

Exhibit 18

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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 SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, :
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 Plaintiff, :
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 -v- :
 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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No. 16-cv-6848 (DLI)(VMS)

**CERTIFICATION IN SUPPORT OF THE RECEIVER’S APPLICATION TO RETAIN
 ALMEIDA, ROTENBERG E BOSCOLI – SOCIEDADE DE ADVOGADOS (DEMAREST
 ADVOGADOS)**

I, Christiano Chagas Monteiro de Melo (the “Certifying Professional”), hereby certify that Almeida, Rotenberg e Boscoli – Sociedade de Advogados (Demarest Advogados) 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 Demarest Advogados and hereby declare:

1. I am an attorney licensed to practice law in Brazil and I am a senior partner of Demarest Advogados.
2. We were retained by our client Platinum Partners Credit Opportunities Master Fund, LP to provide a due diligence report with an overview of the legal findings related to a gold mining activity in Brazil, specially with regards to: (i) environmental issues and permits to operate the mine in Brazil, (ii) customs issues and permits, (iii) tax matters related to the activity, (iv) analysis of status and risk assessment of a specific civil lawsuit and (v) regulatory issues.
3. Demarest Advogados is a Brazilian Law Firm founded in 1948 with more than

300 lawyers. In order to provide Platinum Partners Credit Opportunities Master Fund, LP with our services, at least 2 (two) professionals of each of the following areas will be involved: environmental law, customs regulations, civil litigation, regulatory and tax. The hourly fees of the professionals that will work on the matter vary from BRL 790.00 (junior associate) to BRL 1,690.00 (Senior Partner A).

4. Demarest Advogados 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. Demarest Advogados 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 Demarest Advogados from representing the Receiver and the Receivership Entities.

6. To the best of my knowledge, no members of Demarest Advogados are subject to disciplinary actions in any court.

7. There is no agreement of any nature, other than the partnership agreement of Demarest Advogados, as to the sharing of any compensation to be paid to Demarest Advogados.

Dated: São Paulo, Brazil

June 13, 2017

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be a stylized name, possibly "C. M. Schwartz", written over a horizontal line.