

# Stornoway Granted Initial CCAA Order

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LONGUEUIL, Sept. 09, 2019 - [Stornoway Diamond Corp.](#) (TSX-SWY; the "Corporation" or "Stornoway") announced today that the Corporation and its subsidiaries Stornoway Diamonds (Canada) Inc. ("SDCI"), Ashton Mining of Canada Inc. ("Ashton") and FCDC Sales and Marketing Inc. ("FCDC" and collectively, the "SWY Parties") have obtained an initial order (the "Initial Order") from the Superior Court of Quebec (Commercial Division) (the "Court") for protection under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* ("CCAA") in order to restructure their business and financial affairs.

As announced earlier today, on September 8, 2019 the SWY Parties entered into a letter of intent ("LOI") with certain secured creditors under the bridge financing agreement entered into by the SWY Parties on June 10, 2019, which include Diaquem Inc. ("Diaquem") and certain buyers under the Amended and Restated Purchase and Sale Agreement entered into on October 2, 2018, as amended (the "Stream Agreement") (collectively, the "Participating Buyers" and together with Diaquem, the "Participating Secured Creditors"). Under the terms of the LOI, the Participating Secured Creditors confirmed their intention to acquire, through an entity to be formed for this purpose, substantially all of the assets and properties of the SWY Parties, and to assume such the debts and liabilities owing to the Secured Creditors as well as the ongoing obligations relating to the operation of the Renard Mine, subject to certain limited exceptions. Concurrently with the entering into of the LOI, SDCI, Ashton and FCDC, as borrowers, have entered into a definitive and binding working capital facility agreement ("WC Facility Agreement") with the Participating Secured Creditors providing for a working capital facility in an initial amount of \$20 million, which facility can be increased for additional amounts at the option of the Participating Secured Creditors.

The Initial Order provides for a broad stay of proceedings and the exercise and enforcement of rights and remedies against the SWY Parties. The Initial Order also authorizes the entering into of the WC Facility Agreement and the granting of a Court-ordered priority charge in favour of the Participating Secured Creditors securing the obligations under the working capital facility, which is expected to permit the SWY Parties to be able to continue to meet their short-term and current payment and other obligations to employees, suppliers as well as customers as and when they become due.

The transactions contemplated under the LOI are subject to the fulfilment of certain conditions, including the issuance by the Court of a final, non-appealable vesting order approving the definitive agreements giving effect to the sale of the SWY Parties' business to the Participating Secured Creditors.

Under the terms of the Initial Order, Deloitte Restructuring Inc. has been appointed as Monitor to oversee the CCAA proceedings and report to the Court. While under CCAA protection, management of the Corporation will remain responsible for the day-to-day operations of the SWY Parties.

## Trading in Securities of Stornoway

As announced earlier today, trading in Stornoway's common shares on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") has been halted. The Corporation expects that the remedial delisting process by the TSX announced on August 22, 2019 will be accelerated and the Corporation's common shares and convertible debentures will soon be delisted from trading on TSX. In addition, given the granting of the Initial Order, the Corporation believes that, irrespective of the outcome of the CCAA proceedings, there is and will be no recoverable or residual value in either Stornoway's common shares or convertible debentures.

## About Stornoway Diamond Corporation

Stornoway is a Canadian diamond exploration and production company headquartered in Montreal and

owns a 100% interest in the Renard Mine, Québec's first diamond mine.

On behalf of the Board

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*factors described herein and in Stornoway's annual and interim MD&A, its other disclosure documents and Stornoway's anticipation of and success in managing the foregoing risks. Stornoway cautions that the foregoing list of factors that may affect future results is not exhaustive and new, unforeseeable risks may arise from time to time.*

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