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NLRC's Proposal to Creditors Receives Formal Court Approval

Company resumes efforts to attract a buyer, partner or funding to the Southern Head refining project in Placentia Bay

St. John's – Altius reports that Newfoundland and Labrador Refining Corporation (NLRC), of which it owns 37% and is a secured creditor, has had its proposal to creditors approved by the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador. As a result, NLRC now emerges from bankruptcy protection under the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act. In approving the proposal, the court first had to consider applications brought by BAE Newplan (a subsidiary of SNC Lavalin) and IJK Consortium that sought to have the vote result overturned and the company declared bankrupt. In delivering the positive judgment to NLRC, these applications were dismissed and BAE Newplan and IJK were ordered to pay the legal costs of NLRC, its Trustee and the creditors that appeared in court in support of the proposal.

The proposal that NLRC put before its creditors, and that has now been ratified, allows the resumption of efforts to attract a buyer, partner or funding to the Southern Head refining project in Placentia Bay, Newfoundland and Labrador. The Southern Head project is the only permitted greenfield refinery site in North America and the first to achieve such status in a generation. The permitted site is believed by Altius to be NLRC's major advantage and the remaining life of the permits is approximately two years, assuming no additional extensions can be obtained. The proposal also involves the sale of tangible assets and the distribution of proceeds to creditors and includes an agreement with Altius as the only secured creditor that sees it leave sufficient funding in NLRC to continue with efforts to attract a buyer, partner or funding to the project during the remaining permit life.

About Altius

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