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TRISURA GUARANTEE INSURANCE COMPANY

Applicant

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EBERSOLE EXCAVATING INC. AND D&S RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION INC.

Respondents

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 47 OF
THE BANKRUPTCY AND INSOLVENCY ACT, R.S.C. 1985 c. B-3, AS
AMENDED; AND SECTION 1010 OF THE *COURTS OF JUSTICE ACT*,
R.S.O 1990, c. C.43, AS AMENDED

AND IN THE MATTER OF 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

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This is the Cross-Examination via Skype of MICHAEL B.
McINTOSH, on his affidavit sworn the 1st day of April,
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SERVICES INC., Suite 900, Ernst & Young Tower, 222 Bay
Street, Toronto, Ontario, on the 20th day of April, 2015.

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1 MICHAEL B. MCINTOSH, affirmed

2 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. MARSHALL:

3 1. Q. Good morning, Mr. McIntosh.

4 A. Good morning.

5 2. Q. I understand that you're currently
6 an executive vice president of Maynards?

7 A. Correct.

8 3. Q. How long have you held that
9 position?

10 A. The executive part of the vice
11 presidency was put in probably eight months ago, I
12 think. I've been a vice president of the industrial
13 division for eight years, roughly. The "executive"
14 vice president was put on, I think, six, eight
15 months ago.

16 4. Q. Okay. And what was your experience
17 in the period prior to the last eight years you have
18 had with Maynards?

19 A. Senior manager in charge of the
20 industrial division for Maynards in Canada.

21 5. Q. When did you join Maynards?

22 A. I originally joined Maynards in
23 1997, left Maynards for a U.S. company briefly, 2003
24 to 2005. Returned in late '05, I believe. And I've
25 been there ever since.



1 6. Q. What is your highest level of formal
2 education?

3 A. High school graduation.

4 7. Q. In the affidavit you have filed, and
5 this is just for the record, we are all very
6 familiarily with Maynards and its business. But for
7 the record, you have gone through in your affidavit
8 the lengthy experience that Maynards has had in the
9 area of, among other things, asset dispositions and
10 acquisitions?

11 A. Yes.

12 8. Q. I would just like to know whether
13 you, personally, have been directly involved in
14 those kinds of transactions over the last eight
15 years?

16 A. I have.

17 9. Q. And can you give me a ball park
18 number of the kinds of acquisitions and dispositions
19 you have done?

20 A. Oh, boy. On an average yearly basis
21 probably 25 to 30, so, times eight, whatever that
22 is.

23 10. Q. Okay, and would those be deals that
24 were similar in nature to the D&S deal that is the
25 subject of your affidavit?



1 A. Well, there is...by "similar in
2 nature", are you asking me are they the same type of
3 assets or the same type of deal? I'm not sure of
4 the question. In other words, purchase? Are you
5 getting at the structure of...you're getting to the
6 structure of the deal or the type of assets, or
7 both?

8 11. Q. Well, let me be more specific. The
9 question was too vague.

10 A. Okay.

11 12. Q. First of all, with respect to the
12 nature of the assets, in this case, you were not
13 auctioning the assets on behalf of D&S, you were
14 acquiring them from D&S and then auctioning them,
15 correct?

16 A. Correct.

17 13. Q. All right. Now, is that a normal
18 practice in your experience over the last eight
19 years?

20 A. It is.

21 14. Q. In your experience in the last eight
22 years, in the deals that you have done, have you
23 been the most senior person on those deals?

24 A. Yes.

25 15. Q. And let me ask you, in this case,



1 you did not use...when I say "you", unless I refer
2 to you specifically, I am referring to Maynards
3 generally. In this deal, as I understand it,
4 Maynards did not use...sorry, on the purchase from
5 D&S, Maynards did not use a law firm?

6 A. Correct.

7 16. Q. And is that usual or unusual on your
8 experience during the last eight years?

9 A. I would say it is probably...it
10 depends on how complicated we look at the structure
11 of the deals. I would say half of the time, we may
12 use counsel depending on the size of the deal and
13 the type of the deal it is. And sometimes we
14 don't...we have boilerplate contracts that we have,
15 and typically sometimes we rely on those. And
16 probably when we learn lessons like this, they are
17 hard lessons to learn, we shouldn't do that. But in
18 this case, obviously, we didn't use counsel from the
19 outset.

20 17. Q. Well, hindsight is always great, I
21 agree.

22 A. Right.

23 18. Q. But in terms of your experience over
24 the last eight years, or, actually, longer than
25 that, is it a fair statement for me to make that



1 because of that experience you have gained, there
2 are circumstances were you feel you don't need
3 lawyers on these deals?

4 MR. MCPHERSON: Counsel, let me take
5 that question under advisement. I don't
6 want to get into what he thinks in terms of
7 when and when not to retain counsel.

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8 19. MR. MARSHALL: Well, that wasn't my
9 question. My question was whether Mr.
10 McIntosh's experience was such, with all
11 these deals, whether that was one of the
12 reasons he did not feel necessary to retain
13 counsel on some of these deals.

14
15 BY MR. MARSHALL:

16 20. Q. Is that fair?

17 A. That is fair. That's a fair
18 statement.

19 21. Q. And I take it...part of my earlier
20 question about whether the D&S deal was similar to
21 others was in the purchase by Maynards from D&S...in
22 the purchase from D&S, I just want to make sure that
23 we are on the same footing here. First of all, it
24 was a sale of substantially all of D&S assets, is
25 that fair?



1 A. As we understood it, yes.

2 22. Q. Yes, I'm talking about what you
3 understood.

4 A. Yes.

5 23. Q. And did you also understand that D&S
6 was going out of business?

7 A. I understand, yes. I verbally...I
8 remember having conversations where this was the
9 wind up of the business. That's how they advertised
10 it. In the initial documents that we saw from our
11 mergers who was running the process. So, yes, that
12 was our understanding, they were winding up the
13 business.

14 24. Q. All right. So, then, we are then
15 all agreed that this transaction was out of the
16 ordinary course of business of D&S?

17 A. Yes.

18 25. Q. Were you also aware of the financial
19 situation of Ebersol Excavating at the time of your
20 deal with D&S?

21 A. I was not.

22 26. Q. Were you aware at any time that
23 Ebersol had made...or filed a notice of intention to
24 make a proposal under the Bankruptcy Act?

25 A. I did not.



1 27. Q. Are you familiar with the concept of
2 a notice of intent under the Bankruptcy Act?

3 A. I'm somewhat familiar, yes.

4 28. Q. And I gather in your experience you
5 have, again, Maynards, and you, personally, have
6 been involved in acquisitions and sales of assets of
7 companies that were either going out of business or
8 were subject to insolvency proceedings?

9 A. Yes.

10 29. Q. So, I also assume from your
11 experience in this area that you became, at least
12 generally aware of some provisions of the Ontario
13 Personal Property Security Act, is that fair?

14 A. I have a general understanding. I
15 wouldn't say that I have an expert understanding of
16 the PPSA, no.

17 30. Q. I wouldn't expect that, but is it
18 fair to say that you are aware security interests in
19 the kind of assets that you're purchasing would
20 normally be registered under the PPSA?

21 A. Yes.

22 31. Q. And you would therefore have been
23 aware of, either personally or through your lawyers,
24 about the process of searching the PPSA records to
25 determine whether or not assets were subject to



1 security interests?

2 MR. McPHERSON: Let me just qualify
3 that, John. In terms of through
4 lawyers...let's not get into what lawyers'
5 advice would be, but it's...

6 32. MR. MARSHALL: Oh, no. I don't...

7 MR. McPHERSON: You're not asking for
8 legal advice, you're just asking if he
9 understood...

10
11 BY MR. MARSHALL:

12 33. Q. As a result of your personal
13 experience on deals without lawyers, and your
14 personal experience with lawyers, you became aware
15 of the whole concept of searching for security
16 interests registered under the PPSA?

17 A. Yes.

18 34. Q. Right. And I presume, and you could
19 tell me if I'm wrong, I presume that you were aware
20 that that whole process became most important when
21 you were purchasing assets out of the ordinary
22 course of business?

23 A. Yes, I think it's fair to say.

24 35. Q. And is it fair to say that that was
25 one of the reasons that your deal with D&S required



1 discharge of any security registered against the D&S
2 assets?

3 A. Yes.

4 36. Q. And that, of course, is why you
5 actually did conduct the search?

6 A. Correct.

7 37. Q. And as I understand it from the
8 materials that the search you conducted was one
9 done...was a name search under D&S, am I right?

10 A. I did D&S. Also, Ebersole
11 Excavating, we searched.

12 38. Q. All right. And did you search under
13 the personal names of the Ebersoles?

14 A. I don't believe we did. I believe
15 we just used the two company names that we were
16 aware of.

17 39. Q. And did you make any searches under
18 the vehicle identification numbers for any of the
19 assets that you considered motor vehicles?

20 A. I did not.

21 40. Q. And did you do any searches of the
22 government records to determine the registered
23 ownership of any of the assets you considered to be
24 motor vehicles?

25 A. On a VIN number basis, or a...



1 41. Q. Yes, on a VIN number basis.

2 A. No, I did not.

3 42. Q. Did you do it on any other basis?

4 A. I did not.

5 43. Q. All right. Well, we understand that
6 although you did the searches, you missed the
7 Trisura entry. Had you been aware of the Trisura
8 registered security, I take it you would have
9 insisted upon the discharge of that security before
10 closing the deal with D&S?

11 MR. McPHERSON: I don't want to get into
12 hypotheticals here, Counsel. He can just
13 tell you what he did.

14 44. MR. MARSHALL: I don't think there is
15 anything unfair about that hypothetical.

16 MR. McPHERSON: Well, let me take that
17 under advisement.

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18
19 BY MR. MARSHALL:

20 45. Q. Mr. McIntosh, when you closed the
21 deal, and when I talk about the deal with D&S, I'm
22 talking about the Maynards acquisition that is
23 subject to the agreement that is at Exhibit H in
24 your affidavit. Do you have that exhibit available?
25 I don't want you to look at it, I just want to know



1 if you have it available to you.

2 A. I do.

3 46. Q. Okay. Sorry, at the time of that
4 agreement, did you give any consideration to the
5 application of the Bulk Sales Act?

6 A. I did not.

7 47. Q. Are you familiar with the Bulk Sales
8 Act?

9 A. I'm more familiar now than I was at
10 the time, I guess. No, I was not. I had heard the
11 term, but I wasn't very...I honestly was not very
12 familiar with the meaning.

13 48. Q. Did you have any discussions with
14 the Ebersoles about any other requirements other
15 than the discharge of the security, of course,
16 relating to the sale of all their assets?

17 A. No, but it was clear that we
18 requested them to give us the ownerships, the
19 individual ownerships for the vehicles. And that
20 was further evidence to us that we were getting
21 things free and clear. They were handing over the
22 titles and the ownerships to the various pieces of
23 equipment that were licensable.

24 49. MR. MARSHALL: Let's go off the record
25 for a minute.



1 --- DISCUSSION OFF THE RECORD

2
3 50. MR. MARSHALL: Mr. McIntosh, did you
4 hear that off the record discussion between
5 Josh and me?

6 THE DEPONENT: I did.

7
8 BY MR. MARSHALL:

9 51. Q. We referred to Exhibit Q in your
10 affidavit, which is the document entitled "Sales
11 Report"...

12 A. Okay.

13 52. Q. ...with respect to the D&S
14 transaction. And there is a list of assets, and
15 some of them have vehicle identification numbers.
16 Are you familiar with that document?

17 A. I am.

18 53. Q. Did you prepare it?

19 A. I did.

20 54. Q. Now, you mentioned earlier that...

21 MR. FREEMAN: Sorry, just to clarify,
22 because I don't think that Mike has the
23 document in front of him.

24 THE DEPONENT: I do not.

25 MR. FREEMAN: This...



1 THE DEPONENT: I don't think I have Q.
2 Is that what you're referring to?

3 55. MR. MARSHALL: Yes.

4 MR. FREEMAN: So, this document actually
5 was a document that was originally prepared
6 by Maynard. I actually did the extraction.
7 So, I hid all of the non-motor vehicle line
8 items based on information provided by
9 Mike.

10 56. MR. MARSHALL: Is it accurate to say
11 that Exhibit Q is a document that you
12 prepared that was based on a larger
13 document that Mr. McIntosh prepared?

14 MR. FREEMAN: That's correct. And Mr.
15 McIntosh has reviewed this and ensured its
16 accuracy. It's based on his information,
17 but I helped in ensuring that it was well
18 presented for our purposes.

19 57. MR. MARSHALL: That's fine. Yes, okay.

20 MR. FREEMAN: And this, also, just so
21 the record is clear, this is Exhibit Q,
22 which is actually just a portion of the
23 overall sales report that relates to motor
24 vehicles.

25 58. MR. MARSHALL: Right.



1 MR. McPHERSON: The entirety of the
2 sales report is contained in Exhibit X.
3 So, again, Q is just the motor vehicle
4 portion.

5 59. MR. MARSHALL: That's right.

6 MR. FREEMAN: And X are all of the other
7 lot items together with the motor vehicle
8 lot items in one sales report.

9 60. MR. MARSHALL: Right. And then
10 presumably Mr. McIntosh is the author of
11 Exhibit X?

12 MR. FREEMAN: Correct me if I'm wrong,
13 Mike, but this was created, I think, by
14 someone in the accounting department under
15 your direction?

16 THE DEPONENT: Are you still referring
17 to Q, or...

18 61. MR. MARSHALL: We are referring...

19 MR. FREEMAN: Exhibit X, the sales
20 report.

21 62. MR. MARSHALL: ...Exhibit X, which is a
22 sale report that contains all of the
23 assets, whereas Exhibit Q just contains the
24 motor vehicle assets.

25 THE DEPONENT: Yes, X comes off of our



1 computerized accounting records.

2 63. MR. MARSHALL: Right. Okay.

3
4 BY MR. MARSHALL:

5 64. Q. Sorry, so, that's a long winded way
6 of getting back to my original question, which was
7 you stated earlier in the course of your dealings
8 with D&S, they gave you ownerships, proof of
9 ownerships,s for the motor vehicles? Did I hear
10 that correctly?

11 A. They gave us the ownership that we
12 would need to then transfer onto our customers,
13 correct.

14 65. Q. And are you talking about the
15 vehicle ownership slips themselves, the actual...

16 A. The green slips that have the serial
17 number, year, descriptions on them.

18 66. Q. And in what stage in the transaction
19 did they provide those to you?

20 A. Those were provided, I think, on the
21 day that I signed our agreement.

22 67. Q. And do you still have those
23 ownerships or copies of them?

24 A. We have copies. I think they are
25 part of the record, are they not?



1 68. Q. Are they in your affidavit?

2 MR. McPHERSON: They are not.

3 69. MR. MARSHALL: I didn't think so.

4
5 BY MR. MARSHALL:

6 70. Q. Did any of those...hopefully this is
7 not an unfair question, but you don't have the
8 documents in front of you. But did any of those
9 ownerships show D&S as the owner of the motor
10 vehicles?

11 A. That I can't recall.

12 71. Q. Exhibit H is your agreement,
13 Maynards' agreement with D&S. Was there any other
14 purchase agreement entered into between Maynards and
15 either Ebersole Excavating or the individual
16 Ebersoles?

17 A. No.

18 MR. McPHERSON: Sorry, Counsel, just so
19 I understand the question, you're talking
20 about aside from that D&S sales contract,
21 at Exhibit H?

22 72. MR. MARSHALL: Right.

23 MR. McPHERSON: Yes, okay.

24 THE DEPONENT: You're talking about a
25 side contract, correct?



1 73. MR. MARSHALL: Right.

2 THE DEPONENT: I mean, there are
3 versions of our proposals that went back
4 and forth until we came to a signed
5 agreement. That's what you're referring
6 to, a signed agreement?

7 74. MR. MARSHALL: Right.

8
9 BY MR. MARSHALL:

10 75. Q. I'm not asking you about drafts or
11 anything of the sort, just whether there is any
12 other document or documents, other than Exhibit H,
13 that Maynards signed or received that Maynards
14 considered to be a contract?

15 A. No. The answer is no.

16 76. Q. Just going back to your experience
17 and practice with doing searches under the PPSA, I
18 presume whether you're using a lawyer or just acting
19 on your own, you always do searches in transactions
20 such as this, where you purchased all or
21 substantially all of the assets of a company that is
22 ceasing to carry on business, is that correct?

23 A. That is correct.

24 77. Q. And would one of your...when you do
25 such a search, I presume, once again, that you would



1 be concerned to know the nature of the security
2 interest that are registered. And let me give you
3 an example.

4 A. Okay.

5 78. Q. You would be more concerned, I take
6 it, if there were a general security agreement
7 over...or interest in all of the assets, as opposed
8 to, say, one registered lease affecting one motor
9 vehicle?

10 MR. MCPHERSON: I'm not sure of "more
11 concerned". What do you mean by "more
12 concerned"?

13
14 BY MR. MARSHALL:

15 79. Q. That's what you would be looking for
16 in particular, is the broadest general security
17 interest?

18 A. I don't think that is correct. I
19 think we are looking for anybody that has a security
20 interest, because if there is an individual asset,
21 and that asset happens to make up a fair amount of
22 our valuation, then it is equally important to the
23 general security.

24 80. Q. Again, that would be because if you
25 take it out of...if you purchase assets in those



1 circumstances, you cannot take title free and clear
2 of that security unless you either get discharges or
3 go through some sort of judicial process...

4 MR. McPHERSON: Well, that's a...

5
6 BY MR. MARSHALL:

7 81. Q. ...is that right?

8 MR. McPHERSON: ...legal conclusion, so
9 I'm not going to let him answer that one.

10 82. MR. MARSHALL: No, I'm not asking...I'm
11 asking him what...

12 MR. McPHERSON: You're asking him...

13 83. MR. MARSHALL: ...his practice?

14 MR. McPHERSON: Asking him what his
15 practice in terms of what he does, that's
16 fine. I don't have any objections to that.
17 But I don't want him getting into the legal
18 effect of what he does or doesn't do in any
19 particular case.

20 84. MR. MARSHALL: But I think is knowledge
21 is important.

22 MR. McPHERSON: Well, his knowledge as
23 to what he does is fair, and I don't mind
24 you asking questions on that.

25 85. MR. MARSHALL: Well, I'm asking his



1 knowledge.

2
3 BY MR. MARSHALL:

4 86. Q. Let me try to restate the question,
5 Mr. McIntosh. Is it fair to say that you were
6 aware, and have been for some time as a result of
7 your experience that on deals like this, you
8 Maynards, as a purchaser, cannot take the assets
9 free and clear of a registered security unless you
10 deal with it one way or the other: One was as a
11 discharge, another would be some sort of judicial
12 process. Were you aware of that? Was that your
13 understanding?

14 A. Yes.

15 87. Q. And was it also your understanding
16 that if a security interest was registered under the
17 PPSA and showed up on a search, that that secured
18 creditor would probably have a security agreement?

19 A. Yes, I think that is....yes. That's
20 fair to say.

21 88. Q. And I gather, in your experience,
22 you would have run into a lot of security
23 agreements?

24 A. I am not sure...I haven't read the
25 security...I mean, what we do is we look at the



1 searches or we have our lawyers look at the searches
2 and we deal with them or we don't deal with them. I
3 don't know how in depth I've ever looked at a
4 particular security agreement. I'm not sure what
5 you're getting at with the question, but...

6 89. Q. Well, let me be a little bit more
7 specific. You're certainly aware, or were aware
8 that it would be common for security agreements to
9 exist if there were security interests registered?

10 A. Yes.

11 90. Q. And am I also correct that you would
12 have understood that a sale like this, like the D&S
13 deal where a company is selling all of its assets,
14 or substantially all, and going out of business, if
15 there were security agreements registered, that sale
16 would not be permitted by those security agreements?

17 MR. McPHERSON: Well, he can't...
18

19 BY MR. MARSHALL:

20 91. Q. Is that fair?

21 MR. McPHERSON: He can't answer that,
22 Counsel.

23 92. MR. MARSHALL: He can tell me what his
24 understanding was.

25 MR. McPHERSON: Well, how can he have an



1 understanding when you haven't put an
2 agreement in front of him?

3 93. MR. MARSHALL: It's got nothing to do
4 with a specific agreement.

5 MR. McPHERSON: Well, you're asking him
6 to conjecture as to what an agreement might
7 provide and what his obligations are
8 under...

9 94. MR. MARSHALL: No, that's not my
10 question. Let me restate it.
11

12 BY MR. MARSHALL:

13 95. Q. In this case, Mr. McIntosh, your
14 search disclosed security interest from at least
15 three parties, right?

16 A. Yes.

17 96. Q. And so is it fair to say you would
18 have presumed that those parties had security
19 agreements with D&S?

20 A. Yes, I think that's fair to say.

21 97. Q. And is it also fair to say that you
22 would have understood or believed that those
23 security agreements would not permit the sale to go
24 through without a discharge of their security?
25

MR. McPHERSON: Counsel...



1 MR. FREEMAN: You need to be fair and
2 indicate what time...point in time you're
3 talking about. Because at the time that he
4 did the searches and prior to the closing
5 of the transaction, he had no idea that the
6 Trisura security existed.

7 98. MR. MARSHALL: No, I understand that. I
8 didn't mean to suggest otherwise.

9 MR. FREEMAN: Well, you...

10 99. MR. MARSHALL: That's why I referred you
11 to the others. Okay, well, let's...

12 MR. FREEMAN: In your previous question
13 you asked if he was aware that all three of
14 the parties would have had security
15 agreements, and that is not the case until
16 some time in November when he learned that
17 Trisura had an interest.

18 100. MR. MARSHALL: Okay, if I said it that
19 way, I misstated it.

20 MR. FREEMAN: No problem.

21 101. MR. MARSHALL: I apologize.

22 MR. FREEMAN: I figure we should clarify
23 for the record.

24 102. MR. MARSHALL: Let's just make it very
25 clear.



1 BY MR. MARSHALL:

2 103. Q. You had a search that showed
3 registered security interest against the D&S assets?

4 A. Yes.

5 104. Q. Right. It included Trisura, but we
6 know from your evidence that you missed that, so,
7 you were not personally aware of the Trisura
8 security being registered?

9 A. No.

10 105. Q. No you agree with my statement?

11 A. No, I'm not aware of there...I will
12 tell you this, is that we have come across searches
13 before where...and this is maybe where we made our
14 mistake, where we have seen to us, what are our
15 obscure names, we are hoping for banks, we are
16 looking for like Caterpillar. That's what we are
17 looking for. And I guess our mistake is when we
18 saw...we did see Trisura, we thought it was maybe
19 some obscure insurance situation. We have seen many
20 instances in the past where although a company has
21 been registered security, their security meant
22 nothing at the end of the day.

23 Now, it's up to me that we ignored...we go
24 ahead and ignore things, but we clearly made a
25 mistake when we saw Trisura and we didn't pursue it.



1 106. Q. Okay, I misunderstood. So, you did
2 see Trisura's name, you just didn't understand the
3 nature of its security. Is that right?

4 A. That's right. That's correct.

5 107. Q. But you did see and did deal with
6 the other two that you mentioned, Bank of Montreal
7 and Caterpillar?

8 A. We did.

9 108. Q. And, in fact, you specifically
10 sought discharges of that security?

11 A. We did.

12 109. Q. And is it fair to say that...or let
13 me put it another way. Was it your understanding
14 and belief at the time of the deal that without
15 those discharges, the BMO, Bank of Montreal and
16 Caterpillar security would not permit this kind of
17 deal?

18 A. Yes.

19 110. Q. And...it's a hanging "and". I'm
20 going to change words. Sorry, so, is it also fair
21 to say, then, that you would expect any security
22 agreement from what you consider, you know, large or
23 important secured lenders to contain provisions that
24 prohibit these kinds of sales without their security
25 or their indebtedness being dealt with, is that



1 fair?

2 A. I think that's fair to say.

3 111. Q. I just want to ask you a brief
4 question there too about Bidspotter.

5 A. Okay.

6 112. Q. And I think I understand the
7 arrangements, but I would like you to clarify them
8 for me. First of all, there is no corporate
9 relationship between Bidspotter and Maynards, am I
10 correct? Are they an arm's length company?

11 A. They are an arm's length company.

12 113. Q. And I presume that you have dealt
13 with them on a relatively regular basis?

14 A. Yes.

15 114. Q. Over what period of time? Like, is
16 it fairly recent? I see them in your ads all the
17 time, but that is only in the last year or two.

18 A. No, they are probably 90 percent of
19 our ads. We use them in 90 percent of our sales
20 going back over ten to fifteen years, probably.

21 115. Q. Okay. Now, this all relates to a
22 buyer's premium. What is a buyer's premium?

23 A. A buyer's premium is a fee that is
24 charged on top of the auction selling price that the
25 auctioneer typically retains as part of its



1 compensation.

2 116. Q. And so Maynards as auctioneer would
3 charge the buyer's premium to the ultimate purchaser
4 of the assets or any of the assets?

5 A. Correct.

6 117. Q. Right. And is there a standard
7 percentage?

8 A. No, I think that they range
9 depending on their volume of the sale, depending on
10 where the sales are. I mean, various...not even
11 Maynards has the set buyer's premium. They look at
12 what they are doing and then they determine what the
13 buyer's premium should be.

14 118. Q. Okay, and what about Bitspotter?
15 Does it...and when I say "does it", over the period
16 of time that covers this D&S transaction, did
17 Bidspotter have a set buyer's premium fee?

18 A. Yes.

19 119. Q. What was that?

20 A. Three percent.

21 120. Q. And in the ordinary course, when you
22 were doing an auction...is it just auctions where
23 you use Bidspotter?

24 A. Yes.

25 121. Q. Right. And so when you



1 conduct...when Maynards conducts an auction, as I
2 understand it, the role of Bidspotter is to
3 essentially act as the middleman for purchasers who
4 can't actually show up physically at the auction, is
5 that right?

6 A. Yes, I would say that is fair to
7 say.

8 MR. McPHERSON: I'm sorry, just to
9 clarify. "Middleman" is a pretty vague
10 phrase...

11 THE DEPONENT: Yes, that is a vague
12 term. I mean, I can expand on it. It
13 is...they are a service that is provided
14 for people who cannot attend the auction,
15 cannot be physically present at the time of
16 the auction.

17
18 BY MR. MARSHALL:

19 122. Q. So, their services are...how would
20 you describe them, just technical?

21 A. They provide the technical and the
22 link up, if you will, over the internet to enable
23 people to bid from their homes or offices.

24 123. Q. Okay, that's a better word. They
25 are enablers. They enable people who cannot



1 physically attend the auction to actually
2 participate in the auction by doing it online. Is
3 that fair?

4 A. I think that is fair to say.

5 124. Q. So, they have no direct dealings
6 with or relationship with bidders, or, sorry, with
7 the ultimate purchasers? That is all done through
8 Maynards?

9 A. Correct.

10 125. Q. And so is that why...I've asked you
11 to take a look at Exhibit AA, which is...I just
12 wanted to have this confirmed. This is an invoice
13 from Bidspotter to Maynards?

14 A. Yes.

15 126. Q. That's just for...there, that's
16 Bidspotter's buyer's premium?

17 A. Right.

18 127. Q. Is that right?

19 A. Right.

20 128. Q. So, in this case, Maynards' buyer's
21 premium was 15 percent?

22 A. Yes.

23 129. Q. And Bidspotters was three percent?

24 A. Yes.

25 130. Q. And you would take your 15 percent



1 on any sales made through Bidspotter?

2 A. No. That's not correct. We take
3 our 15 percent from the people who are standing in
4 front of us, and the Bidspotter people online.

5 131. Q. Sorry, that's what I meant to say.

6 A. Okay.

7 132. Q. The 15...to put it another way, the
8 Bidspotter three percent that you talked about...

9 A. Is only applicable to the people
10 that are bidding online.

11 133. Q. Right, but it is on top of the 15
12 percent?

13 A. Correct.

14 134. Q. And that is why Bidspotter invoices
15 Maynards directly, right? Because...I just want to
16 make sure I get this process correct. Because
17 Maynards collects the buyers' premium when it
18 completes the sale to the purchaser, is that fair?

19 A. Correct.

20 135. Q. And included in the amounts that you
21 would collect from the purchaser would be
22 Bidspotter's percentage?

23 A. Correct.

24 136. Q. And then Bidspotter would bill you,
25 Maynards, and Maynards would pay the three percent



1 to Bidspotter?

2 A. That's correct. Plus some of the
3 other fees that you can see at that exhibit.

4 137. Q. Right. So, there would be
5 other...these are all expenses that Bidspotter is
6 billing Maynards for on this particular sale?

7 A. Right.

8 138. Q. Right.

9 139. MR. MARSHALL: I think I'm done.

10 MR. MCPHERSON: Go off the record for a
11 minute.

12
13 --- DISCUSSION OFF THE RECORD

14 RE-EXAMINATION BY MR. MCPHERSON:

15 140. Q. I just have one or maybe two
16 questions for you. I wonder if you can turn up your
17 affidavit and read paragraph 22 for me?

18 A. In my review of the PPSA search
19 results...

20 141. Q. Sorry, can I...

21 A. ...the security had been registered
22 by Caterpillar Financial Services...

23 142. Q. Okay, stop...

24 A. ...the Bank of Montreal and the
25 assets of D&S Railway.



1 143. Q. Stop there, Mike. I didn't mean
2 read it out loud. I just wanted you to look at it.

3 A. Oh, I apologize.

4 144. Q. Do you have it there? If you could
5 just take a minute to read it?

6 A. Yes, I've got it in front of me.

7 145. Q. Okay. Mr. Marshall had asked you
8 some questions about your examination of the PPSA
9 registrations, and you had mentioned that you had
10 seen the Trisura registration. In paragraph 22 of
11 your affidavit, you had talked about the fact that
12 you had missed it at the time, and we weren't being
13 very particular of the time. Can you just clarify
14 when you saw the Trisura registration for the first
15 time?

16 A. I saw it when the documents came
17 back. Again, you know, I physically saw it...we
18 missed in the fact that we did not think it was...I
19 can't remember my thinking at the time, but I
20 believed that I would say that...I saw the name, but
21 because it was a name that was not familiar to me,
22 being a bank or an equipment leasing company, that
23 we did not pursue it, as I said before. We kind of
24 ignored it, I guess.

25 MR. McPHERSON: Okay, thank you.



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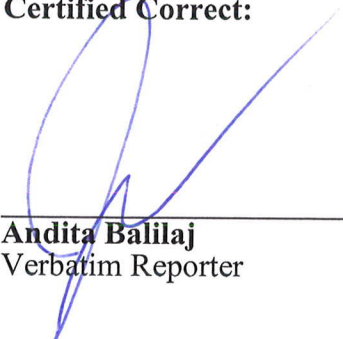


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