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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

In re:)	Chapter 11
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REPUBLIC METALS REFINING CORPORATION, <i>et al.</i> , ¹)	Case No. 18-13359 (shl)
)	
Debtors.)	(Jointly Administered)
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**MONTHLY STAFFING REPORT BY AKERMAN LLP
AS COUNSEL FOR THE DEBTORS FOR COMPENSATION
EARNED AND EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE PERIOD OF
DECEMBER 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018**

Akerman LLP ("Akerman") files this Monthly Staffing and Compensation Report (the "Staffing Report") for December 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 (the "Fee Period"), pursuant to the *Order Approving Application for Approval of the Employment of Akerman LLP as Attorneys for the Debtors* [Docket No. 278] (the "Retention Order").

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, include: Republic Metals Refining Corporation, 15 West 47th Street, Suites 206 and 209, New York, NY 10036 (3194), Republic Metals Corporation, 12900 NW 38th Avenue, Miami, FL 33054 (4378), Republic Carbon Company, LLC, 5295 Northwest 163rd Street, Miami Gardens, FL 33014 (5833), Republic High Tech Metals, LLC, 13001 NW 38th Avenue, Miami, FL 33054 (6102), RMC Diamonds, LLC, 12900 NW 38th Avenue, Miami, FL 33054 (1507), RMC2, LLC, 12900 NW 38th Avenue, Miami, FL 33054 (4696), J & L Republic LLC, 12900 NW 38th Avenue, Miami, FL 33054 (7604); R & R Metals, LLC, 12900 NW 38th Avenue, Miami, FL 33054 (7848), Republic Metals Trading (Shanghai) Co., Ltd., 276 Ningbo Road, Huangpu District, Shanghai, P.R. 200001 China (1639), and Republic Trans Mexico Metals, S.R.L., Francisco I. Madero No. 55 Piso 5, Local 409, Centro Joyero Edificio Central, Delegación Cuauhtémoc, Mexico DF 6000 (2942).

Compensation and Staffing

The professionals who rendered services, their function, and the compensation earned during the Fee Period are set forth below.

Summary by Fees by Professional

Name	Position	Law School Graduate Year	Year of Partnership	Hourly Rate	Hours Billed	Fees Billed
Arlene K. Kline	Partner	1996	2013	\$63000	1.70	\$1,071.00
Alexandre M. Denault	Partner	2007	2017	\$525.00	2.10	\$1,102.50
Andrea S. Hartley	Partner	1990	1998	\$695.00	84.70	\$58,866.50
C. Matthew Detzel	Partner	2007	2018	\$46500	1.30	\$604.50
C.R. Cotler	Paralegal	N/A	N/A	\$300.00	2.20	\$660.00
Daniel W. Schwartz	Partner	2004	2014	\$630.00	35.80	\$22,554.00
Esther A. McKean	Partner	2006	2014	\$475.00	68.40	\$32,490.00
Elissa S. Weiss	Associate	2013	N/A	\$385.00	5.70	\$2,194.50
Felicia L. Nowels	Partner	2003	2011	\$550.00	3.70	\$2,035.00
Ian G. Bacheikov	Associate	2001	N/A	\$450.00	.20	\$90.00
Joanne Gelfand	Of Counsel	1985	N/A	\$685.00	51.30	\$35,140.50
John E. Mitchell	Partner	1996	2005	\$670.00	175.40	\$117,518.00
Jacqueline M. Arango	Partner	1986	2011	\$780.00	7.50	\$5,850.00
John R. Beaulieu	Special Counsel	1997	N/A	\$500.00	12.20	\$6,100.00
Jason Lichtstein	Partner	1999	2006	\$600.00	20.30	\$12,180.00
Jennifer S. Meehan	Paralegal	N/A	N/A	\$260.00	11.80	\$3,068.00
Kenneth A. Agee	Associate	2013	N/A	\$520.00	28.10	\$14,612.00
Luis Casas-Meyer	Associate	2011	N/A	\$395.00	41.20	\$16,274.00
Martin G. Burkett	Partner	1995	2002	\$800.00	14.60	\$11,680.00

Name	Position	Law School Graduate Year	Year of Partnership	Hourly Rate	Hours Billed	Fees Billed
Michael J. Larson	Partner	2008	2016	\$420.00	28.40	\$11,928.00
Katherine C. Fackler	Partner	2009	2017	\$415.00	130.90	\$54,323.50
Reyko Delpino	Paralegal	N/A	N/A	\$345.00	46.90	\$16,180.50
Susan Balaschak	Partner	1985	1986	\$980.00	44.70	\$43,806.00
Susanne Zabloudil	Partner	1999	2006	\$725.00	.60	\$435.00
Scott D. Lawrence	Associate	2013	N/A	\$380.00	21.00	\$7,980.00
Sarah C. Smith	Partner	1999	2011	\$645.00	.30	\$193.50
Suzanne M. Miller	Paralegal	N/A	N/A	\$315.00	2.30	\$724.50
Stefi N. George	Partner	2006	2018	\$460.00	1.40	\$644.00
Shayla N. Waldon	Associate	2013	N/A	\$370.00	2.90	\$1,073.00
Theresa M. McLaughlin	Partner	1986	1993	\$600.00	10.60	\$6,360.00

Task Code	Category	Hours	Total Amount
B110	Case Administration	35.40	\$15,100.00
B120	Asset Analysis and Recovery	72.70	\$37,696.00
B130	Asset Disposition	175.20	\$117,261.00
B150	Meetings and Communication with Creditors	19.80	\$11,847.50
B160	Fee/Employment Applications	20.50	\$8,702.00
B185	Assumption/Rejection of Leases and	3.60	\$1,535.00
B190	Other Contested Matters	42.30	\$19,219.00
B195	Non-working travel	85.90	\$52,815.50
B210	Business Operations	31.50	\$16,797.00
B220	Employee Benefits/pensions	1.50	\$732.50
B230	Financing/Cash Collections	36.90	\$22,645.50
B240	Tax Issues	3.50	\$1,746.50
B250	Real Estate (General)	37.70	\$20,914.50
B260	Board of Directors	2.00	\$1,217.50
B310	Claims Administration and Objections	48.60	\$25,913.50
B320	Plan	.40	\$190.00
B410	General Bankruptcy Advice	9.90	\$5,598.00

Task Code	Category	Hours	Total Amount
B600	Investigations	35.30	\$23,580.00
B160	UCC Investigations/2004 Exam	32.40	\$15,111.00
B700	Environmental	51.70	\$25,532.00
B710	Mexico / RTMM	61.60	\$36,021.50
B720	Ownership Disputes	15.40	\$10,549.00
B730	Reclamation Claims	28.50	\$13,780.00
B800	Adv. 18-1771 (Cornerstone)	5.90	\$3,234.00
Total Fees		858.20	\$487,738.50

Expenses

The total actual and necessary costs and expenses incurred by Akerman during the Fee Period are set forth below.

Summary by Expense Category

Task Description	Amount
Postage	\$11.56
Duplicating – Color	\$3.00
Telephone Conferencing	\$81.55
PACER Public Records Systems	\$5.00
Duplicating	\$592.80
Telephone (long distance)	\$22.00
FedEx	\$114.45
Delivery Service	\$36.00
Court Services	\$309.00
Transportation	\$6,552.21
Hotel	\$7,168.96
Meals	\$1,164.23
Parking	\$361.67
Other Travel Expenses (Taxi/Car Service)	\$1,452.13
Filing Fees	\$12,019.00
Court Reporter	\$608.65
Other Charges	\$402.00
Total Expenses	\$30,904.21

Wherefore, pursuant to the Retention Order, Akerman files the Staffing Report listing: (a) the names and functions of professionals assigned to the Debtors and (b) the compensation earned by Akerman during the Fee Period.

Dated: January 25, 2019

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