In the Matter of *The Securities Act, 1988*

and

In the Matter of

ROCHELLE LAFLAMME ALISA JEAN THOMPSON EPIC ALLIANCE REAL ESTATE INC. and 12767490 CANADA INC.

(the Respondents)

Affidavit of Dean Murrison

- I, Dean Murrison, of Regina, Saskatchewan make oath and state that:
- 1. I am currently employed as the Executive Director, Securities Division, Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan (FCAA).
- 2. The Director, Legal branch, Securities Division, (the Director) and the lawyers within the Securities Division (SD Lawyers) have carriage of files in different work areas within the program areas of the Securities Division.
- 3. Connor Smith (Connor) a former litigation counsel with the FCAA was one of the lawyers with the Legal branch, and his primary responsibility was to bring enforcement actions before hearing panels of the Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan (FCAA).
- 4. On May 18, 2023, Connor submitted a notice of resignation of his employment with the FCAA effective June 30, 2023.
- 5. Securities Division staff advertised the litigation counsel position from May 31, 2023, to June 21, 2023. We have completed interviews and are about to make an offer to the successful candidate.
- 6. Neither the Director or SD Lawyers are involved in this matter to any significant degree.
- 7. When hired, the new litigation counsel will require time to adequately prepare for the hearing.
- 8. Securities Division staff are also exploring the option of retaining external legal counsel to assume carriage of the file. If such counsel is retained, they will require time to

- adequately prepare for a hearing.
- 9. I am informed by Ken Foster, an Investigator with the Securities Division of the FCAA and I verily believe that the total disclosure in this matter comprises 17.9 GB worth of data.
- 10. I am aware that Securities Division Staff and counsel for the Respondents are currently negotiating a possible settlement of this matter.
- 11. I make this affidavit in good faith in support of an application to adjourn the hearing in this matter and for no improper purpose.

SWORN before me at Regina, Saskatchewan on July 14, 2023.

Commissioner

for Oaths for the Province of Saskatchewan.

Dean Murrison, Executive Director,

Securities Division,

Financial and Consumers Affairs Authority

of Saskatchewan