## SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA MARICOPA COUNTY

CV 2019-005943 04/19/2019

HONORABLE CHRISTOPHER WHITTEN

CLERK OF THE COURT
T. Cooley
Deputy

FIERCE INVESTMENTS LTD ROOPALI HARDIN DESAI

v.

AZTEC COPPER INC STEPHEN C RICH

JUDGE WHITTEN

### MINUTE ENTRY

Courtroom 612-ECB

9:06 a.m. This is the time set for return hearing re: Plaintiff's Application for Appointment of Receiver. Plaintiff is present with representative, Mackenzie Bowell and is represented by counsel, Roopali Hardin Desai and Keith Beauchamp. Defendant is present with representatives, Ron Arnold and Christine Reeves and is represented by counsel, Stephen C. Rich. Ron Arnold, Christine Reeves, and Stephen Snyder appear telephonically.

A record of the proceedings is made digitally in lieu of a court reporter.

Oral argument is presented.

9:57 a.m. Court stands at recess for parties to discuss agreement.

10:16 a.m. Court reconvenes with respective parties and counsel present. The parties previously appearing telephonically are not present.

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Agreement is put on the record.

Based upon matters presented to the Court,

IT IS ORDERED that the two motions for contempt in CV2018-003675 and CV2018-006866, respectively, are denied as moot, without prejudice to them being refiled.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the deposition of Christina Reeves will take place in Maricopa County at counsel's office on May 9, 2019. The Court will leave it up to the parties to determine how to resolve the time and location of Ron Arnold's deposition.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED granting the order appointing the receiver for the limited purpose of ensuring compliance with the judgments in CV2018-003675 and CV2018-006866, subject to an appropriate order being submitted to the Court.

10:22 a.m. Matter concludes.

# rant with New Order \*See eSignature page\*\*\* 1 Keith Beauchamp (012434) Roopali H. Desai (024295) 2 COPPERSMITH BROCKELMAN PLC 2800 North Central Avenue, Suite 1900 3 Phoenix, Arizona 85004 4 T: (602) 381-5490 F: (602) 224-6020 5 kbeauchamp@cblawyers.com rdesai@cblawyers.com 6 Attorneys for Plaintiff 8 ARIZONA SUPERIOR COURT 9 MARICOPA COUNTY 10 11 ) No. CV2018-006866 FIERCE INVESTMENTS LTD., CV2019-005943 12 Plaintiff, 13 ORDER APPOINTING RECEIVER 14 AZTEC COPPER INC., an Arizona 15 corporation; (Assigned to the Hon. Christopher Whitten) 16 Defendant. 17 18 Fierce Investments Ltd. filed a Verified Complaint/Application for Appointment of 19 Receiver and Motion in Support of Application for Appointment of Receiver against Aztec 20 Copper Inc., an Arizona corporation, requesting the appointment of a receiver. Pursuant to Rule 21 66, Ariz. R. Civ. P., A.R.S. § 12-1241 and A.R.S. § 12-1242, the Court, upon consideration of the Verified Complaint/Application for Appointment of Receiver (the "Application"), and for 22 23 good cause appearing, hereby finds and orders as follows: IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED granting the Application in 24 25 its entirety. 26 IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED as follows: {00431182.1 }

- 1. APPOINTMENT OF RECEIVER: MCA Financial Group, Ltd., by and through its Senior Managing Director, Keith Bierman, is hereby appointed as a general receiver (the "Receiver") in this action, effective immediately, provided that within five (5) business days of the date of this Order, the Receiver file an oath of receiver and post a bond in the amount of pursuant to Ariz. R. Civ. P. 66(b)(2). The cost of the bond shall be a reimbursable expense pursuant to Paragraph 3(h) below.
- 2. DUTIES, RIGHTS, AND POWERS OF THE RECEIVER: The Receiver is granted all of the rights and powers available to general receivers at common law and in equity in Arizona, and the following powers, duties, and authorities:
- (a) Shareholder Meeting. The Receiver shall set a shareholder meeting to be held in Maricopa County within forty (40) days of the date of this order, or as soon as the Receiver otherwise is able to, and shall give notice of the meeting to Plaintiff and other shareholders of record not less than ten (10) days before the meeting is held. The purpose of the shareholder meeting is to elect directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Any shareholder may appear electronically at that meeting, subject to identity verification. Following that meeting, the duly elected directors and/or officers may petition this Court to terminate this receivership;
- (b) Inspection of Books and Records. The Receiver shall take possession and control of all of the books, records, correspondence, and other accounting documents of the Receivership Entity and its subsidiaries, whether paper or electronic, which relate to, refer to, or account for the assets, revenues, proceeds, and/or liabilities of the Receivership Entity and/or its subsidiaries, whether in the possession and control of the Defendant, parties to this action, or in possession of their members, officers, directors, principals, attorneys, affiliates, agents, accountants, servants, subsidiaries, or employees. In accordance with the Judgment entered in Arizona Superior Court No. CV2018-003675, the Receiver shall promptly make all books and records described in this subsection available to counsel for Fierce Investments Ltd in Phoenix

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Arizona. The Receiver shall also take possession of all of Receivership Entity bank and deposit accounts used by or in connection with the Receivership Entity. The Defendant shall promptly provide the Receiver with the tax identification number(s) utilized by the Receivership Entity (including subsidiaries). The Receiver shall be entitled to utilize the aforementioned tax identification number(s) during his operation of the Receivership Entity. The Receiver shall have no responsibility for filing federal or state income or property tax returns related to the Receivership Entity, but may do so if he deems it appropriate to do so. All banks financial institutions and agents of the Receivership Entity, upon presentation of a copy of this Order, shall provide copies of any requested records regarding any such accounts used in connection with the Receivership Entity to the Receiver or his agent. Defendant, Defendant's counsel, and all persons acting under Defendant's direction or in concert with Defendant are ordered to make the following records immediately available to Receiver:

- the articles or restated articles of incorporation of the Receivership Entity and its subsidiaries and all amendments thereto;
- bylaws or restated bylaws of the Receivership Entity and its subsidiaries and all amendments thereto;
- resolutions adopted and/or voted on by the board of directors creating one or more classes or series of shares;
- minutes of all shareholders meetings, and records of all action taken by shareholders of the Receivership Entity and its subsidiaries without a meeting;
- written communications to any or all shareholders of the Receivership Entity and its subsidiaries;
- financial statements prepared in accordance with A.R.S. § 10-1620 of the Receivership Entity and its subsidiaries;
- any agreement among shareholders of the Receivership Entity and its subsidiaries under A.R.S. § 10-732;
- minutes of any meeting of the board of directors, records of any action of a committee of the board of directors while acting in place of the board of directors, minutes of any meeting of the shareholders and

records of action taken by the shareholders or board of directors without a meeting;

- accounting records of the Receivership Entity and its subsidiaries, including but not limited to
  - o its general ledger,
  - o annual profit and loss statements,
  - o year-end balance sheets, and
  - o documentation of any payments (whether loans, reimbursement of expenses, salary, or otherwise) from the Receivership Entity to any shareholder, officer or director;
- the record of shareholders of the Receivership Entity and its subsidiaries; and
- the Receivership Entity's and its subsidiaries' most recent financial statements showing in reasonable detail its assets and liabilities and the results of its operations.
- (c) Receiver's Agents. To employ, hire, engage, and retain attorneys, certified public accountants, investigators, consultants, and any other personnel or employees at commercially reasonable rates, which the Receiver deems—in his business judgment—necessary to assist him in the discharge of his duties. With the parties' consent, any such persons or Entity may be affiliates of the Receiver;
- (d) Payment of Receiver. The Receiver shall be compensated for its duties as Receiver under this Order at the following rates:
  - (i) Receiver's Fee: \$495/hour;
  - (ii) Paraprofessionals: \$125/hour;
  - (iii) Staff: \$295-395/hour.
- (e) Receiver's Expenses. Fees and expenses incurred by the Receiver will initially be paid by Plaintiff Fierce Investment Ltd., but will be subject to full or partial reimbursement by the Receivership Entity or other appropriate parties, at the direction of the Court. The Receiver, its consultants, agents, employees, legal counsel, and professionals may

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be paid on a periodic basis. However, all fees paid on an interim basis are subject to final approval by the Court in accordance with paragraph 3(h) below and must be reasonable;

- (f) Monthly Budget. Within forty-five (45) days of the filing of this Order, the Receiver shall prepare a comprehensive monthly budget (the "Budget") providing for all fees and costs expected to be incurred by the Receiver in the performance of its duties prescribed herein, as well as income expected to be generated from operation of the Receivership Entity. The Receiver shall revise the Budget as needed, updating for actual costs as information becomes available. The Receiver shall immediately inform the parties if monthly fees and costs are expected to materially exceed the appropriate budgeted amount;
- (g) Expense Limit. Notwithstanding anything in this Order to the contrary, the Receiver shall not incur or expend fees or expenses in excess of \$10,000.00 per month without obtaining prior written approval of Plaintiffs or this Court;
- (h) Final Statement of Account. Within sixty (60) days of the termination of the Receivership Estate, the Receiver shall file with the Court a "Final Report and Accounting" or similar report, which sets forth any and all fees and expenses claimed by the Receiver. If no objection thereto is filed and served on or within ten (10) days following service thereof, such Final Report and Accounting may be paid, the Receiver may be discharged, and the Receiver's bond may be exonerated. If an objection is timely filed and served, such Final Statement of Account shall not be paid absent further order of this Court. In the event objections are timely made to such fees and expenses, those specific fees and expenses objected to will be paid within ten (10) days of an agreement among the parties or the entry of an order by this Court adjudicating the matter;
- (i) Disclosure. The Receiver shall disclose to all parties any financial relationship between the Receiver and any company or person he hires to assist in the management of the Receivership Estate;

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3. NON-INTERFERENCE WITH RECEIVER: Absent further order from this Court, all creditors, vendors, lessors, licensors, or other contractors of the Receivership Entity, all persons or entities with actual knowledge of this Order (including, without limitation, the parties to this action), and the officers, directors, affiliates, agents, servants and employees (current or former) of the Receivership Entity, are enjoined from doing any act which will, or which will tend to, impair, defeat, divert, prevent or prejudice the implementation of this order.

#### 4. RECEIVERSHIP ESTATE:

- (a) Litigation Stay. No person or entity shall file suit against the Receiver, or take other legal action against the Receiver or the Receivership Entity or Property, with the exception of this action and other currently pending actions against the Receivership Entity, without an order of this Court permitting the suit or action; provided, however, no prior Court order is required to enforce the provisions of this Order or any other order of this Court in this action. In any event, no such suit shall be brought against the Receiver personally, but only against the Receivership Estate.
- (b) Limitation of Liability. The Receivership Estate, the Receiver, and its employees, agents, attorneys and all professionals and management companies retained by the Receiver shall have no liability for any obligations, or debts incurred by the parties to this action. The Receiver and his employees, agents, attorneys, and all professionals and management companies retained by the Receiver shall have no personal liability, and they shall have no claim asserted against them relating to the Receiver's duties under this Order, without prior authority from this Court as stated in Paragraph 9(a) above. In any event, no suit shall be maintained against the Receiver unless the Receiver has acted outside the scope of his authority and committed fraud or gross negligence in the administration of his duties. The Receiver is acting solely in his capacity as a Receiver and the debts of the Receiver are solely the debts of the Receivership Estate.

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- Indemnification of Receiver. The Receiver's liability for any action taken (c) in the course of his duties shall be limited to the Receivership Estate. The Receivership Estate shall indemnify and hold harmless the Receiver, and any affiliate, member, officer or agent of the Receiver from any claims, liability, loss, cost or expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs) arising out of this Receivership, unless the Receiver has acted outside the scope of his authority and committed fraud or gross negligence in the administration of his duties.
- 5. CONTACTING THE RECEIVER: Individuals or Entity interested in the Property, including but without limitation, all lessors, lessees, customers, principals, investors, suppliers, and creditors, may contact the Receiver directly by and through the following individual: Keith Bierman, MCA Financial Group, Ltd., 4909 N. 44th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85018; (602)710-2500; kbierman@mca-financial.com. Notice by email shall be sufficient for service of process of any documents or pleadings filed by the Receiver.
- 6. NOTICE TO THE PARTIES: Mailing copies of pleadings, reports, and motions filed by the Receiver, Plaintiff, and/or Defendant in this action shall constitute valid service on all parties for notice purposes.
- 7. ADDITIONAL DUTIES. The Plaintiff, Defendant, Receiver, or any third-party affected by this Order may at any time apply to this Court for any further or other instructions and powers necessary to enable the Receiver to perform his duties properly.
- 8. DEPOSITIONS. The court-ordered obligation of Ron Arnold and Christine Reeves to appear for depositions in Maricopa County is not affected by entry of this Order Appointing Receiver.
- 9. STATUS CONFERENCE. Receiver shall appear before this Court within sixty (60) days after the shareholder meeting described above has been held for a status conference.

1	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this receivership will continue in effect until further
2	order of this Court.
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4	DATED this day of May, 2019.
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