



July 7, 2020

To whom it may concern:

RE: Northern Silica Corporation, Heemskirk Mining Pty. Ltd., Heemskirk Canada Holdings Limited, Heemskirk Canada Limited, Custom Bulk Services Inc. and HCA Mountain Minerals (Moberly) Limited (collectively, the “NSC Companies” or the “Debtors”)

On June 30, 2020, the NSC Companies were granted an order (the "Initial Order") by the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta (the "**Court**") under the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. C36, as amended (the "**CCAA**"). Alvarez & Marsal Canada Inc. was appointed pursuant to the CCAA as monitor (the "**Monitor**") of the business and financial affairs of the NSC Companies.

The Initial Order provides for, among other things, a stay of proceedings initially expiring on July 10, 2020 (the "**Stay Period**"). The Stay Period may be extended by the Court from time to time.

A copy of the Initial Order as well as the other materials filed in these CCAA proceedings may be obtained at www.alvarezandmarsal.com/northernsilica. The NSC Companies are continuing to operate in its existing care and maintenance mode and in accordance with the provisions of the Initial Order. Pursuant to the Initial Order, all persons having oral or written agreements with the NSC Companies or statutory or regulatory mandates for the supply of goods and/or services are restrained until further Order of the Court from discontinuing, altering, interfering with or terminating the supply of such goods or services as may be required by the NSC Companies, provided that the normal prices or charges for all such goods or services received after the date of the Initial Order are paid by the NSC Companies in accordance with normal payment practices of the NSC Companies or such other practices as may be agreed upon by the supplier or service provider and each of the NSC Companies and the Monitor, or as may be ordered by the Court.

During the Stay Period, parties are prohibited from commencing or continuing any legal proceeding or enforcement, action against the NSC Companies and all rights and remedies of any party against or in respect of the NSC Companies or their assets are stayed and suspended except in accordance with the Initial Order, or with the written consent of the NSC Companies and the Monitor, or with leave of the Court.

To date, no claims procedure has been approved by the Court and creditors are therefore not required to file a proof of claim at this time.

If you have any questions regarding the foregoing or require further information, please consult the Monitor's website at www.alvarezandmarsal.com/northernsilica. Should you wish to speak to a representative of the Monitor, please contact Bryan Krol at bkrol@alvarezandmarsal.com or by phone at (403) 538-7523.

Yours truly,

ALVAREZ & MARSAL CANADA INC.,
in its capacity as court-appointed Monitor of the
the NSC Companies and not in its personal or corporate capacity

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Orest Konowalchuk', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Orest Konowalchuk, CPA, CA, CIRP, LIT
Senior Vice President