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

In re:)	Chapter 11
)	
REPUBLIC METALS REFINING)	
CORPORATION, <i>et al.</i> , ¹)	Case No. 18-13359 (shl)
)	
Debtors.)	(Jointly Administered)

**MONTHLY STAFFING REPORT BY AKERMAN LLP
AS COUNSEL FOR THE DEBTORS FOR COMPENSATION
EARNED AND EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE PERIOD OF
FEBRUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2019**

Akerman LLP ("Akerman") files this Monthly Staffing and Compensation Report (the "Staffing Report") for February 1, 2019 through February 28, 2019 (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"). Pursuant to the Retention Order, Akerman seeks immediate payment of 80% of its fees and 100% of its expenses during

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).

the Fee Period, in the amounts of \$605,086.40 and \$44,335.11, respectively, for a total award of \$649,421.51.

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
Angelica C. Fortney	Associate	2013	N/A	\$400.00	.10	\$40.00
Alexandre M. Denault	Partner	2007	2017	\$525.00	3.30	\$1,732.50
Alysia N. Carlson	Associate	2011	N/A	\$300.00	41.40	\$12,420.00
Andrea S. Hartley	Partner	1990	1998	\$695.00	118.70	\$82,496.50
Cheryl R. Cotler	Paralegal	N/A	N/A	\$300.00	4.30	\$1,290.00
Daniel W. Schwartz	Partner	2004	2014	\$630.00	84.00	\$52,920.00
David W. Parham	Partner	1981	1998	\$725.00	.50	\$362.50
Esther A. McKean	Partner	2006	2014	\$475.00	164.30	\$78,042.50
Elissa S. Weiss	Associate	2013	N/A	\$385.00	20.60	\$8,961.00
Joanne Gelfand	Of Counsel	1985	N/A	\$685.00	115.10	\$78,843.50
Janice E. Brooks-Patton	Paralegal	N/A	N/A	\$210.00	25.60	\$5,376.00
John E. Mitchell	Partner	1996	2005	\$670.00	186.40	\$124,888.00
Jason Lichtstein	Partner	1999	2006	\$600.00	12.50	\$7,500.00
Jennifer S. Meehan	Paralegal	N/A	N/A	\$260.00	3.60	\$936.00
Kenneth A. Agee	Associate	2013	N/A	\$520.00	33.10	\$17,212.00
Leslie M. Tomczak	Partner	1997	2006	\$660.00	.10	\$66.00
Luis Casas-Meyer	Associate	2011	N/A	\$395.00	98.90	\$39,065.50

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Martin G. Burkett	Partner	1995	2002	\$800.00	26.80	\$21,440.00
Michael J. Larson	Partner	2008	2016	\$420.00	23.30	\$9,786.00
Katherine C. Fackler	Partner	2009	2017	\$415.00	121.60	\$50,464.00
Peter A. Chiabotti	Partner	2002	2010	\$575.00	.50	\$287.50
Rosa Wong	Paralegal	N/A	N/A	\$295.00	.40	\$118.00
Russell B. Hale	Partner	1980	1990	\$760.00	.40	\$304.00
Reyko Delpino	Paralegal	N/A	N/A	\$345.00	71.90	\$24,805.50
Scott D. Lawrence	Associate	2013	N/A	\$380.00	44.90	\$17,062.00
Santiago J. Assalini	Associate	2014	N/A	\$495.00	16.10	\$7,969.50
Suzanne M. Miller	Paralegal	N/A	N/A	\$315.00	16.50	\$5,197.50
Theresa M. McLaughlin	Partner	1986	1993	\$600.00	70.40	\$42,240.00
Yelena E. Archiyan	Associate	2012	N/A	\$340.00	189.80	\$64,532.00

Task Code	Category	Hours	Total Amount
B110	Case Administration	39.20	\$14,783.00
B120	Asset Analysis and Recovery	163.70	\$82,499.50
B130	Asset Disposition	284.20	\$162,745.00
B140	Relief from Stay/Adequate Protection	6.40	\$3,702.50
B150	Meetings and Communication with Creditors	2.00	\$916.00
B160	Fee/Employment Applications	6.00	\$2,323.50
B180	Avoidance Action Analysis	1.80	\$1,251.00
B185	Assumption/Rejection of Leases and	22.00	\$7,675.50
B190	Other Contested Matters	13.40	\$4,892.00
B195	Non-working Travel	86.80	\$51,231.00
B210	Business Operations	8.40	\$5,095.50
B220	Employee Benefits/Pensions	20.70	\$7,546.50
B230	Financing/Cash Collections	9.40	\$5,476.50
B240	Tax Issues	4.00	\$2,245.00
B250	Real Estate (General)	100.10	\$55,542.00

Task Code	Category	Hours	Total Amount
B260	Board of Directors	1.20	\$821.50
B310	Claims Administration and Objections	59.10	\$29,440.00
B320	Plan	2.50	\$1,015.00
B410	General Bankruptcy Advice	5.90	\$2,840.50
B600	Investigations	22.70	\$13,591.50
B160	UCC Investigations/2004 Exam	145.00	\$71,026.50
B700	Environmental	35.80	\$17,249.00
B710	Mexico / RTMM	19.20	\$11,802.00
B720	Ownership Disputes	347.10	\$161,825.50
B730	Reclamation Claims	88.50	\$38,822.00
Total Fees		1495.10	\$756,358.00

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	\$.65
Duplicating - color	\$7.00
Telephone Conferencing	\$108.46
PACER Public Records Systems	\$56.60
Duplicating	\$1,433.93
FedEx	\$241.85
Delivery Service	\$43.79
Court Services	\$44.00
Transportation	\$8,636.16
Hotel	\$8,794.52
Meals	\$4,211.73
Parking	\$444.02
Other Travel Expenses (Taxi/Car Service)	\$1,986.31
Filing Fees	\$251.00
Court Reporter	\$452.40
Westlaw Research	\$15,939.75

Other Charges	\$1,682.94
Total Expenses	\$44,335.11

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: March 18, 2019

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By: /s/Katherine C. Fackler

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