

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
DISTRICT OF MAINE

In re:

MONTREAL MAINE & ATLANTIC  
RAILWAY, LTD.,

Debtor.

Bk. No. 13-10670  
Chapter 11

**DECLARATION OF OASIS PETROLEUM, LLC IN SUPPORT OF  
CONFIRMATION OF TRUSTEE'S REVISED FIRST AMENDED  
PLAN OF LIQUIDATION DATED JULY 15, 2015**

I, Nickolas J. Lorentzatos, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, state as follows:

**Introduction**

1. This Declaration is submitted in support of confirmation of the *Trustee's Revised First Amended Plan of Liquidation Dated July 15, 2015* [Docket No. 1495] (the "Plan").<sup>1</sup>

2. I am the Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Released Party Oasis Petroleum, LLC, headquartered at 1001 Fannin, Suite 1500, Houston, Texas 77002. I am authorized to make this declaration on Oasis Petroleum, LLC's behalf.

3. All facts set forth herein are based on my personal knowledge, on information supplied to me by others within the Oasis Petroleum, LLC organization, upon my review of relevant documents, or on my opinion based upon my experience and knowledge of Oasis Petroleum, LLC's operations. If I were called to testify, I could and would testify competently to the facts set forth herein.

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<sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Plan and/or the Revised First Amended Disclosure Statement for the Trustee's Plan of Liquidations Dated July 15, 2015 [D.E. 1497] (the "Disclosure Statement").

### **Relevant Background**

4. It is my understanding that on July 6, 2013, an unmanned eastbound train operated by Montréal Maine & Atlantic Railway Ltd., the above-captioned debtor (“MMA” or the “Debtor”) and/or MMA Canada comprised of five locomotives and 72 railcars carrying crude oil derailed in Lac- Mégantic, Quebec, Canada (the “Derailment”). Oasis Petroleum, LLC may have produced some crude oil which was then sold to a third party who then had it placed for transportation within some of the railcars.

5. Oasis Petroleum, LLC is included in the definition of “Released Parties” under the Plan and accordingly, will be the beneficiary of the Releases and Injunctions contained in the Plan if confirmed.

### **The Plan Releases and Injunctions**

#### **A. MMA and Oasis Petroleum, LLC Share an Identity of Interest with Respect to the Claims Covered by the Releases and Injunctions**

6. Oasis Petroleum, LLC is presently a defendant in various lawsuits originally filed in state court in Cook County, Illinois and later transferred to the District of Maine, as well as a class action pending in the Quebec Superior Court for the Judicial District of Mégantic (the “Québec Class Action”), each in connection with the Derailment. Oasis Petroleum, LLC is also potentially subject to cross-claims to be asserted by co-defendants for contribution and indemnity in all/many of the cases.

7. Oasis Petroleum, LLC has claims against MMA for, *inter alia*, contribution and indemnity. Absent confirmation of the Plan and the effectiveness of the Releases and Injunctions contained therein in favor of Oasis Petroleum, LLC and its affiliates, Oasis Petroleum, LLC intends to pursue such claims against the MMA estate.

8. In addition, Oasis Petroleum, LLC has significant claims against various other Contributing Parties for, *inter alia*, contribution and indemnity for any liability arising from the

Derailment. In turn, such Contributing Parties have or may have claims against the MMA estate for, *inter alia*, contribution and indemnity for any liability arising from the Derailment. Thus, any claim asserted by Oasis Petroleum, LLC against another Contributing Party might serve to increase the size of such Contributing Parties' claims against the MMA estate.

**B. Oasis Petroleum, LLC Has Contributed Substantial Assets to the MMA and MMA Canada Estates**

9. In an effort to resolve Oasis Petroleum, LLC's contingent claims against the MMA estate and the alleged claims of Derailment victims against Oasis Petroleum, LLC, Oasis Petroleum, LLC, through its insurer(s), engaged in substantial settlement negotiations with Robert J. Keach, trustee for the Debtor's Chapter 11 Case (the "Trustee"). After several months of good faith, arm's-length negotiation, Oasis Petroleum, LLC, by and through its insurer(s), agreed to contribute to the settlement fund formulated by the Trustee for satisfaction of Claims against the Debtor, subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan Support and Settlement Agreement (the "Settlement Agreement"), which terms and conditions include the requirement that the Releases and Injunctions become effective.

10. Oasis Petroleum, LLC, by and through its insurer, ultimately agreed to settle with the Trustee in part to avoid the expense and delay of protracted litigation relating to Oasis Petroleum, LLC's alleged liability for the Derailment. That being said, Oasis Petroleum, LLC has strong legal and factual defenses to all claims relating to the Derailment.

11. Oasis Petroleum, LLC believes that it is thus by no means certain that MMA's Derailment creditors would be able to realize through litigation the significant value that will be contributed by and on behalf of Oasis Petroleum, LLC to the MMA estate pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, and certainly would not be able to realize any recovery whatsoever from Oasis Petroleum, LLC without incurring the delay, expense and risks of litigation (including the risk that one significant judgment in favor of a tort claimant would significantly deplete the

amounts available to pay any others). Under these circumstances and by any measure, the total settlement contribution to the MMA estate by and on behalf of Oasis Petroleum, LLC is “substantial.”

**C. The Releases and Injunction are Essential to the Success of the Plan**

12. The Releases and Injunctions apply to Oasis Petroleum, LLC. The Settlement Agreement requires Oasis Petroleum, LLC to receive global releases and injunctions protecting them from any and all claims by anyone that was related in any way to MMA or the Derailment. The global releases and injunctions required under the Oasis Petroleum, LLC Settlement Agreement are to be achieved through confirmation of a plan in MMA’s bankruptcy case.

13. Oasis Petroleum, LLC and its insurers were only willing to negotiate and enter into a settlement on the condition that any settlement was a final settlement of all MMA- and Derailment-related liability—not only that of Oasis Petroleum, LLC and its insurers, but also any potential liability of related parties, including Oasis Petroleum, LLC’s direct and indirect affiliates and their present and former officers, directors, agents, insurers and employees. It was with this understanding that Oasis Petroleum, LLC, by and through its insurers agreed to make their significant contribution to the MMA estate.

14. Oasis Petroleum, LLC and its insurers would not have agreed to settle with the Trustee if Oasis Petroleum, LLC was not protected from (a) further third party claims brought by the Derailment victims and (b) any and all contribution, indemnity and other claims relating in any way to the Derailment. A settlement that did not include Oasis Petroleum, LLC, its insurers, as well as its corporate affiliates, officers, directors, agents and employees would leave Oasis Petroleum, LLC related entities and individuals at risk for future suits, because there is a subset of possible claims as to which the statute of limitations has not run. This would make Oasis Petroleum, LLC vulnerable to future claims for indemnity. There is no way that Oasis Petroleum,

LLC would settle under such circumstances. Thus, the third party releases and injunction were critical to achieving the proposed settlement, which will not be effective if the Plan is not confirmed with the Releases and Injunctions.

15. In light of Oasis Petroleum, LLC's strong defenses to liability, it is by no means certain that MMA's Derailment creditors would be able to recover any amounts whatsoever from Oasis Petroleum, LLC if the Plan were not confirmed and the Releases and Injunctions contained therein were not made effective. And under that scenario, each judgment awarded to an MMA Derailment creditor would reduce the amount available to pay to other tort creditors, as each claim paid under Oasis Petroleum, LLC's insurance policies would reduce the amount available to satisfy other claims.

16. For these reasons, I believe that the Releases and Injunctions in favor of Oasis Petroleum, LLC, its insurers, and agents and affiliates of each are not only appropriate but are in the best interests of MMA's creditors and are essential to consummation of the proposed Plan.

17. Oasis Petroleum, LLC fully supports confirmation of the Plan.

*[signature page follows]*

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Dated: September 22, 2015



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Nickolas J. Lorentzatos  
Executive Vice President and General Counsel  
**OASIS PETROLEUM, LLC**