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**From:** Howe, Diane J MEM:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 14, 2016 11:47 AM  
**To:** Eichenberger, Kathy MEM:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Chieftain Metals Inc. / Chieftain Metals Corp.  
**Attachments:** TOR01 -#6484271-v1-West FaceChieftain - Order of Justice Newbould dated September 6, 2016.PDF; TOR01 -#6484274-v1-West FaceChieftain - Endorsement of Justice Newbould dated September 6, 2016.PDF

Regards, Diane

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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2016 2:15 PM

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**Subject:** Chieftain Metals Inc. / Chieftain Metals Corp.

Hi Al,

We wish to confirm that on September 6, 2016, Mr. Justice Newbould of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice issued an order appointing Grant Thornton Limited as Receiver of Chieftain Metals Inc. and Chieftain Metals Corp. A copy of the Court Order and Endorsement is attached. Material relating to the receivership can be found at:

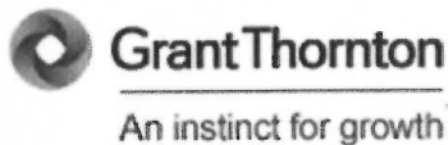
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Following the various correspondence of Terry Zanger, we would like to have a call with you to discuss the various concerns of the Province as well as establish communications and processes for the future. As our legal counsel, Leonard Griffiths of Bennett Jones, will be on the call, you may wish to have your counsel on the line as well.

Please let us know what days and times work for you this week. We will coordinate and send you a calendar invite with a call-in number.

Thank you,

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Dear Ms. Howe:

**RE: Chieftain Metals Inc. and Chieftain Metals Corp.**

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We are concerned that there may be some misunderstanding about the situation regarding Chieftain Metals Inc. ("CMI"), Chieftain Metals Corp. ("CMC") and the Tulsequah mine site, and we write to reconfirm our position and certain facts.

We appreciate the discussions you have had with us regarding these matters and the assistance and guidance you have provided. As we have discussed, Grant Thornton Limited, as the receiver and manager appointed under the September 6, 2016 Order of Ontario's Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List), is in the process of selling the assets of CMI and CMC, including the mine site. As we have also discussed, in our view, it is in everyone's best interest for us to work together to obtain a buyer, which would provide the best opportunity to achieve the government's objectives, including having the mine site managed in a safe manner that protects the environment. It is important that steps not be taken to impair the assets of CMI and CMC, including the mine site and related permits, for example.

You had indicated in your October 24, 2016 letter to Chieftain Metals Inc., c/o Grant Thornton Ltd. (copied to Al Hoffman, Doug Flynn, Tania Demchuk, Neil Bailey, Heather Wellman, Barbara Thomson, Kathy Eichenberger, and Trevor Williams (Taku River Tlingit First Nations)) that **the Court had appointed a receiver and manager to take possession and control of all properties owned by CMI** (emphasis added). As we indicated in our discussions and in my October 26, 2016 email, the Receiver **has not** taken possession of the mine (and is not obliged to do so under the Court's Order), and as such the Receiver is not in a position to appoint a mine manager (emphasis added).

Your October 25<sup>th</sup> email also suggested that you had questions about who is responsible for the site. This also comes up in your inspection report and order, where you are making orders to CMI, which is not in a position to respond. Again, the Receiver has not taken possession of the mine site, and does not intend to do so, which is why we have engaged with you and others in the BC government to determine what, if anything, needs to be done and to figure out how to have that happen, all in compliance with the Court Order, and to avoid impairment of the assets.

We appreciate the discussions we have had and hope we can continue to work together with you and others. You have indicated that you have been busy with other matters, which has made it difficult for us to have discussions, but we hope to be able to do so in order to avoid any issues.

To briefly recap, as indicated in my September 6, 2016 email to you and others in the BC government, the Court Order was made under the federal Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act. The Order expressly stated (emphasis added):

- The Receiver is not authorized or permitted to operate or conduct the business of CMI and CMC, but is authorized, without obligation, to take steps to protect, preserve and secure the Tulsequah Project;
- No proceeding (proceeding or enforcement process in any court or tribunal) can be commenced or continued against the Receiver or CMI or CMC or the Property except on consent or with leave of the Court;
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- **Nothing requires the Receiver to occupy or take control, care, charge, possession or management of any Property that might be contaminated, might be a pollutant or a contaminant, or might cause or contribute to a spill, discharge, release or deposit of a substance contrary to Environmental Legislation (which is broadly defined);**
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- The Receiver shall not be liable for any mine closure or environmental and land rehabilitation-related liabilities or obligations related to the Property, including under the BC Mines Act or regulations or codes thereunder, or pursuant to any order or direction issued under Environmental Legislation.

During our September 23, 2016 phone conference (which included our respective counsel), we confirmed the Receiver has not taken possession and will not be taking possession of the mine site. We indicated our desire to work with the BC government to sell the mine so that matters

could be addressed in due course by a buyer. In that call, in response to a question as to whether there was any work required, you said there was none. You indicated that the MEM and MOE would be having a site visit during the following week to "get the lay of the land", principally to check on security of the site, including chemicals that may be stored there, and you would report back whether there were any issues or concerns, such as a discharge from the underground mine. You also indicated that an aquatics assessment was being completed by the MEM and MOE, but that CMI's report said there were no significant issues. We also indicated there are four letters of credit posted by CMI in favour of government agencies, including \$1.2 million for the Minister of Finance and about \$750,000 for the DFO. You indicated that the Chief Inspector's office would be using the security funding to conduct remedial work, if needed, and if a sale occurs, the security would be returned in exchange for new security.

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In a follow up October 4, 2016 phone conference with you and our counsel, you indicated there were no significant changes that you noted in your recent site visit from what was seen in the last site visit last year, as well as indicated:

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- There are some chemicals, with few bags that are covered, which appear to be in good shape.
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We asked about next steps, and you said the MOE has a contract to do an aquatic assessment program.

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#### Matters for Discussion

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Thank you for discussing this with us by phone, which we confirmed in my October 26, 2016 email. In particular, you confirmed that the MOE will be performing an aquatic assessment, which relates specifically to the creek, so there is no need to enter onto the mine site except in the event of an emergency overnight stay. We also corrected your statement that the Receiver had taken possession of the site, which was not the case. But we confirmed that we do not object to your attendance at the site, but any visit would be at your and your contactor's risk, who would also be responsible for any damages.

At this time, you indicated that you would have internal consultations regarding the necessity of attending to the matters in the report now, which we indicated we hoped would result in the orders being withdrawn (or revised). This is a matter of urgency, given the dates in your report and orders.

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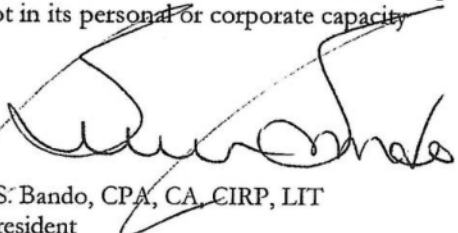
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Cc: [Leonard Griffiths](#); [Bando, Bruce](#)  
Subject: Chieftain - Tulsequah site  
Date: Tuesday, October 4, 2016 2:35:29 PM  
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Diane:

I write to follow up on a point I raised in our call this afternoon. Will you please provide us with:

1. copies of the permit(s) related to the Letter of Credit which was drawn upon (including Permit # M-232, but others as well if applicable);
2. details on the default(s) under Permit # M-232;
3. a description of what the funds drawn upon have been used for to date, and what they will be used for in future, along with confirmation that MEM will provide us with regular reporting regarding utilization of such funds.

Best to direct your response to Bruce with a copy Len and me please.

Thank you.

Regards.

Mark



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Hi Diane,  
Please see the attached.

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Subject: RE: Tulsequah Camp

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Hi Diane,

Notwithstanding the Receiver has not taken possession of the Tulsequah Project, we do not see an issue for your contract crew to use a couple of the bunks as emergency shelter.

However, please acknowledge by reply email that your contract crew will be entering the property at their own risk and any damage caused by them will be their responsibility.

Thank you,

-----Original Message-----

From: Howe, Diane J MEM:EX [<mailto:Diane.Howe@gov.bc.ca>]  
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2016 7:53 PM  
To: Bando, Bruce  
Subject: Tulsequah Camp

Hi Bruce,

Quick question, who do I need to get permission from so the contract crew that will be doing the aquatic sampling at Tulsequah can use a couple of the bunks as emergency shelter if they need to.

There are a couple of bunks that are dry and are open if need be.

Thank you in advance.

Regards, Diane

From: Keith Boyle  
To: [Bando, Bruce](#)  
Cc: [Krieger, Jonathan](#)  
Subject: Fwd: Tulsequah Chief Mine - request for information from receiver  
Date: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 3:47:46 PM  
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Over to you.  
Let me know what you'd like me to do.  
Keith

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Joline Widmeyer <[jwidmeyer@slrconsulting.com](mailto:jwidmeyer@slrconsulting.com)>  
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**Cc:** "Jackson, Vickie ENV:EX" <[Vickie.Jackson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Vickie.Jackson@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Tulsequah Chief Mine - request for information from receiver

Hi Keith,

Could you please forward the following request onto the receiver at Chieftian. As you mentioned on the phone you cannot answer any questions without the receiver directing you to do so. SLR is working on behalf of BC MOE and therefore we are requesting the following information for the Tulsequah Chief Mine site:

<!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]-->Is there any power on the site?

<!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]-->What H&S supplies (if any) are available at the site?

<!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]-->Are any buildings open at the site ie: unlocked? We need one building with a door that can accommodate 5 people sleeping to bunker down in should we be stranded overnight. Please confirm whether a building is available and unlocked for us to use in this emergency capacity. We would also like to store some H&S equipment and sampling bottles in the building so that this gear can remain onsite during our sampling program. If available please send a picture of where this building is located within the Mill grounds.

<!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]-->We will be flying into site from Oct 29<sup>th</sup> to Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>.

<!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]-->If buildings are locked onsite can borrow the keys to gain access to a building to serve our purposes during our 5 day sampling program?

<!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]-->Is there a potable drinking water source/well onsite, and where is it located?

If you could provide us with this information before the end of day tomorrow we would appreciate it.

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**Sent:** October 25, 2016 1:24 PM

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Regards;

DWF

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**Subject:** Urgent Request: Keith Boyle contact info

**Importance:** High

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I'll call and leave a voice message as well.

Thanks,

Vickie

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 25, 2016 12:40 PM

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From: Keith Boyle  
To: [Janfada, Arash ENV:EX](#)  
Cc: [Bando, Bruce](#)  
Subject: Re: Tulsequah Update  
Date: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 5:30:59 PM

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Hi Arash

Any communication from you should be directed to the receiver copied on this email.

Thanks

Keith

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 25, 2016, at 7:27 PM, Janfada, Arash ENV:EX <[Arash.Janfada@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Arash.Janfada@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Keith,

If you have a moment at some point, please call me if you need an update with regards to what's happening up at the mine and the upcoming plans for sampling.

Thanks.

**Arash (AJ) Janfada, P.Eng., M.Sc.**

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**Cc:** [Krieger, Jonathan](#); [Leonard Griffiths \(GriffithsL@bennettjones.com\)](#); [Mark Laugesen](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Tulsequah Chief Mine - request for information from receiver  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 26, 2016 6:22:08 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.jpg](#)  
[RE Tulsequah Camp.msg](#)

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Hi Diane,

Thank you for the discussion this morning.

During our discussion, you mentioned that the MOE will be performing an aquatic assessment this weekend, which as I understand relates specifically to the creek, so there is no need to enter onto the mine site except in the event of an emergency overnight stay. You were not copied on the email below, but the list of questions below appears to suggest that the purpose of the visit goes well beyond the aquatic assessment. Please let us know if our understanding is correct regarding the limitations on the scope of the aquatic assessment.

The Report you sent last night states that "the Courts had appointed a Receiver and Manager (Grant Thornton) to take possession and exercise control over all of the properties owned by Chieftain Metals Inc." This is not correct. As we have advised you on several occasions, the Receiver has not taken possession of the mine (and is not obliged to do so under the Order) and it is not in a position to appoint a mine manager. It is on this basis we had sent our email of October 20<sup>th</sup> (copy attached) regarding the site visit by your consultant. We confirm that we do not object to your attendance at the site but that such visit would be at yours and your contactor's risk, who would also be responsible for any damages. Please provide the acknowledgment to which we have asked in that email.

In terms of the orders noted in our Report of Inspector of Mines Reclamation, you had mentioned that you would seek internal consultation regarding the necessity of attending to those matters now (and thus revising your orders now), seeing as the Receiver is in the midst of a sales process where we hope to close a transaction before the end of the year.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Regards,

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**To:** Bando, Bruce  
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Over to you.

Let me know what you'd like me to do.

Keith

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- Is there any power on the site?
- What H&S supplies (if any) are available at the site?
- Are any buildings open at the site ie: unlocked? We need one building with a door that can accommodate 5 people sleeping to bunker down in should we be stranded overnight. Please confirm whether a building is available and unlocked for us to use in this emergency capacity. We would also like to store some H&S equipment and sampling bottles in the building so that this gear can remain onsite during our sampling program. If available please send a picture of where this building is located within the Mill grounds.
- We will be flying into site from Oct 29<sup>th</sup> to Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- If buildings are locked onsite can borrow the keys to gain access to a building to serve our purposes during our 5 day sampling program?
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**Subject:** RE: Chieftain - Tulsequah site  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 5, 2016 4:38:49 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Thanks Mark. Diane, as we discussed, we look forward to getting confirmation that the MOE will be conducting the testing/monitoring described in its September 12, 2016 letter (amending Permit 105719) as part of its assessment (which would at least satisfy the October monitoring). Thanks! Len.



Len Griffiths  
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**Sent:** 04 October 2016 5:35 PM  
**To:** Howe, Diane J MEM:EX  
**Cc:** Leonard Griffiths ; Bando, Bruce  
**Subject:** Chieftain - Tulsequah site  
Diane:

I write to follow up on a point I raised in our call this afternoon. Will you please provide us with:

1. copies of the permit(s) related to the Letter of Credit which was drawn upon (including Permit # M-232, but others as well if applicable);
2. details on the default(s) under Permit # M-232;
3. a description of what the funds drawn upon have been used for to date, and what they will be used for in future, along with confirmation that MEM will provide us with regular reporting regarding utilization of such funds.

Best to direct your response to Bruce with a copy Len and me please.

Thank you.

Regards.

Mark



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**To:** [Howe, Diane J MEM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Chieftain Metals - Permit Conditions Request [BJ-L.FID4090892]  
**Date:** Thursday, April 6, 2017 3:30:03 PM  
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Hi Diane

Sorry to bother you, I just wanted to confirm that the extension to the M-232 permit's ARR is until a new buyer is found?

Many thanks

Sharon



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**To:** Sharon Singh <[SinghS@bennettjones.com](mailto:SinghS@bennettjones.com)>  
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Hi Sharon,

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I have forwarded this email to Mark Love

at MOE for consideration.

For the MX. Permits there are no further reporting requirements as the permits have been cancelled. For the M 232 permit an extension to the ARR is approved. Please can you have the Receiver submit a letter to the Chief Inspector detailing the status of the file. I appreciate they will not want to request an extension directly, but it would be beneficial to to get something on file as to the bankruptcy status.

Regards,

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Sharon

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Sent: 15 March 2017 11:16 AM

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Thanks,

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Thank you Diane

I will circle back with our team in Toronto and seek further instructions on the letter.

Thank you for the extension to the M-232 permit's ARR. Can I confirm that the extension is until a new buyer is found?

I spoke with Doug on Friday about the MX permits, and hopefully we can sort that issue out soon. I will call Doug and you tomorrow to touch base.

Many thanks

Sharon



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**From:** Howe, Diane J MEM:EX [mailto:[Diane.Howe@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Diane.Howe@gov.bc.ca)]

**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2017 8:06 AM

**To:** Sharon Singh

**Cc:** Flynn, Doug MEM:EX ; Messmer, Mark J MEM:EX ; Bando, Bruce ; Mark Laugesen ; Leonard Griffiths

**Subject:** Re: Chieftain Metals - Permit Conditions Request [BJ-L.FID4090892]

Hi Sharon,

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I have forwarded this email to Mark Love

at MOE for consideration.

For the MX. Permits there are no further reporting requirements as the permits have been cancelled. For the M 232 permit an extension to the ARR is approved. Please can you have the Receiver submit a letter to the Chief Inspector detailing the status of the file. I appreciate they will not want to request an extension directly, but it would be beneficial to to get something on file as to the bankruptcy status.

Regards,

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On Mar 22, 2017, at 5:02 PM, Sharon Singh <[SinghS@bennettjones.com](mailto:SinghS@bennettjones.com)>> wrote:

Hi Mark and Doug

I spoke with Diane today and she requested that I forward the below email to you to enable you to action those items within your area of responsibility. I understand that you are responsible for the requests related to the MX and EMA permits.

Given the tight timeframe (March 31), please get back to us as soon as possible regarding the deferral of the reporting requirements and the extension of the below listed MX permit. Thank you in advance for your assistance and prompt attention.

Sharon

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Sent: 15 March 2017 11:16 AM

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Subject: Chieftain Metals - Permit Conditions Request

Hi Diane

Further to our telephone conversation last week, I am writing on behalf of Grant Thornton Limited (Grant Thornton) to request relief from certain reporting obligations and renewal requirements that Chieftain Metals may have under its Mines Act and the Environmental Management Act (EMA) permits to ensure that the value of the Chieftain's assets are preserved during the receivership until a buyer can be found.

Reports

1. Mineral Exploration permits MX-1-355 and MX-1-910 require an Annual Summary of Exploration Activities and Multi-Year Area Based Annual Update be submitted by March 31.

2017.

2. The Mine Act Permit M-232 requires an Annual Reclamation Report be submitted by March 31, 2017.

3. EMA Permit 105719 requires an Annual Monitoring report be submitted by March 31, 2017.

4. EMA Permit 105719 requires periodic seasonal monitoring reports (quarterly/freshet). In February 2016, Chieftain requested that the Ministry of Environment and Ministry of Energy and Mines modify the frequency of these reports from quarterly to annually under its Mines Act permit/EMA amendment.

#### Permit Expiration

5. On its face, the Mineral Exploration Permit MX-1-355 will expire on March 31, 2017 unless extended/renewed.

As you know, Grant Thornton has not taken possession and is not in control of Chieftain's assets, including assets related to the Permits or the Tulsequah Project. As such, Grant Thornton is not in a position to submit any reports or renewal applications, etc. related to the foregoing permits. However, Grant Thornton wishes to preserve the value of the Permits and associated assets, which would include having the permits remain in good standing.

We request assistance and confirmation as soon as possible (given the March deadlines) that the Permit's reporting requirements referenced above will be deferred, and MX-1-355 will continue, until a buyer can be obtained for Chieftain's assets. We understand you may need to engage with others in the Ministry of Environment and Ministry of Energy and Mines regarding these matters.

Please advise us of the Ministry's position before March 31, 2017 to enable Grant Thornton to plan accordingly. We thank you in advance for your assistance, and will be pleased to discuss anything in this email further.

Thank you

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**To:** [Bando, Bruce](#)  
**Cc:** [Mark Laugesen](#); [Krieger, Jonathan](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Chieftain Metals Inc. and Chieftain Metals Corp.  
**Date:** Friday, February 24, 2017 10:37:02 AM  
**Attachments:** [image003.png](#)  
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[image005.png](#)

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Hi Bruce,

Thank you for the update, and I apologize for the tardiness of this response.

MEM has had minimal contact with one party, basically to discuss their interest, there has been no ask to share data with any party.

There have been funds spent from the security on doing work we have felt has been necessary to make the site safe. I can will provide a detail costing if you require but a summary of costs to date include:

Aquatic effects Assessment \$100,000 – report still pending on results

Clean up of site \_ hazardous chemicals secured (on site)- ~\$15,000

Consultant costs- ~\$2000

I'm not sure if you are able to provide any further update on next steps in the bankruptcy, but I would like to share with you next steps the MEM is proposing.

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Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Regards, Diane

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**From:** Bando, Bruce [mailto:[Bruce.Bando@ca.gt.com](mailto:Bruce.Bando@ca.gt.com)]

**Sent:** Friday, January 13, 2017 9:02 AM

**To:** Howe, Diane J MEM:EX

**Cc:** Mark Laugesen; Krieger, Jonathan

**Subject:** Chieftain Metals Inc. and Chieftain Metals Corp.

Hi Diane,

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Similarly, if there are any occurrences/issues relating to the project, please let us know immediately. We would also appreciate being kept apprised of any environmental remediation or other steps taken to date or to be taken by the MEM, as well as an accounting for the use of Chieftain's letter of credit funds by the MEM for such purposes.

Regards,

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**From:** Bando, Bruce  
**To:** [Howe, Diane J MEM:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Krieger, Jonathan](#); [Leonard Griffiths \(GriffithsL@bennettjones.com\)](#); [Mark Laugesen](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Tulsequah Chief Mine - request for information from receiver  
**Date:** Thursday, November 3, 2016 6:49:11 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.jpg](#)

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Hi Diane,  
Could you please provide an update?  
Than you,

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**From:** Bando, Bruce  
**Sent:** Monday, October 31, 2016 4:23 PM  
**To:** Howe, Diane J MEM:EX ([Diane.Howe@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Diane.Howe@gov.bc.ca))  
**Cc:** Krieger, Jonathan; Leonard Griffiths ([GriffithsL@bennettjones.com](mailto:GriffithsL@bennettjones.com)); 'Mark Laugesen'  
**Subject:** RE: Tulsequah Chief Mine - request for information from receiver

Hi Diane,  
Just following up on my email below to see how your internal deliberations went last week regarding the orders and possible revisions thereof.  
Thank you,

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**From:** Bando, Bruce  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 26, 2016 9:21 PM  
**To:** Howe, Diane J MEM:EX ([Diane.Howe@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Diane.Howe@gov.bc.ca))  
**Cc:** Krieger, Jonathan; Leonard Griffiths ([GriffithsL@bennettjones.com](mailto:GriffithsL@bennettjones.com)); Mark Laugesen  
**Subject:** FW: Tulsequah Chief Mine - request for information from receiver

Hi Diane,  
Thank you for the discussion this morning.

During our discussion, you mentioned that the MOE will be performing an aquatic assessment this weekend, which as I understand relates specifically to the creek, so there is no need to enter onto the mine site except in the event of an emergency overnight stay. You were not copied on the email below, but the list of questions below appears to suggest that the purpose of the visit goes well beyond the aquatic assessment. Please let us know if our understanding is correct regarding the limitations on the scope of the aquatic assessment.

The Report you sent last night states that "the Courts had appointed a Receiver and Manager (Grant Thornton) to take possession and exercise control over all of the properties owned by Chieftain Metals Inc." This is not correct. As we have advised you on several occasions, the Receiver has not taken possession of the mine (and is not obliged to do so under the Order) and it is not in a position to appoint a mine manager. It is on this basis we had sent our email of October 20<sup>th</sup> (copy attached) regarding the site visit by your consultant. We confirm that we do not object to your attendance at the site but that such visit would be at yours and your contactor's risk, who would also be responsible for any damages. Please provide the acknowledgment to which we have asked in that email.

In terms of the orders noted in our Report of Inspector of Mines Reclamation, you had mentioned that you would seek internal consultation regarding the necessity of attending to those matters now (and thus revising your orders now), seeing as the Receiver is in the midst of a sales process where we hope to close a transaction before the end of the year.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Regards,

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**From:** Keith Boyle [<mailto:boyle.mining@outlook.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 25, 2016 6:49 PM  
**To:** Bando, Bruce  
**Cc:** Krieger, Jonathan  
**Subject:** Fwd: Tulsequah Chief Mine - request for information from receiver  
Over to you.  
Let me know what you'd like me to do.  
Keith

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Joline Widmeyer <[jwidmeyer@slrconsulting.com](mailto:jwidmeyer@slrconsulting.com)>  
**Date:** October 25, 2016 at 4:56:01 PM EDT  
**To:** "[boyle.mining@outlook.com](mailto:boyle.mining@outlook.com)" <[boyle.mining@outlook.com](mailto:boyle.mining@outlook.com)>  
**Cc:** "Jackson, Vickie ENV:EX" <[Vickie.Jackson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Vickie.Jackson@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Tulsequah Chief Mine - request for information from receiver

Hi Keith,

Could you please forward the following request onto the receiver at Chieftian. As you mentioned on the phone you cannot answer any questions without the receiver directing you to do so. SLR is working on behalf of BC MOE and therefore we are requesting the following information for the Tulsequah Chief Mine site:

- Is there any power on the site?
- What H&S supplies (if any) are available at the site?
- Are any buildings open at the site ie: unlocked? We need one building with a door that can accommodate 5 people sleeping to bunker down in should we be stranded overnight. Please confirm whether a building is available and unlocked for us to use in this emergency capacity. We would also like to store some H&S equipment and sampling bottles in the building so that this gear can remain onsite during our sampling program. If available please send a picture of where this building is located within the Mill grounds.
- We will be flying into site from Oct 29<sup>th</sup> to Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- If buildings are locked onsite can borrow the keys to gain access to a building to serve our purposes during our 5 day sampling program?
- Is there a potable drinking water source/well onsite, and where is it located?

If you could provide us with this information before the end of day tomorrow we would appreciate it.

Cheers, Jo Widmeyer

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**From:** Flynn, Doug MEM:EX [<mailto:Doug.Flynn@gov.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** October 25, 2016 1:24 PM  
**To:** Jackson, Vickie ENV:EX  
**Cc:** Joline Widmeyer; Howe, Diane J MEM:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Urgent Request: Keith Boyle contact info  
Good afternoon Vickie/Joline;

I have Keith's email address as [boyle.mining@outlook.com](mailto:boyle.mining@outlook.com) and cell # as s.22

Regards;

DWF

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**From:** Jackson, Vickie ENV:EX

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 25, 2016 12:45 PM

**To:** Flynn, Doug MEM:EX

**Subject:** Urgent Request: Keith Boyle contact info

**Importance:** High

Hi Doug-

Diane Howe suggested you'd be the most likely to have Keith Boyle's current contact information. Can you please provide this for the purpose noted below? s.22

s.22

I'll call and leave a voice message as well.

Thanks,

Vickie

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**From:** Joline Widmeyer [<mailto:jwidmeyer@slrconsulting.com>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 25, 2016 12:40 PM

**To:** Jackson, Vickie ENV:EX

**Cc:** Cindy Ott

**Subject:** Keith Boyle contact info

Hi Vickie,

Are you able to provide me with a phone number and email address for Keith Boyle from Chieftan? I need to contact him before end of day tomorrow to confirm some site access and H&S issues.

Thanks, Jo

**Joline Widmeyer, Ph.D., R.P.Bio**

Intermediate Risk Assessor

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**Cc:** [Leonard Griffiths \(GriffithsL@bennettjones.com\)](#); [Mark Laugesen](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Update on site visit at Tulsequah  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 4, 2016 1:53:25 PM  
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Hi Diane,  
We are good from our end. Speak to you shortly.  
1-800-851-3547, code s.15  
Regards,

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**From:** Howe, Diane J MEM:EX [<mailto:Diane.Howe@gov.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 04, 2016 4:14 PM  
**To:** Bando, Bruce  
**Subject:** RE: Update on site visit at Tulsequah  
Yes this is about the only time this week I can squeak in a call.  
Regards, Diane

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**To:** Howe, Diane J MEM:EX  
**Cc:** [Leonard Griffiths \(GriffithsL@bennettjones.com\)](#); [Mark Laugesen](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Update on site visit at Tulsequah

Hi Diane,  
I just came out of a meeting and noticed you accepted the call at 5:00pm EST today. Is that correct?  
If so, Len and Mark are you available?  
Thanks,  
-----Original Appointment-----

**From:** Howe, Diane J MEM:EX [<mailto:Diane.Howe@gov.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 04, 2016 3:58 PM  
**To:** Bando, Bruce  
**Subject:** Accepted: Update on site visit at Tulsequah  
**When:** Tuesday, October 04, 2016 5:00 PM-6:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).  
**Where:** 1-800-851-3547, Code s.15

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**To:** [Eichenberger, Kathy MEM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Chieftain Metals Inc. / Chieftain Metals Corp.  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 14, 2016 11:47:05 AM  
**Attachments:** [image005.jpg](#)  
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Regards, Diane

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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2016 2:15 PM  
**To:** Hoffman, Al MEM:EX  
**Cc:** Howe, Diane J MEM:EX; Flynn, Doug MEM:EX; Leonard Griffiths ([GriffithsL@bennettjones.com](mailto:GriffithsL@bennettjones.com)); Krieger, Jonathan; Kwon, Jennifer  
**Subject:** Chieftain Metals Inc. / Chieftain Metals Corp.  
Hi Al,

We wish to confirm that on September 6, 2016, Mr. Justice Newbould of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice issued an order appointing Grant Thornton Limited as Receiver of Chieftain Metals Inc. and Chieftain Metals Corp. A copy of the Court Order and Endorsement is attached. Material relating to the receivership can be found at:

[http://www.grantthornton.ca/Chieftain\\_Metals](http://www.grantthornton.ca/Chieftain_Metals)

Following the various correspondence of Terry Zanger, we would like to have a call with you to discuss the various concerns of the Province as well as establish communications and processes for the future. As our legal counsel, Leonard Griffiths of Bennett Jones, will be on the call, you may wish to have your counsel on the line as well.

Please let us know what days and times work for you this week. We will coordinate and send you a calendar invite with a call-in number.

Thank you,

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