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CHAPTER 11

CASE NO. 13-10670

Objection Date: September 12, 2013

## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF MAINE

In re: §

# CUSTEAU CLAIMANTS' RESPONSE TO WRONGFUL DEATH CLAIMANTS' MOTION FOR FORMATION OF CREDITORS' COMMITTEE

Simon Custeau, Representative of the Estate of Real Custeau, et al, as well as numerous other Estates and property owners and business owners that are victims of the tragedy which occurred in Lac-Megantic, Quebec, on July 6, 2013 (See Exhibit "A"), join in the Motion by the Wrongful Death Claimants for the formation of a Creditors' Committee that was filed by Attorney Peter Flowers. Counsel herein, who represents several of the Estates of Decedents, as well as personal injury claimants, and business and property owner claimants, in Lac-Megantic, Quebec, fully supports and agrees with this Motion to Appoint a Creditors' Committee. In addition, counsel Mitchell A. Toups would inform the Court that he has participated in other tort claimant committees in other bankruptcies over the years and would request that he be appointed to the Committee. Counsel would show that between Attorney Flowers, Attorney Webster and Attorney Toups, it appears that collectively, they represent more than 98% of the wrongful death claimants in Lac-Megantic, Quebec. Counsel would suggest to the Court that the committee have representatives for wrongful death and personal injury claimants and that the business

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property and environmental claims have a separate committee for the claims unrelated to death and personal injury.

Dated: September 10, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **EXHIBIT "A"**

## WRONGFUL DEATH AND PERSONAL INJURY CLIENTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2013

- 1. Wrongful Death Claims of Real Custeau
- 2. Wrongful Death Claims of Joanie Turmel
- 3. Wrongful Death Claims of Frederic Boutin
- 4. Wrongful Death Claims of Sylvia Charron
- 5. Wrongful Death Claims of Jo-Annie LaPointe
- 6. Wrongful Death Claims of Kathy Clusiault
- 7. Michael Vallerand Wrongful Death of Genevieve Breton and Bystander Claim for Witnessing Death of Genevieve Breton
- 8. Eric Lavalle Personal Injury
- 9. Ann Julie-Blais Personal Injury
- 10. Julie Hamel Personal Injury
- 11. Frederic Fouquet Personal Injury
- 12. Jacques Dube Personal Injury
- 13. Ginette Dostie Personal Injury
- 14. Serge Parent Personal Injury
- 15. Therise Lachance Personal Injury
- 16. Marie Pier Dube Personal Injury