

# **Exhibit 17**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

-v-

No. 16-cv-6848 (DLI)(VMS)

PLATINUM MANAGEMENT (NY) LLC;  
PLATINUM CREDIT MANAGEMENT, L.P.;  
MARK NORDLICHT;  
DAVID LEVY;  
DANIEL SMALL;  
URI LANDESMAN;  
JOSEPH MANN;  
JOSEPH SANFILIPPO; and  
JEFFREY SHULSE,

Defendants.

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**CERTIFICATION IN SUPPORT OF THE RECEIVER’S APPLICATION TO RETAIN  
ALLEN & OVERY LLP**

I, Pamela Chepiga (the “Certifying Professional”), hereby certify that Allen & Overy LLP has designated me as the Certifying Professional with respect to the Receiver’s Application for an Order Authorizing the Retention and Payment of Limited Scope Legal Professionals. I make this certification regarding the retention of Allen & Overy LLP and hereby declare:

1. I am an attorney licensed to practice law in New York, and I am a partner of Allen & Overy LLP.
2. According to our fee proposal presented to Platinum Partners Credit Opportunities Master Fund LP (“PPCO”), the scope of our engagement will be (i) working with the Brazilian law firm (the “Firm”) that is selected by PPCO in their legal review, commenting and advice in connection with the memoranda and procedures related to the [REDACTED] gold mine located near [REDACTED] Brazil (the “Mine”) which have been prepared by

Chediak Advogados, JDS Energy & Mining Inc. and/or SR Negócios (collectively, the “Advisors”), including (without limitation) with respect to the Mine’s environmental and operations permits, equipment import process, exploitation of the Mine’s tailing dam from a Brazilian law mining perspective (collectively, the “Documentation”), (ii) participating in a limited number of calls with the Advisors for discussions of the Firm’s findings in its review of the Documentation; (iii) reviewing and commenting on the Firm’s report; and (iv) coordinating the Firm, generally.

3. 4. Allen & Overy LLP is a full service firm with 44 offices in 31 countries, including in New York and São Paulo (Brazil). Allen & Overy LLP has, globally, approximately 554 partners, 2,800 lawyers (including associates and counsel) and in total 5,400 employees. Allen & Overy LLP is one of largest law firms in the world. Please find below the name of the attorneys that will work on this matter and their hourly rate:

Position	Hourly Rate (US\$)*
Bruno Soares Partner, São Paulo	1150
Mark Manisty Senior Counsel, São Paulo	970
André Teixeira Associate, São Paulo	820
Gustavo Alfredo Associate, São Paulo	495

4. Allen & Overy LLP maintains records of all its clients, the matter on which it represents its clients, and the other parties that have substantial roles in such matters. Allen & Overy LLP conducted a conflict check in connection with its retention by Bart M.

Schwartz, the Court-appointed Receiver for Platinum Partners Credit Opportunities Master Fund, LP and certain related entities (the "Receivership Entities").

5. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief formed after reasonably inquiry into its records described above, there are no relationships with current or prior clients that create actual or potential conflicts that would prevent Allen & Overy LLP from representing the Receiver and the Receivership Entities.

6. Allen & Overy LLP has conducted a review of its fees previously billed to the Receivership Entities and its portfolio companies: nothing is currently owned to Allen & Overy LLP by PPCO, but according to the proposal presented to PPCO, Allen Overy LLP estimates it will invoice to PPCO, in connection with the works completed therein, and submit a claim into the Receivership in the amount of, US\$10,000 to US\$15,000 in fees.

7. To the best of my knowledge, no members of Allen & Overy LLP are subject to disciplinary actions in any court.

8. There is no agreement of any nature, other than the partnership agreement of Allen Overy LLP, as to the sharing of any compensation to be paid to Allen Overy LLP.

Dated: New York

June 14, 2017

  
Pamela R. Chepiga