

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
Before the  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS RULINGS  
Release No. 4179/September 19, 2016

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING  
File No. 3-17513

In the Matter of

FAIRFIELD MINERALS, LTD. and  
METAL STORM LIMITED

ORDER POSTPONING HEARING  
AND SCHEDULING PREHEARING  
CONFERENCE

The Securities and Exchange Commission issued an order instituting proceedings (OIP) on August 30, 2016, pursuant to Section 12(j) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 alleging that Respondents have securities registered with the Commission and are delinquent in their periodic filings. A hearing is scheduled for September 23, 2016.

On September 16, 2016, the Division of Enforcement filed a declaration of service establishing that Respondent Fairfield Minerals, Ltd., was served with the OIP in Canada by mail in accordance with 17 C.F.R. § 201.141(a)(2)(iv) on September 9, 2016. Fairfield's answer is therefore due September 22, 2016. OIP at 3; 17 C.F.R. §§ 201.160(b), .220(b). However, the declaration does not establish that Respondent Metal Storm Limited, located in Darra, Queensland, Australia, was served with the OIP in accordance with 17 C.F.R. § 201.141(a)(2)(iv), as the declaration does not address whether service by mail is permitted in Darra, Queensland. *See Shoham v. Islamic Republic of Iran*, 922 F. Supp. 2d 44, 50 (D.D.C. 2013) (A "partial exception [to no objection to service via international mail] appears to be Australia, which 'does not object to service by postal channels, where it is permitted in the jurisdiction in which the process is to be served.' . . . [Plaintiff] seeks to effect service via international mail . . . in Sydney, Australia, but did not provide any information indicating that this jurisdiction in Australia permits service by mail.").

Accordingly, I ORDER the Division to file by September 30, 2016, an updated declaration concerning the status of service on Respondent Metal Storm Limited. Further, I POSTPONE the hearing scheduled for September 23, 2016, and ORDER that a telephonic prehearing conference be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. Eastern. I note that if a Respondent fails to timely file an answer, appear at the prehearing conference, or otherwise defend the proceeding, it will be deemed in default, the proceeding will be determined against it, and the registration of its securities will be revoked. *See* OIP at 3; 17 C.F.R. §§ 201.155(a), .220(f), .221(f).

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Brenda P. Murray  
Chief Administrative Law Judge