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IN THE MATTER OF THE *BANKRUPTCY AND INSOLVENCY ACT*, RSC 1985, C. B-3,

AS AMENDED

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MAKE A PROPOSAL OF NEWSCO INTERNATIONAL ENERGY

SERVICES INC.

DOCUMENT

AFFIDAVIT

ADDRESS FOR SERVICE AND CONTACT INFORMATION OF PARTY FILING THIS DOCUMENT BENNETT JONES LLP

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AFFIDAVIT NO. 2 OF WILLIAM MELVILLE

Sworn on December 7, 2020

- I, William Melville, of Calgary, Alberta, SWEAR AND SAY THAT:
- 1. I am the Chief Executive Officer of Newsco International Energy Services Inc. ("Newsco") and, as such, I have personal knowledge of the matters hereinafter deposed to except where stated to be based on information and belief, in which case I believe those matters to be

true. On November 9, 2020, I swore my first Affidavit in these proceedings (the "Melville Affidavit No. 1"). Where I use capitalized terms but do not define them in this Affidavit, I intend them to bear their meanings as defined in the Melville Affidavit No. 1.

- 2. Newsco filed a Notice of Intention to make a Proposal ("NOI") pursuant to section 50.4(1) of the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* on October 20, 2020. The NOI appointed BDO Canada Limited as the trustee of the proceedings (the "Proposal Trustee").
- 3. On November 19, 2020, this Honourable Court granted an Order:
 - (a) extending the time within which Newsco must file a proposal to its creditors, to and including December 23, 2020;
 - (b) granting an Administrative Charge in the amount of \$150,000; and
 - (c) authorizing Newsco to pay certain Critical Suppliers, and employees and contractors, including for arrears pre-dating the NOI.

Update on Newsco's Business and Operations

- 4. Since November 9, 2020, the date on which I swore the Melville Affidavit No. 1, although it has not been able to run at full capacity due to COVID-19 restrictions, maintaining the Indian Operations. Newsco continues to have no active jobs in Canada.
- 5. Attached as **Exhibit "1"** to this Affidavit is a true copy of Newsco's current 13-week cash flow statement, which has been prepared with the assistance of the Proposal Trustee.

Newsco's Efforts to Prepare a Proposal

- 6. Since filing the NOI, Newsco has worked diligently and in good faith with a view to ultimately presenting a proposal to its creditors. Newsco has fully cooperated with the Proposal Trustee and has diligently complied with the Proposal Trustee's requests. Newsco has, among other things:
 - (a) worked with the Proposal Trustee on the updated 13-week cash-flow statement attached as Exhibit "1" to this Affidavit;

- (b) begun coordinating with the Proposal Trustee to obtain a confidential independent third-party appraisal of Newsco's assets;
- (c) co-operated promptly with the Canada Revenue Agency ("CRA") to allow it to complete the necessary fieldwork for a payroll audit. I am informed by the Proposal Trustee and believe that this is an ordinary course procedure during restructuring processes like these NOI proceedings;
- (d) kept the Proposal Trustee apprised of Newsco's activities;
- (e) communicating with its suppliers to ensure the uninterrupted provision by them of goods and services for the Indian Operation;
- (f) progressed its confidential discussions with the same arm's length third party referred to in the Melville Affidavit No. 1, regarding a transaction that could form the basis for a proposal to Newsco's creditors. More specifically:
 - (i) pursuant to a fully-executed non-binding Term Sheet, Newsco has continued to negotiate with the third party;
 - (ii) facilitated the third party's ongoing due diligence efforts; and
 - (iii) Newsco's legal counsel and the third party's legal counsel have held numerous discussions and drafts of definitive agreements have been exchanged, and are in the process of being negotiated; and
- (g) on November 23, 2020, Newsco's US subsidiary received conditional approval for its Disclosure Statement and Chapter 11 Plan from the US Bankruptcy Court. On December 22, 2020, a hearing will be held for final approval of its Disclosure Statement and confirmation of its Chapter 11 Plan.
- 7. Newsco is seeking an extension of the time period in which to make its proposal, to February 1, 2021. The requested extension of time is necessary for Newsco to be able to generate a proposal to its creditors that is viable and practical from an economic standpoint.

- 8. I believe that Newsco is acting in good faith and with due diligence. I do not believe that the proposed extension will materially prejudice any of Newsco's creditors. The extension is necessary and, without such extension, Newsco will lose the opportunity to maximize value for its creditors.
- 9. I am advised by Newsco's counsel that the Proposal Trustee supports the proposed extension.
- 10. I make this Affidavit in support of Newsco's Application to extend the time for filing a Proposal, and for no other or improper purpose.

SWORN BEFORE ME at Calgary, Alberta, this 7th day of December, 2020.

A Commissioner for Oaths in and for Alberta

WILLIAMMELVILLE

Patrick B. Schembri Student-at-Law

THIS IS **EXHIBIT "1"** REFERRED TO IN THE AFFIDAVIT NO. 2 OF WILLIAM MELVILLE SWORN THE 7TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020.

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NEWSCO CANADA

NEWSCO INJERNATIONAL SERVICES ENERGY INC.
Per: BISWAJIT MISHRA
PRESIDENT & CFO

December 7, 2020 CALGARY, ALBERTA

ASSUMPTIONS AND NOTES

- Explanatory note in respect of each financial line item utilized above should be set out on a separate word document attachment.

Notes

Intercompany- Some costs like IT Services, Insurance are shared between entities and there is reimbursement expected
 India division has active jobs with long term contracts from where collection is expected
 Wage subsidy- assumed at the applicable rates for the Canada division. We are already receiving it
 Wages include Canada and India
 Benefits- Existing employee benefits will continue to be paid for both divisions
 Rent- Rent included for Canada office, yard, India office and workshop
 General & Administrative services include IT services provided by external service provider, insurance, utilities etc
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 It is assumed that 70% of available cash will be transferred from India division to Canada to fund operating expenses