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

In re:	)	Chapter 11
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MIAMI METALS I, INC, <i>et al.</i> , <sup>1</sup>	)	Case No. 18-13359 (shl)
	)	
Debtors.	)	
	)	(Jointly Administered)

**NOTICE OF FILING AND SERVICE OF MONTHLY STAFFING REPORT BY  
PALADIN MANAGEMENT GROUP, LLC AND SCOTT AVILA AS CHIEF  
RESTRUCTURING OFFICER TO THE DEBTORS FOR COMPENSATION  
EARNED AND EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE PERIOD OF  
MARCH 31, 2019 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2019**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that Paladin Management Group, LLC (“Paladin”) as provider of chief restructuring officer and financial advisory services to the debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned cases (the “Debtors”) has filed the attached *Monthly Staffing Report of Paladin Management Group, LLC for the Period from March 31, 2019, through April 30, 2019* (the “Report”), with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, One Bowling Green, New York, New York 10004 (the “Bankruptcy Court”). Pursuant to the Application, Paladin seeks compensation for services rendered to the Debtors in the amount of \$450,661.75 and reimbursement of costs incurred in the amount of \$50,174.16.

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<sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, include: Miami Metals I, Inc. (f/k/a Republic Metals Refining Corporation), 15 West 47th Street, Suites 206 and 209, New York, NY 10036 (3194); Miami Metals II, Inc. (f/k/a Republic Metals Corporation), 12900 NW 38th Avenue, Miami, FL 33054 (4378); Miami Metals III LLC (f/k/a Republic Carbon Company), 5295 Northwest 163rd Street, Miami Gardens, FL 33014 (5833); Miami Metals IV LLC (f/k/a J & L Republic LLC), 12900 NW 38th Avenue, Miami, FL 33054 (7604); Miami Metals V LLC (f/k/a R & R Metals, LLC), 12900 NW 38th Avenue, Miami, FL 33054 (7848); Miami Metals VI (f/k/a RMC Diamonds, LLC), 12900 NW 38th Avenue, Miami, FL 33054 (1507); Miami Metals VII (f/k/a RMC2, LLC), 12900 NW 38th Avenue, Miami, FL 33054 (4696); Miami Metals VIII (f/k/a Republic High Tech Metals, LLC), 13001 NW 38 Avenue, Miami, FL 33054 (6102), 12900 NW 38th Avenue, Miami, FL 33054 (1507); 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).

On May 16, 2019, 2019, Paladin served the Report pursuant to the Court's December 21, 2018 Order Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 105(a), 330, 331, and 363, Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2016, and Local Rule 2016-1, Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals [ECF No. 346] on the Notice Parties, as defined therein.

Dated: May 16, 2019

PALADIN MANAGEMENT GROUP, LLC

*By: /s/ Scott Avila*

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COMPENSATION EARNED AND EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE PERIOD OF  
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Paladin Management Group, LLC (“Paladin”) files this Monthly Staffing and Compensation Report (the “Staffing Report”) for March 31, 2019 through April 30, 2019 (the “Fee Period”), pursuant to the *Order Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 105(a) and 363(b) Authorizing Debtors to (A) Employ and Retain Paladin Management Group, LLC to Serve as Financial Advisor for the Debtors and to Provide the Debtors a Chief Restructuring Officer, and (B) to Designate Scott Avila as the Chief Restructuring Officer for the Debtors effective as of the Petition Date.* [Docket No. 245] (the “Retention Order”).

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**Compensation and Staffing**

The professionals who rendered services, their function, and the compensation earned during the Fee Period are set forth below. Paladin’s time records are summarized by project category and contain detailed time entries describing tasks performed by individual on behalf of the Debtors.

**Summary of Fees by Professional**

<b>Professional</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Rate Per Hour</b>	<b>Hours<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
Scott Avila	Managing Partner	\$625	140.80	\$75,031.25
Allen Soong	Managing Partner	\$550	18.20	\$10,010.00
Luke Goetz	Managing Director	\$525	173.70	\$89,617.50
Michael Lang	Managing Director	\$525	96.40	\$47,460.00
Connie Higgins	Director	\$450	174.30	\$67,882.50
Paula Sosamon	Director	\$385	233.80	\$84,238.00
Carla Cooper	Senior Consultant	\$275	35.60	\$9,790.00
Liz Gonzalez	Senior Consultant	\$275	263.80	\$66,770.00
<b>Total Fees</b>			<b>1,136.60</b>	<b>\$450,799.25</b>
Less travel hours over 15 hours maximum per week			(1.00)	(\$137.50)
<b>Net Fees</b>			<b>1,135.60</b>	<b>\$450,661.75</b>

<sup>2</sup> “Hours” and “total amount” are inclusive of travel which is calculated at a 50% rate.

**Summary of Fees by Category**

<b>By Category</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
BK-Asset Disposition	120.80	\$58,197.00
BK-Business Operations	57.40	\$27,547.50
BK-Cash Flow Projections	10.80	\$5,705.00
BK-Cash Management	37.40	\$16,961.00
BK-Claims	330.70	\$126,460.50
BK-Court Appearances/Preparation	14.60	\$7,324.00
BK-Creditor Interaction	93.40	\$46,029.00
BK-Historical Financial Analysis	9.40	\$4,935.00
BK-Information Requests	77.70	\$27,993.50
BK-Monthly Operating Report	45.20	\$17,584.00
BK-Motion Support	15.70	\$8,470.50
BK-Non-Working Travel – To attend Bk related activities in NYC	41.00	\$12,212.50
BK-Non-Working Travel – To Miami, subject to cap	137.40	\$27,583.75
BK-Preparation of Fee Applications	37.90	\$11,092.50
BK-Record Retention	9.70	\$4,365.00
BK-RMC Mexico	30.00	\$16,560.00
BK-US Trustee Reporting	3.30	\$1,578.50
BK-Wind-Down/Transition	64.20	\$30,200.00
<b>Total Fees</b>	<b>1,136.60</b>	<b>\$450,799.25</b>
Less travel hours over 15 hours maximum per week	(1.00)	(\$137.50)
<b>Net Fees</b>	<b>1,135.60</b>	<b>\$450,661.75</b>

**Expenses**

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

**Summary by Expense Category**

<b>Task Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Airfare	\$18,848.53
Ground Transportation	\$5,117.36
Internet Services	\$216.98
Lodging	\$19,782.92
Meals	\$5,279.95
Office Supplies	\$863.34
Postage/Express Mail/Courier	\$9.62
Telephone/Conference	\$55.46
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$50,174.16</b>

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

Dated: May 16, 2019

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