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Court of Appeal File No.

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Supreme Court Registry Vancouver

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COURT OF APPEAL

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, AS AMENDED

AND

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUSINESS CORPORATIONS ACT, S.B.C. 2002, c. 57, AS AMENDED

AND

IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE AND ARRANGEMENT OF NEW WALTER ENERGY CANADA HOLDINGS, INC. NEW WALTER CANADIAN COAL CORP., NEW BRULE COAL CORP., NEW WILLOW CREEK COAL CORP., NEW WOLVERINE COAL CORP. AND CAMBRIAN ENERGYBUILD HOLDINGS ULC

PETITIONERS (RESPONDENTS)

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AND:

UNITED MINE WORKERS OF AMERICA 1974 PENSION PLAN AND TRUST

APPELLANT

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL

Take notice that United Mine Workers of America 1974 Pension Plan and Trust (the "Appellant") hereby applies for leave to appeal to the Court of Appeal for British Columbia from the Order for Judgment of the Honourable Madam Justice Fitzpatrick of the Supreme Court of British Columbia pronounced the 1st day of May, 2017, at Vancouver, British Columbia (the "Order") granting the Respondents' application to declare that under Canadian conflict of laws rules, the Appellant's claim as against the Respondents (together, the "Walter Canada Group") is governed by Canadian substantive law and not U.S. substantive law, including the *Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974*, as amended ("ERISA"), 29 U.S.C. §§ 1001 et seq.

The appeal i	is from a:
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	Trial Ju	udgment	Summary Trial Judgmen	t
	Order	of a Statutory Body	⊠ Chambers Judgment	
2.	Rules or Ru		ler Rule 18-3 or 23-6 (8) of th ne Supreme Court Family Rule : N/A.	
3.		tify which of the followi autional/Administrative	ng is involved in the appeal:	⊠ Commercial
	Family -	☐ Divorce ☐ Other Family	☐ Family Law Act	☐ Corollary Relief in a Divorce Proceeding
	☐ Motor \	Vehicle Accidents	☐ Municipal Law	☐ Real Property
	☐ Torts		☐ Equity	☐ Wills and Estates

And further take notice that the Court of Appeal will be moved at the hearing of this application for an order that the execution of and proceedings upon the Order be stayed and that the Appellant have its costs of this application in any event of the appeal.

The grounds of appeal are:

- (1) the learned chambers judge erred in law in holding that the Appellants' claim against the Respondents in these proceedings under the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-46 (the "CCAA Proceedings"), is governed by Canadian substantive law and not U.S. substantive law, in the form of the controlled group liability provisions of ERISA, including by:
 - (a) characterizing the Appellant's claim against the Respondents as an issue of the status and legal personalities of the entities within the Walter Canada Group;
 - (b) ignoring the distinction among the entities within the Walter Canada Group between limited liability companies and entities which do not enjoy limited liability in law (i.e., unlimited liability corporations and partnerships):
 - (c) misapplying the connecting factor indicated by her erroneous characterization by erring in her analysis of corporate veil piercing;
 - (d) relying at all, albeit not "solely", on an argument concerning the "claims bar date" that the Respondents abandoned and which the learned chambers judge was advised was not being relied upon; and
 - (e) considering U.S. law that was not put in evidence through a witness, despite the insistence of the Respondents that the learned chambers judge could only consider U.S. law put in evidence through a witness.

(2) the learned chambers judge erred in law in making an order as to costs in the CCAA Proceedings when no respondent sought costs in their filed responses to the notice of civil claim, costs were not sought in the notice of application, and no submissions were made orally or in writing seeking or about costs.

The hearing of this proceeding occupied 9 days.

Dated at Vancouver, British Columbia, this \(\frac{10^{10}}{20} \) day of May, 2017.

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