

Affidavit #1 of Tom Andrews sworn: March 14, 2011

SCBC Action No. H100866 Vancouver Registry

# IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

BETWEEN:

2090782 ONTARIO INC., CAMTREV INVESTMENTS LTD., LAWSON'S NEW WORLD INC., and ANTHEM SQUAMISH POWER CENTRE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

**PETITIONERS** 

AND:

SQUAMISH JV LTD., and OTHERS

RESPONDENTS

# **AFFIDAVIT**

- I, Tom Andrews, of  $19^{th}$  Floor 200 Granville Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, MAKE OATH AND SAY AS FOLLOWS:
- 1. I am a Senior Vice President with Colliers Macaulay Nicolls (BC) Inc. ("Colliers"). Colliers is, among other matters, a real estate marketing and advisory organization. I have been a commercial realtor active in British Columbia since approximately 1980 and I specialise in commercial and hotel type properties. I have personal knowledge of the matters hereinafter deposed to save where so stated I verily believe such matters to be true.
- 2. Colliers (and also CB Richard Ellis Ltd. ("CB Richard"), the other real estate agent involved in the marketing of the property subject of this proceeding) had previously been retained on an exclusive basis by the shareholders of Squamish JV Ltd. to market the property. The shareholders engaged Colliers and CB Richard in September 2009 (before construction of the hotel on the property was completed) and that engagement continued until approximately November 2010. The following was the marketing effort and its results that timeframe:

- in September 2009 the property was listed at \$16,500,000. The feedback from all parties who contacted us was that that pricing was "way off" the mark;
- (b) in November the listing price was reduced to \$14,350,000, and the feedback remained similar, the pricing was still way off any level at which potential buyers would be interested;
- (c) the listing period expired in February 2010. We continued to work with the shareholders on an informal basis, this resulted only in a handful of investors that expressed mild interest in the property. None of them, in so far as I am aware, made an offer.
- 3. On or about December 15, 2010, Colliers and CB Richard were engaged by Meyers Norris Penny Limited, in its capacity as receiver and manager of the assets, undertakings and properties of Squamish JV Ltd. pursuant to an order granted in the Supreme Court of British Columbia action No. S105562 Vancouver Registry (the "Receiver") to market the property. The marketing effort pursuant to that engagement included the following:
  - (a) Colliers and CB Richard prepared marketing materials with respect to the property. Now produced and collectively marked as Exhibit "A" are true photocopies of the investment profile document and of the electronic brochure in that regard;
  - (b) in early January 2011 Colliers and CB Richard distributed the brochure electronically to their respective lists of potential hotel buyers/investors across Canada. The distribution email included a link to download the profile and to also download a confidentiality agreement with respect to access to further information. The lists included potential hotel investors (corporate and individual) and operators, lenders and included regional hotel chains such as Coast Hotels & Resorts, Executive Inns and Sandman Hotels. The combined lists have approximately 960 potential investors and operators. A second electronic distribution was carried out at the end of January 2011 to parties who did not open the first distribution email;

- (c) the property was listed on Colliers and CB Richard websites in early January 2011;
- (d) the property was advertised in the Vancouver Sun two times and in the Calgary Herald two times, both advertisements were run in January 2011. Now produced and marked as Exhibit "B" to this my affidavit is a true photocopy of the advertisements in question;
- (e) the property was posted on "Loop Net", a comprehensive internet website for commercial properties for sale across North America, in mid-January 2011. Now produced and marked as Exhibit "C" to this my affidavit is a true photocopy of that posting;
- (f) I and other members of Colliers, and also members of CB Richard, made personal phone calls to approximately 40 potential buyers; and
- (g) Colliers and CB Richard established an electronic data room containing information with respect to the property, and provided access to that data room to potential interested purchasers who executed confidentiality agreements.
- 4. The above marketing activity resulted in the following:
  - (a) Colliers and CB Richard received approximately 75 expressions of interest in the property, and of these 29 (including 7 agent brokers) executed confidentiality agreements. Of these 29, 4 had reviewed the offering in 2010 (when the shareholders of Squamish JV Ltd. had engaged Colliers and CB Richard to market the property), and 25 were new;
  - (b) twelve groups of potential buyers toured the property. These groups included operators of hotel properties as well as investors;
  - (c) two offers were presented. One offer was from Northland Properties Corporation (Sandman Hotel) and one from another party. The offer from Northland

Properties Corporation was unconditional, the other was subject to a further due diligence and as well was for a lower price.

- 5. When Northland Properties Corporation first expressed interest, I discussed the price with officers of the Receiver and with the officers of Northland Properties Corporation, before a written offer was actually presented. Accordingly the offer which the Receiver accepted reflected the final negotiated price. I confirm that Colliers is holding the deposit with respect to that transaction.
- 6. The property does have some difficulties, including the following:
  - (a) Whistler occupancy levels are at record lows, and so budget minded visitors to the area do not stay in Squamish to get reasonable rates, they can obtain ski and room deals in Whistler at attractive discounts;
  - (b) the Sea to Sky Highway is now quite safe and efficient, and accordingly Vancouver area skiers can make day trips with no need to overnight in Squamish;
  - (c) construction crew business during the highway upgrade program supported the Squamish hospitality market, but much of that business has now stopped;
  - (d) the site where the property is situate is in a state of abandonment. There is no leasing activity in the general area and there are two parcels in front of the hotel with preloading sand mounds (which significantly block views and ruin the curb appeal of the property); and
  - (e) property currently has very low occupancy level and it will likely take several years before the property achieves positive cash flow.
- 7. In my view, the main reason for the lack of interest in the property, or interest only at a major discount to the cost of construction, is that potential buyers are concerned about the room demand in the Squamish area and are of the view that such demand now and in the next several years will only support an investment which happens to be only a portion of the cost of construction.

8. In my view, the property has been properly marketed. I do not see a favourable change in the market conditions in the foreseeable future, and the proposed sale of the property to Northland Properties Corporation represents the best available realisation in the circumstances.

A Commissioner for taking Affidavits for British Columbia

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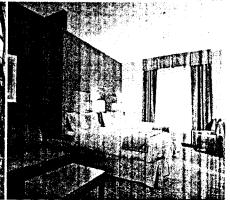
# Appendix A

HOTEL ACQUISITION OPPORTUNITY

# HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS

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Colliers International Hotels ("Colliers") and CB Richard Ellis Limited ("CBRE"), have been retained as advisor and exclusive agent by Meyers Norris Penny Limited as Receiver – Manager (the "Receiver") of all the property, assets and undertakings of the Holiday Inn Express & Suites Squamish (the "Property" or "Offering"). Interested parties are encouraged to complete the attached Confidentiality Agreement ("CA") and return it to Colliers or CBRE to receive further information.

# Call for Offers - Tuesday, February 22nd, 2011

Offers will be received up until 3pm PDT Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 and will be evaluated based upon the conditions (if any) of the offer, the timing of the closing and the consideration offered for the Property, as well as the purchaser's ability to pay cash, obtain third party financing and to complete the sale transaction and such other matters as the Receiver and Colliers/CBRE may consider appropriate and relevant, from time to time.

# Offering Highlights

- New 3-storey select service hotel.
- Opened February 2010.
- 95-rooms, including 35 suites.
- 95 surface parking stalls.
- 2 acre site size.

Hotel amenities include a breakfast bar, high speed Internet, fitness centre, guest laundry, a 750 square foot meeting room and partially completed indoor swimming pool, whirlpool and waterslide.

Inquiries regarding all aspects of the proposed sale, including physical ensite inspections should be directed to the following individuals:

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Holiday Inn Express & Suites Squamish



# HOTEL INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY Holiday Inn Express & Suites Squamish Squamish, BC







**COURT ORDERED SALE** 

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This new Property is well constructed at a cost in excess of \$13 million (including land), making the Offering an exceptional opportunity to acquire a quality hotel with modern facilities at a price substantially less than replacement cost.

Click here for the Investment Fiyer and return the Confidentiality Agreement ("CA") to receive access to the electronic data room.

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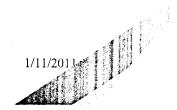
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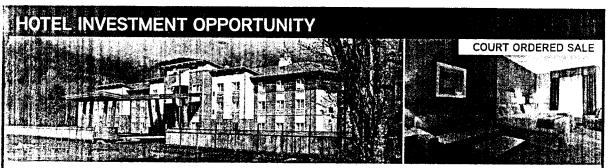
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# Appendix D

ANCOUVER SUN: Run dates January 8 and 11, 2011 (Business section)



# HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES - Squamish, British Columbia

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- 95 rooms, including 35 suites on a two acre site strategically located on the Sea to Sky Highway
- · Offered well below replacement cost with upside growth potential

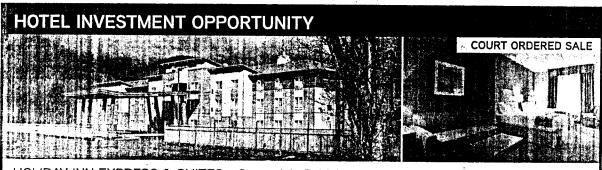
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CALGARY HERALD: Run dates January 11 and 15, 2011 (Business section)



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# Appendix E

LoopNet - Holiday Inn Express & Suites Squamish, Economy/Limited Service, 39400 Di... Page 1 of 3

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Holiday Inn Express & Suites Squamish 39400 Discovery Way, Squamish, BC V8B0R5



Price Not Disclosed

No. Rooms:

Building Size: 35,000 SF

Property Type: Hotel & Motel

Property Sub-type: Economy/ Limited

Property Use Type: **Business For Sale** 

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Highlights

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Upside growth potential offered well

below replacement cost.

Presented by **Company Not Provided** 

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Court Ordered Sale.

This newly built 3-storey hotel is located on a 2-acre site with 95 guest rooms, including 35 suites. Constructed at a cost in excess of \$13 million, this offering provides an exceptional opportunity to acquire the Property below replacement cost.



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