ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE (COMMERCIAL LIST)

In the matter of Sections 97 and 100 of the Courts of Justice Act, R.S.O. 1990 c. C.43 as amended

BETWEEN:

FIRM CAPITAL MORTGAGE FUND INC.

Applicant

- and -

FORTRESS BROOKDALE INC., FORTRESS AVENUE ROAD (2015) INC. and FERNBROOK HOMES (BROOKDALE) LIMITED

Respondents

FACTUM OF THE RESPONDENT, INNOCON, A PARTNERSHIP OF LAFARGE CANADA INC... LEHIGH HANSON MATERIALS LIMITED AND INNOCON INC.

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(MOTION RETURNABLE OCTOBER 18, 2018)

I. Introduction

- 1. This is an application by Firm Capital Mortgage Fund Inc. ("Firm Capital") to obtain, in part, a Vesting Order under section 100 of the *Courts of Justice Act* and to vacate the registration of construction liens upon what amounts to posting security under section 44 of the *Construction Lien Act* (now the *Construction Act*, although the project is governed by the *Construction Lien Act*).
- 2. However, the form of Vesting Order sought by Firm Capital is not the usual order sought under section 44 of the *Construction Lien Act* to post security and vacate the registration of the claims for lien and certificates of action.

- 3. A proper Vesting Order would specifically provide that the registration of each claim for lien and certificate of action is vacated pursuant to section 44(1) of the *Construction Lien Act* upon posting security with the Accountant of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice in an amount equal to the full amount claimed in each claim for lien plus the lesser of \$50,000 or 25% of the full amount of the claim for lien. The Vesting Order sought by the applicant fails to do this.
- 4. In addition, the Vesting Order goes beyond vesting the purchased assets by seeking to dismiss the lien actions against Firm Capital. However, Firm Capital provides absolutely no legal basis for the Court's jurisdiction to dismiss the lien actions against Firm Capital. In fact, and in particular, Firm Capital does not bring a motion under sections 47 (a motion for summary judgment) or 78 of the *Construction Lien Act*. Firm Capital fails to provide a proper factual record to support this relief it seeks. Firm Capital does not even file pleadings in the actions which it seeks to dismiss, pleads which plainly disclose that the lien claimants are claiming priority over Firm Capital's debt.
- 5. Granting the Vesting Order in the form sought by Firm Capital gives Firm Capital an unjustifiable advantage over the lien claimants and prejudices the lien claimants' rights against Firm Capital, and against the other mortgagees. There is no basis on which to provide such an advantage to Firm Capital and the other mortgagees to the prejudice of the lien claimants.
- 6. The commercially reasonable outcome of this application is as follows:
 - (a) The sale of the purchased assets should close;
 - (b) Assuming a sale price in excess of \$34 million, payment to Firm Capital of an amount to satisfy its mortgage from the proceeds of sale without prejudice to the rights of any lien claimant to argue any issue regarding Firm Capital including, but not limited to, priority over the Firm Capital mortgage and that Firm Capital is a statutory "owner";
 - (c) With respect to the balance of the proceeds of sale:

- (i) An amount equal to the full value of each lien, plus 25% for costs up to a maximum of \$50,000 should be posted as security with the Accountant of the Ontario Superior Court without prejudice to the rights of all parties asserting their claims;
- (ii) Upon posting security with the Accountant of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice in c(i), the registration of the claims for lien and certificates of action be vacated; and,
- (iii) The balance of the proceeds of sale after payment in c(i) above should be paid into court without prejudice to the rights of the other mortgagees asserting their claims to these proceeds of sale;
- (d) All the lien actions and issues between the parties to the lien actions, including Firm Capital should be referred to Master Short, or a Construction Lien Master at Toronto, for determination of all issues; and,
- (e) The payment into court under section 44(1) of the *Construction Lien Act* and any payment to any mortgagee is without prejudice to any rights of any of the parties and that the Vesting Order is without prejudice to any findings that Master Short or a Construction Lien Master may make.

II. The Facts

- 7. The respondent Fortress Brookdale Inc. is the registered owner of lands at Avenue Road, Toronto on which the 7-storey condominium projected known as Brookdale on Avenue was being constructed (the "Project"). The property was bought by Fortress Brookdale Inc. on February 10, 2015 from Mady Avenue Road Ltd. for nominal consideration of \$2.00.
- 8. On February 13, 2018, Innocon preserved a lien on title to the Project. Eleven other lien claimants registered thirteen liens on title to the Project. The face value of all liens including the Innocon lien is \$9,822,983.00.

- 9. On March 5, 2018, Innocon requested information from the lenders under section 39 of the *Construction Act*. Only one of the lenders, Quincy, provided a response. The Quincy response to the section 39 demand indicates that its loan was to be used to refinance the project and soft costs to be incurred. Firm Capital, Jaekel, BDMC1 and BDMC2 did not provide responses to the section 39 demands for information.
- 10. On March 5, 2018, Innocon caused its statement of claim to enforce its lien to be issued. The Innocon lien statement of claim claims priority over each of the mortgagees and claims that the mortgagees are statutory "owners" under the *Construction Lien Act*.
- 11. On April 19, 2018, Fortress Brookdale Inc. was noted in default of the delivery of a statement of defence in the Innocon lien action.
- 12. Each of the lenders Firm Capital, Quincy and Jaekel have delivered statements of defence in the Innocon lien action.
- 13. There are 15 liens registered on title to the Project totalling \$10,183,523 by 13 lien claimants that have commenced 11 lien actions to enforce their liens.
- 14. Innocon and its counsel were not asked to participate in the negotiations between Firm Capital, its appointed Receiver and the purchaser. The first time that Innocon saw any of the terms of the Agreement of Purchase and Sale was when Firm Capital served its application.

III. Issues on Application

- 15. The issues on the Firm Capital application are:
 - (a) Is Firm Capital entitled to have the lien actions dismissed as against it despite the Court having no jurisdiction to do so on this Application?
 - (b) What is the correct procedure to be used with respect to vacating the claims for lien and certificates of action registered on title to a property where the lender is selling under a power of sale?

IV. The Law

16. Section 14(1) of the *Construction Lien Act* creates a lien in respect of the interest of the statutory owner in favour of those that supply services or materials to an improvement. Section 14(1) provides as follows:

A person who supplies services or materials to an improvement for an owner, contractor or subcontractor, has a lien upon the interest of the owner in the premises improved for the price of those services or materials.

17. Therefore, a lien arises the moment any supply of services or materials is made to the improvement and is known as a subsisting lien. In this case, the Cost to Complete Summary shows that services and materials were supplied to the improvement prior to April 1, 2017.

Lien actions should not be dismissed against Firm Capital

- 18. There are 11 lien actions commenced with respect to the Project. Firm Capital seeks to dismiss all the lien actions against it without referring to or relying on any authority under any statute or rule to do so. In fact, it is respectfully submitted that this court has no legal authority to dismiss these lien actions each of which is a separate legal proceeding subject to the procedures in the *Construction Lien Act*. Moreover, or in any event, there is no sufficient factual record on which this court could dismiss these lien actions.
- 19. Innocon's statement of claim, at paragraph 19, pleads that Firm Capital is a statutory "owner" within the meaning of the *Construction Lien Act*. Dismissing the Innocon lien action, or any of the lien actions, against Firm Capital at this time would prejudice the rights of the lien claimants to pursue their claims that Firm Capital is a statutory "owner".
- 20. The meaning of "owner" under the *Construction Lien Act* is not the same as the ordinary or dictionary meaning of the word. Any determination of whether or not a legal person is an "owner" must be made in the highly specific context of the payment scheme created by the *Construction Lien Act* as applied to the factual realities of the relationship between the parties. The form that relationship takes is immaterial, only its substance matters.

Reference: Filippi v 315 Pembroke St East, 2017 ONSC 3851, at paras. 13 and 14,

Innocon's Book of Authorities, Tab 1

21. In the Roni Excavating case, Justice Ricchetti canvassed the law regarding statutory

"owners" and commented that:

(a) Whether a party is a statutory owner is dependent on the circumstances of

each case (para. 53);

(b) Direct dealing was not a necessary requirement in finding that a request was

made by a statutory owner (para. 56);

(c) Whether a party is a statutory owner could be implied or inferred from all the

surrounding circumstances even if there is no direct dealing between the

statutory "owner" and the lien claimants (para. 58); and,

(d) Where there is an agreement between the parties, it is the substance of the

transaction and not the form of the agreement between the parties that must

be considered (para. 59).

Reference:

Roni Excavating v. Sedona Development, 2015 ONSC 389, at

paras. 3, 53, 56, 58 and 59, Innocon's Book of Authorities, Tab 2

22. The lien claimants should be entitled to pursue their claim, as pleaded, that Firm

Capital is a statutory "owner" on a proper and complete record, after productions and

examinations. The terms of an agreement of purchase and sale cannot be used to usurp the

jurisdiction of the court and to prejudice the rights of the lien claimants.

Priority of lien over mortgages

23. With certain specified exceptions, the liens arising from an improvement have priority

over all conveyances, mortgages or other agreements affecting the owner's interest in the

premises. Section 78(1) provides as follows:

Except as provided in this section, the liens arising from an improvement have priority over all conveyances, mortgages or other agreements arising from the owner's interest in the premises.

24. In the *Boehmers* case, the court considered the priority of the liens over the advances made under a mortgage. The Court stated as follows:

Section 78(1) is the overarching principle of the new regime of the Act for the determination of priorities. It is, if you will, the central interpretive principle for the adjudication of conflicts of the type before the court in this case. Surely it necessarily implies that, in cases of conflict, as here, the burden must be on the mortgagee to persuade the court that it somehow falls clearly within a specified exception to the generalized priority of the liens.

Reference: Boehmers v. 794561 Ontario Inc., 1993 CarswellOnt 821 (Gen. Div). at para. 54; affirmed 1995 CarswellOnt 244 (C.A.), Innocon's Book of Authorities, Tab 3

- 25. As a result, the liens *prima facia* have priority over the mortgages registered on title, including that of Firm Capital, and the burden of proof is on the mortgagees on a proper record to bring themselves within an exception in section 78.
- 26. There is no doubt that the Firm Capital mortgage expressed an intention to secure financing of the improvement. As a result, the lien claimants are at a minimum entitled to priority over the Firm Capital mortgage to the extent of any deficiency in the holdback required to be retained by the "owner" based on the value of services and materials supplied by each lien claimant.

Reference: Lindsay Brothers Construction Ltd. v. Halton Hills Development Corporation, 1992 CanLII 7511, pages 15, 16 and 17, Innocon's Book of Authorities, Tab 4

27. If the lien actions against Firm Capital are dismissed, this would prejudice the rights of the lien claimants to argue for the priority that they are entitled to over the Firm Capital mortgage.

Proper procedure under section 44 of the Construction Lien Act

- 28. The *Construction Lien Act* provides a specific procedure to vacate the registration of a claim for lien and certificate of action under section 44. Section 44(1) of the *Construction Lien Act* provides as follows:
 - 44 (1) Upon the motion of any person, without notice to any other person, the court shall make an order vacating,
 - (a) where the lien attaches to the premises, the registration of a claim for lien and any certificate of action in respect of that lien; or
 - (b) where the lien does not attach to the premises, the claim for lien,
 - where the person bringing the motion pays into court, or posts security in an amount equal to, the total of,
 - (c) the full amount claimed as owing in the claim for lien; and
 - (d) the lesser of \$50,000 or 25 per cent of the amount described in clause (c), as security for costs.
- 29. Section 44 provides a complete code for the payment of monies, or the posting of security in order to vacate the registration of liens and certificates of action.

Reference: Tom Jones Corp. v. OSBBC Ltd., 1997 CarswellOnt 1752, at para. 23, Innocon's Book of Authorities, Tab 5

30. The Vesting Order sought by Firm Capital fails to follow that established procedure. To grant Firm Capital an exemption from any section of the *Construction Lien Act* would short circuit the process established by the *Construction Lien Act* and defeat the intentions of the legislation. The established procedure must be followed.

Reference: Con-Drain Co. (1983) Ltd. v. J.D.S. Investments Ltd., 1995 CarswellOnt 4019, Innocon's Book of Authorities, Tab 6

31. Where security is posted to vacate the registration of a claim for lien and certificate of action, the posting of security does not displace the priority of the mortgagee where the

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mortgagee clears title under section 44 of the *Construction Lien Act*. All issues, including priority, remain to be determined in the lien action and the rights of all parties are preserved.

Reference: Con-Drain Co. (1983) Ltd. v. J.D.S. Investments Ltd., 1995 CarswellOnt

4019, Innocon's Book of Authorities, Tab 7

Reference: Gilvesy Construction v. 810941 Ontario Ltd., 1994 CarswellOnt 950,

para. 8, Innocon's Book of Authorities, Tab 8

32. Firm Capital relies on section 44 of the *Construction Lien Act* but does not in fact use the usual procedure for vacating the registration of a claim for lien and certificate of action upon the posting of security. Attached, at Schedule C of this Factum is a copy of an issued Order, dated July 25, 2018, in a lien action, of Master Short to post cash security and to vacate the registration of a claim for lien and certificate of action upon the posting of the security. There is no good reason to vary from this form of Order under section 44 of the *Construction Lien Act*.

V. Order Sought

- 33. Innocon respectfully requests an Order that:
 - (a) Vests the purchased assets of the respondents in the purchaser and that deletes and expunges from title all encumbrances (excluding permitted encumbrances), and in the case of the claims for liens, that vacates the registration of the claims for liens and certificates of action from title upon the payment into court pursuant to section 44(1);
 - (b) Assuming a sale price in excess of \$34 million, payment to Firm Capital of an amount to satisfy its mortgage from the proceeds of sale without prejudice to the rights of the lien claimants to argue any issue regarding Firm Capital including priority over the Firm Capital mortgage and that Firm Capital is a statutory "owner";
 - (c) With respect to the balance of the proceeds of sale:

- (i) An amount equal to the full value of each lien, plus 25% for security for costs up to a maximum of \$50,000 be posted as security with the Accountant of the Ontario Superior Court in accordance with section 44(1) of the Construction Lien Act without prejudice to the rights of all parties asserting their claims to these funds;
- (ii) Upon posting security with the Accountant of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice in c(i), the registration of the claims for lien and certificates of action be vacated; and,
- (iii) The balance of the proceeds of sale after payment in (i) above be paid into court without prejudice to the rights of the lenders asserting their claims to these proceeds of sale;
- (d) All the lien actions and issues between the parties to the lien actions, including Firm Capital, be referred to Master Short, or a Construction Lien Master at Toronto, for determination on all issues; and,
- (e) The payment into court under section 44(1) of the *Construction Lien Act* and any payment to any mortgagee is under the Vest Order is without prejudice to any rights of any of the parties and that the Vesting Order is without prejudice to any findings that Master Short or a Construction Lien Master may make.

ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

John Margie, of Glaholt LLP

TAB A

Schedule "A"

- 1. Filippi v. 315 Pembroke St. East, 2017 ONSC 3851
- 2. Roni Excavating v. Sedona Development, 2015 ONSC 389
- 3. Boehmers v. 794561 Ontario Inc., 1993 CarswellOnt 821 (Gen. Div)
- 4. Lindsay Brothers Construction Ltd. v. Halton Hills Development Corporation, 1992 CanLII 7511
- 5. Tom Jones Corp. v. OSBBC Ltd., 1997 CarswellOnt 1752
- 6. Con-Drain Co. (1983) Ltd. v. J.D.S. Investments Ltd., 1995 CarswellOnt 4019
- 7. Gilvesy Construction v. 810941 Ontario Ltd., 1994 CarswellOnt 950

TAB B

Schedule "B"

Construction Lien Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.30, s.1

- "owner" means any person, including the Crown, having an interest in a premises at whose request and,
- (a) upon whose credit, or
- (b) on whose behalf, or
- (c) with whose privity or consent, or
- (d) for whose direct benefit, an improvement is made to the premises but does not include a home buyer; ("propriétaire")

Construction Lien Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.30, s.39

Right to information;

(1) Any person having a lien or who is the beneficiary of a trust under Part II or who is a mortgagee may, at any time, by written request, require information to be provided within a reasonable time, not to exceed twenty-one days, as follows:

from mortgagee or unpaid vendor

- (2) Any person having a lien or any beneficiary of a trust under Part II may, at any time, by written request, require a mortgagee or unpaid vendor to provide the person within a reasonable time, not to exceed twenty-one days, with,
- (a) sufficient details concerning any mortgage on the premises to enable the person who requests the information to determine whether the mortgage was taken by the mortgage for the purposes of financing the making of the improvement;
- (b) a statement showing the amount advanced under the mortgage, the dates of those advances, and any arrears in payment including any arrears in the payment of interest; or
- (c) a statement showing the amount secured under the agreement of purchase and sale and any arrears in payment including any arrears in the payment of interest. R.S.O. 1990, c. C.30, s. 39 (2); 2017, c. 24, s. 70.

State of accounts

(4.1) A state of accounts under subsection (1) shall contain the following information, as of a specified date:

- 1. The price of the services or materials that have been supplied under the contract or subcontract.
- 2. The amounts paid under the contract or subcontract.
- 3. In the case of a state of accounts under paragraph 4 of subsection (1), which of the amounts paid under the contract or subcontract constitute any part of the payment referred to in subsection 19 (1).
- 4. The amount of the applicable holdbacks.
- 5. The balance owed under the contract or subcontract.
- 6. Any amount retained under section 12 (set-off by trustee) or under subsection 17 (3) (lien set-off).
- 7. Any other information that may be prescribed.

<u>Information provided by mortgagee</u>

(4.2) For the purposes of clause (2) (b), if amounts have been advanced under the mortgage for the purposes of financing both the purchase price of the land and the making of the improvement, the statement must show the amount advanced under the mortgage for each of those purposes.

<u>Liability for failure to provide information</u>

(5) Where a person, who is required under subsection (1), (2), (3) or (4) to provide information or access to information, does not provide the information or access to information as required or knowingly or negligently mis-states that information, the person is liable to the person who made the request for any damages suffered as a result.

Order by court to comply with request

(6) Upon motion, the court may at any time, whether or not an action has been commenced, order a person to comply with a request that has been made to the person under this section and, when making the order, the court may make any order as to costs as it considers appropriate in the circumstances, including an order for the payment of costs on a substantial indemnity basis.

Construction Lien Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.30, s.14(1)

Creation of lien

A person who supplies services or materials to an improvement for an owner, contractor or subcontractor, has a lien upon the interest of the owner in the premises improved for the price of those services or materials.

Construction Lien Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.30, s.44(1)

Vacating lien by payment into court without notice

Upon the motion of any person, without notice to any other person, the court shall make an order vacating,

- (a) where the lien attaches to the premises, the registration of a claim for lien and any certificate of action in respect of that lien; or
- (b) where the lien does not attach to the premises, the claim for lien,

where the person bringing the motion pays into court, or posts security in an amount equal to, the total of,

- (c) the full amount claimed as owing in the claim for lien; and
- (d) the lesser of \$50,000 or 25 per cent of the amount described in clause (c), as security for costs.

Construction Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.30, s.47

General power to discharge lien

- (1) Upon motion, the court may,
- (a) order the discharge of a lien;
- (b) order that the registration of,
- (i) a claim for lien, or
- (ii) a certificate of action,

or both, be vacated;

- (c) declare, where written notice of a lien has been given, that the lien has expired, or that the written notice of the lien shall no longer bind the person to whom it was given; or
- (d) dismiss an action,

upon any proper ground and subject to any terms and conditions that the court considers appropriate in the circumstances.

Construction Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.30, s.78(1)

Priority over mortgages, etc.

Except as provided in this section, the liens arising from an improvement have priority over all conveyances, mortgages or other agreements affecting the owner's interest in the premises.

Schedule "C"

Order of Justice Short, July 25, 2018

TAB C

ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE

IN THE MATTER OF the *Construction Lien Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.30, as amended

MASTER	SHORT)	WEDNESDAY, THE 25TH DAY
)	
)	OF JULY, 2018



FOURTH PIG WORKER CO-OPERATIVE INC.

Plaintiff

-and-

KEVIN SCRAGG, CAROLINE JALLAND, BRENDA GRAHAM, and THE TORONTO-DOMINION BANK

Defendants

ORDER

THIS MOTION made by the Defendants, Kevin Scragg and Caroline Jalland, without notice, pursuant to Section 44(1) of the *Construction Lien Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.30, as amended, and for an Order vacating the registration of the claim for lien and certificate of action of the plaintiff, Fourth Pig Worker Co-operative Inc. ("Fourth Pig"), was heard this day at the Court House, 393 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

ON READING the Notice of Motion, filed, the Affidavit of Darina Mishiyev, sworn July 24, 2018, and Exhibits attached thereto, filed, upon hearing submissions of counsel for Kevin Scragg and Caroline Jalland, and upon it appearing that Kevin Scragg and Caroline Jalland have posted security in the amount of the claim for lien of Fourth Pig of \$144,192.88 together with the amount of \$36,048.22 as security for costs for a total of \$180,241.10 in the form of a Certified Cheque dated July 23, 2018 filed with the Accountant of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice as Accountant's Account number 550874

- THIS COURT ORDERS that the registration of the claim for lien of Fourth Pig in the amount of \$144,192.88 registered on April 5, 2018 as Instrument No. AT4836009 in the Land Registry Office for Land Titles Division No. 80 (Toronto), against the lands and premises referred to in Schedule "A" annexed hereto be vacated.
- THIS COURT ORDERS that the registration of the certificate of action of Fourth Pig, registered on May 23, 2018 as Instrument No. AT4870105 against the lands and premises set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto be vacated.
- THIS COURT ORDERS that a copy of this Order shall be sent to counsel for Fourth Pig, forthwith after entry.

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ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE IN THE MATTER OF the Construction Lien Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.30, as amended

ORDER

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FIRM CAPITAL MORTGAGE FUND INC.

 -and- FORTRESS BROOKDALE INC., FORTRESS AVENUE ROAD (2015) INC. and FERNBROOK HOMES (BROOKDALE) LIMITED

Applicant

Respondents

Court File No. CV-18-604993-00CL

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