

CANADA

PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC
DISTRICT OF
MONTRÉAL

No.: 500-11-036133-094

SUPERIOR COURT

Commercial Division
*Sitting as a court designated pursuant to the
Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act,
R.S.C., c. C-36, as amended*

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR
ARRANGEMENT OF:**

ABITIBIBOWATER INC., a legal person incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, having its principal executive offices at 1155 Metcalfe Street, in the City and District of Montréal, Province of Quebec, H3B 5H2;

And

ABITIBI-CONSOLIDATED INC., a legal person incorporated under the laws of Canada, having its principal executive offices at 1155 Metcalfe Street, in the City and District of Montréal, Province of Quebec, H3B 5H2;

And

BOWATER CANADIAN HOLDINGS INC., a legal person incorporated under the laws of the Province of Nova Scotia, having its principal executive offices at 1155 Metcalfe Street, in the City and District of Montréal, Province of Quebec, H3B 5H2;

And

the other Petitioners listed on Appendices "A", "B" and "C";

Petitioners

And

ERNST & YOUNG INC., a legal person under the laws of Canada, having a place of business at 800 René-Lévesque Blvd. West, Suite 1900, in the City and District of Montréal, Province of Quebec, H3B 1X9;

Monitor

SEVENTY-THIRD REPORT OF THE MONITOR

April 4, 2011

INTRODUCTION

1. On April 17, 2009, Abitibi-Consolidated Inc. (“**ACI**”) and its subsidiaries listed in Appendix “A” hereto (collectively with ACI, the “**ACI Petitioners**”) and Bowater Canadian Holdings Incorporated (“**BCHI**”) and its subsidiaries and affiliates listed in Appendix “B” hereto (collectively with BCHI, the “**Bowater Petitioners**”) (the ACI Petitioners and the Bowater Petitioners, along with their successor entities, where applicable, are collectively referred to herein as the “**Petitioners**”) filed for and obtained protection from their creditors under the *Companies’ Creditors Arrangement Act* (the “**CCAA**” and the “**CCAA Proceedings**”) pursuant to an Order of this Honourable Court, as amended on May 6, 2009 (the “**Initial Order**”). Pursuant to an Order of this Honourable Court dated November 10, 2009, Abitibi-Consolidated (U.K.) Inc., a subsidiary of ACI, was added to the list of the ACI Petitioners.
2. Pursuant to the Initial Order, Ernst & Young Inc. (“**EYI**”) was appointed as monitor of the Petitioners (the “**Monitor**”) under the CCAA and a stay of proceedings in favour of the Petitioners was granted until May 14, 2009 (the “**Stay Period**”). The Stay Period was subsequently extended to the date of implementation of the CCAA Plan (as defined herein) pursuant to further Orders of this Honourable Court. The date of implementation of the CCAA Plan was December 9, 2010.
3. On April 16, 2009, AbitibiBowater Inc. (“**ABH**”), Bowater Inc. (“**BI**”), and certain of their direct and indirect U.S. and Canadian subsidiaries, including BCHI and Bowater Canadian Forest Products Inc. (“**BCFPI**”) (collectively referred to herein as the “**U.S. Debtors**”), filed voluntary petitions (collectively, the “**Chapter 11 Proceedings**”) for relief under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101 et seq. (the “**U.S. Bankruptcy Code**”) in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the “**U.S. Bankruptcy Court**”).
4. BCHI, Bowater Canada Finance Corporation (“**BCFC**”), Bowater Canadian Limited, AbitibiBowater Canada Inc., BCFPI, Bowater LaHave Corporation and Bowater Maritimes Inc. commenced both CCAA Proceedings and Chapter 11 Proceedings and are referred to herein collectively as the “**Cross-Border Petitioners**” and are also included in

the definition of “**Petitioners**”. The Petitioners, without BCFC, are referred to herein as the “**Applicants**”.

5. The Petitioners are all subsidiaries of ABH (ABH, collectively with its subsidiaries, are referred to as the “**ABH Group**”).
6. On April 17, 2009, ABH and the petitioners listed on Appendix “C” hereto (collectively with ABH, the “**18.6 Petitioners**”) obtained Orders under Section 18.6 of the CCAA in respect of voluntary proceedings initiated under Chapter 11 and EYI was appointed as the information officer in respect of the 18.6 Petitioners.
7. On April 16, 2009, ACI and Abitibi-Consolidated Company of Canada (“**ACCC**”) filed petitions for recognition under Chapter 15 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. On April 21, 2009, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court granted the recognition orders under Chapter 15 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.
8. On April 22, 2009, the Court amended the Initial Order to extend the stay of proceedings to the partnerships (the “**Partnerships**”) listed in Appendix “D” hereto.
9. On December 10, 2010, ACI, along with a number of other Petitioners, was renamed AbiBow Canada Inc. as a result of the corporate reorganization undertaken pursuant to these CCAA Proceedings.

PURPOSE

10. The purpose of this seventy-third report (the “**Seventy-Third Report**”) of the Monitor is to report to this Honourable Court with respect to the Interim Distribution Date and the Interim Distribution Record Date as defined in Section 7.1 of the Plan of Reorganization and Compromise dated August 2, 2010 and the Amended and Restated Plan of Reorganization and Compromise dated September 17, 2010 (collectively, the “**CCAA Plan**”).

TERMS OF REFERENCE

11. In preparing this Seventy-Third Report, the Monitor has been provided with and, in making comments herein, has relied upon unaudited financial information, the ABH

Group's books and records, financial information and projections prepared by the ABH Group and discussions with management of the ABH Group (the "**Management**"). The Monitor has not audited, reviewed or otherwise attempted to verify the accuracy or completeness of such information and, accordingly, the Monitor expresses no opinion or other form of assurance in respect of such information contained in this Seventy-Third Report. Some of the information referred to in this Seventy-Third Report consists of forecasts and projections. An examination or review of the financial forecasts and projections, as outlined in the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants Handbook, has not been performed. Future-oriented financial information referred to in this Seventy-Third Report was prepared by the ABH Group based on Management's estimates and assumptions. Readers are cautioned that, since these projections are based upon assumptions about future events and conditions the actual results will vary from the projections, even if the assumptions materialize, and the variations could be significant.

12. Capitalized terms not defined in Seventy-Third Report are as defined in the previous reports of the Monitor and the Initial Order. All references to dollars are in U.S. currency and are translated at a rate of CDN\$1.00=US\$0.98 unless otherwise noted.
13. Copies of all of the Monitor's Reports, in both English and French, including a copy of this Seventy-Third Report, and all motion records and Orders in the CCAA Proceedings are available on the Monitor's website at www.ey.com/ca/abitibibowater. The Monitor has also established a bilingual toll-free telephone number that is referenced on the Monitor's website so that parties may contact the Monitor if they have questions with respect to the CCAA Proceedings.
14. Copies of all of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court's orders are posted on the website for Epiq Bankruptcy Solutions LCC ("**Epiq**") at <http://chapter11.epiqsystems.com/abitibibowater>. The Monitor has included a link to Epiq's website from the Monitor's website.

THE INTERIM DISTRIBUTIONS RECORD DATE

15. As set forth in Section 7.1 of the CCAA Plan:

“Except as otherwise provided herein or as ordered by the Court, distributions to be made on account of Affected Claims that are Proven Claims as at the Initial Distribution Record Date shall be made on the Initial Distribution Date.”

16. The “**Initial Distribution Record Date**” was defined in the CCAA Plan as “the applicable date designated in the Sanction Order”¹. However, the Sanction Order does not include reference to the Initial Distribution Record Date nor does it reference subsequent dates to be used as Interim Distribution Dates. The Monitor designated December 2, 2010 as the Initial Distribution Record Date and December 17, 2010 as the “**Initial Distribution Date**”.
17. A second distribution to creditors was made by the Monitor since the implementation of the CCAA Plan. The second distribution was made on February 15, 2011 (the “**First Interim Distribution Date**”). The “**First Interim Distribution Record Date**” was January 31, 2011, pursuant to the CCAA Plan.
18. The Monitor has designated April 3, 2011 as the “**Second Interim Distribution Record Date**”. A notice of the Second Interim Distribution Record Date, a copy of which is attached hereto as Appendix “E”, has been posted on the Monitor’s website. Pursuant to the CCAA Plan the “**Second Interim Distribution Date**” is expected to be on April 18, 2011.

¹ The Sanction Order is defined to mean the Order issued by this Honourable Court dated September 23, 2010 sanctioning the CCAA Plan pursuant to the CCAA, Section 191 of the *Canada Business Corporations Act* and such other sections and legislation to be set forth in the restructuring transaction notice as such order may be amended, or supplemented from time to time.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ERNST & YOUNG INC.
In its capacity as the Court-Appointed
Monitor of the Petitioners

Per:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Morrison", written over a horizontal line.

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Senior Vice President

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**APPENDIX “A”
ABITIBI PETITIONERS**

1. Abitibi-Consolidated Company of Canada
2. Abitibi-Consolidated Inc.
3. 3224112 Nova Scotia Limited
4. Marketing Donohue Inc.
5. Abitibi-Consolidated Canadian Office Products Holding Inc.
6. 3834328 Canada Inc.
7. 6169678 Canada Inc.
8. 4042140 Canada Inc.
9. Donohue Recycling Inc.
10. 1508756 Ontario Inc.
11. 3217925 Nova Scotia Company
12. La Tuque Forest Products Inc.
13. Abitibi-Consolidated Nova Scotia Incorporated
14. Saguenay Forest Products Inc.
15. Terra Nova Explorations Ltd.
16. The Jonquière Pulp Company
17. The International Bridge and Terminal Company
18. Scramble Mining Ltd.
19. 9150-3383 Québec Inc.
20. Abitibi-Consolidated (U.K.) Inc.

**APPENDIX “B”
BOWATER PETITIONERS**

1. Bowater Canada Finance Corporation
2. Bowater Canadian Limited
3. Bowater Canadian Holdings. Inc.
4. 3231378 Nova Scotia Company
5. AbitibiBowater Canada Inc.
6. Bowater Canada Treasury Corporation
7. Bowater Canadian Forest Products Inc.
8. Bowater Shelburne Corporation
9. Bowater LaHave Corporation
10. St-Maurice River Drive Company Limited
11. Bowater Treated Wood Inc.
12. Canexel Hardboard Inc.
13. 9068-9050 Québec Inc.
14. Alliance Forest Products Inc. (2001)
15. Bowater Belledune Sawmill Inc.
16. Bowater Maritimes Inc.
17. Bowater Mitis Inc.
18. Bowater Guérette Inc.
19. Bowater Couturier Inc.

APPENDIX “C”
18.6 PETITIONERS

1. AbitibiBowater US Holding 1 Corp.
2. AbitibiBowater Inc.
3. Bowater Ventures Inc.
4. Bowater Incorporated
5. Bowater Nuway Inc.
6. Bowater Nuway Mid-States Inc.
7. Catawba Property Holdings LLC
8. Bowater Finance Company Inc.
9. Bowater South American Holdings Incorporated
10. Bowater America Inc.
11. Lake Superior Forest Products Inc.
12. Bowater Newsprint South LLC
13. Bowater Newsprint South Operations LLC
14. Bowater Finance II, LLC
15. Bowater Alabama LLC
16. Coosa Pines Golf Club Holdings, LLC

**APPENDIX “D”
PARTNERSHIPS**

1. Bowater Canada Finance Limited Partnership
2. Bowater Pulp and Paper Canada Holdings Limited Partnership
3. Abitibi-Consolidated Finance LP

APPENDIX “E”
NOTICE OF THE SECOND INTERIM DISTRIBUTION RECORD DATE



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**NOTICE OF THE SECOND INTERIM DISTRIBUTION RECORD DATE
in the matter of the PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND COMPROMISE OF
ABITIBIBOWATER INC., AND CERTAIN OF ITS SUBSIDIARIES
(hereinafter referred to as the “Petitioners”)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Second Amended and Restated Plan of Reorganization and Compromise of the Petitioners dated November 1, 2010 (the “Plan”), the Second Interim Distribution Record Date is **April 3, 2011**.

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan or as ordered by the Court, distributions to be made on account of Affected Claims that are Proven Claims as at the Second Interim Distribution Record Date are expected to be made on **April 18, 2011**.

Capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined in this Notice are as defined in the Plan.

A copy of the Plan may be obtained on the Monitor’s website at www.ey.com/ca/abitibibowater.