March 16, 2021	

Details of any investments and/or government subsidies.	С	March 16, 2021	
Documentation of any outstanding liens that have been filed against any of the Company assets.	А	March 12, 2021	no.
(V) Short-Term Liquidity			
Short-term cash flow forecast to March 31, 2021 that will show the Company's forecast cash receipt collections and forecast disbursements required to operate the Company over the next month.	С	March 16, 2021	
Bank reconciliation for opening cash that supports the opening cash balance in the short term cash flow forecast.	С	March 16, 2021	
Bank reconciliations for September 2020 through January 2021.	А	March 12, 2021	-system generated bank recs provided -require bank statements, at transaction level, from September 2020 through to January 2021 for support

## **EXHIBIT** "E"

This is Exhibit "E" referred to in the Affidavit of Charanpreet Brar sworn the Ath day of April, 2021.

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Scott,

I can confirm we have sufficient information for today's deadline. We will reach out if we require anything further upon our more detailed review.

THIS IS EXHIBIT.

Regards, Cassie

Cassie Riglin CPA, CA, CIRP, LIT Alvarez & Marsal Canada ULC

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Cassie,

I have spoken to my client and the information that they provided is the best information they have on payroll using their Axon accounting and dispatch software. As such I am writing to confirm that we have now sent you all of the documents that you require further to Thursday's document request.

Regards,

Scott C. Chimuk | Partner

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Scott,

That is correct, but we do not have any files that contain mileage/hours for the entire fleet.

Thanks, Cassie

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[extermal email]

Cassie,

The asset list for trucks and trailers is the current location of all units - not just RBC.

Regards,

Scott C. Chimuk | Partner



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Scott,

We have received from E Capital a listing of all the RBC leased trucks and trailers that included make, model, VIN, mileage information, status, etc., but we need to see this information for the entire fleet of assets not just the RBC leased vehicles.

Additionally on the payroll side of things, we have been provided by People Express a listing of all employees and evidence of the payroll remittances being made to CRA, but we still have not seen actual payroll reports showing the gross and net payroll obligations for each pay period in the past 6 months. Ideally we would see each payroll report, the supporting workbook generating the payroll based on employees hours submitted, the corresponding cheques being issued to the employees and clearing the bank account, and the corresponding payroll remittance to the CRA.

Can you have People Express provide these further items as soon as possible?

Regards, Cassie

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Scott,

Thanks for the note. We have looked at the information (still going through it) that was sent by the Company/E Capital last Thursday end of day and today. There are a couple of additional items to the abbreviated information request list we sent on Thursday that are still outstanding and Cassie from our side will send this out very shortly.

Orest

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Danielle/Jeff/Orest,

From my review of all of the correspondence my client has provided Orest with all of the information that was sought for today's deadline. From my review and my client's review everything is now complete for today's deadline. Orest please confirm.

Regards,

Scott C. Chimuk | Partner



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Hello Cassie,

Please see attached spreadsheet containing RBC leased truck kilometers as of March 22, 2021.

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