

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

In re:

Certified Resources, Inc.,

Debtor.

Case No. 02-31033

**NOTICE OF HEARING AND APPLICATION FOR ALLOWANCE OF
COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES BY
LA ROUE LAW FIRM, COUNSEL FOR DEBTOR**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Court will hold a hearing on the following motion on September 8, 2004, at 11:30 a.m., in Courtroom 228A, 200 Federal Courthouse, 316 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard. Any response to this motion shall be filed and delivered no later than September 1, 2004, which is seven (7) business days before the hearing, or mailed no later than August 29, 2004, which is ten (10) business days before the hearing. **IF NO RESPONSE OPPOSING THE MOTION IS TIMELY FILED, THE COURT MAY GRANT THE MOTION WITHOUT A HEARING.**

Larry A. La Roue of La Roue Law Firm, the applicant herein, hereby applies to the Court, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. Sec. 328, and 330 for an order allowing compensation and reimbursement of expenses and states in support thereof as follows:

1. Applicant is the attorney for the Debtor in the above-referenced case. Applicant filed its Application for Approval of Employment of Attorney on April 8, 2002. Applicant obtained approval for employment on April 10, 2002.
2. This Court has jurisdiction over this application under Sections 157 and 1334. This application is filed pursuant to Bankruptcy Rules 2016 and 9013 and Local Rule 406. This is a core proceeding.
3. The case was filed as a Chapter 11 proceeding on March 14, 2002. The case was converted to Chapter 7 on May 30, 2002. The matter is still pending with the Court.
4. Applicant has not filed an interim application for compensation. Applicant has received no payment for these fees.
5. The terms of the employment and compensation therefore were on an hourly basis

at the rate of \$125.00 per hour.

6. The services rendered by applicant during this period, as set forth in the attached exhibit include:

GENERAL MATTERS

This category includes all time spent representing the Debtor in connection with general matters that do not otherwise fit squarely in another category. Some of this time was spent drafting the bankruptcy petition. These services were beneficial to the estate since they dealt with miscellaneous services essential to successfully administering the Debtor's estate in the existing Chapter 11.

<u>Attorney</u>	<u>Billing Rate</u>	<u>Hours Billed</u>	<u>Billed Value</u>
Larry La Roue	\$125.00	5.5	\$687.50

CASE ADMINISTRATION

Included in this category is time spent answering creditor, and other inquiries either by letter or telephone. Some of the time was spent dealing with the overall status and strategy of the case with the client. All services were necessary to the estate.

<u>Attorney</u>	<u>Billing Rate</u>	<u>Hours Billed</u>	<u>Billed Value</u>
Larry La Roue	\$125.00	23.7	\$2,962.50

FEE/EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS

Included in this category is the time spent preparing the application for for appointment. Such services were both necessary and beneficial to the estate.

<u>Attorney</u>	<u>Billing Rate</u>	<u>Hours Billed</u>	<u>Billed Value</u>
Larry La Roue	\$125.00	1.25	\$150.00

MEETING OF CREDITORS

This category includes time spent preparing for and attending the first meeting of creditors. All such services were beneficial because the Debtor is required to attend the first meeting and address creditor inquiries.

<u>Attorney</u>	<u>Billing Rate</u>	<u>Hours Billed</u>	<u>Billed Value</u>
Larry La Roue	\$125.00	3.25	\$406.25

The foregoing attorney fees total \$4,187.50

COSTS AND EXPENSES

Attached hereto is a statement of actual costs and expenses incurred on behalf of the Debtor from December 10, 2001 through May 25, 2002. Actual costs and expenses incurred on behalf of the Debtor during that time totaled \$830.00 for filing fees.

7. The time period in which the services were rendered for which this fee application is submitted is: December 10, 2001 through May 25, 2002.
8. Applicant has no security for payment of these fees, other than the initial retainer received at the commencement of the case, which has a balance of \$5,000.00.
9. Applicant is unaware if there are other administrative expenses in this matter.

WHEREFORE, Applicant applies to the Court for an order as follows

- (A) Allowing compensation to La Roue Law Firm in the sum of \$4,187.50;
- (B) Allowing reimbursement of expenses to La Roue Law Firm in the sum of \$830.00;
- (C) Allowing La Roue Law Firm to draw down its retainer;
- (D) Granting any other relief the Court deems just and proper.

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Dated: August 19, 2004

_____/e/ Larry A. La Roue_____
Larry A. La Roue, Atty No. 60252
312 Central Avenue, Suite 478
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414
Tel (612) 379-2680

EXHIBIT

La Roue Law Firm
312 Central Avenue
Minneapolis Minnesota 55414
(612) 379-2680

May 30, 2002

Invoice submitted to:

Certified Resources
13760 Nicollet Avenue South
Burnsville MN 55337

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
12/10/01	2.00	Meeting with Certified personnel, Robt. Rassmussen, Robt Click, and Condello Wall [general matters]
12/27/01	1.25	Telephone conferences with multiple company personnel [general matters]
01/10/02	0.75	Telephone conference with Robt Rassmussen [general matters]
01/15/02	0.50	Telephone conference with Robt Rassmussen [general matters]
01/26/02	1.25	Telephone conferences with company personnel [general matters]
02/03/02	0.25	Telephone conference with Robt Rassmussen [general matters]
03/11/02	4.75	Telephone and personal conferences with company personnel preparing petition [general matters]
03/12/02	2.50	Telephone conferences with company personnel in preparing petition [general matters]
03/14/02	1.25	Retainer agreement, application to employ, and supplemental affidavit of attorney drafted and executed [fee/employment app]

03/14/02	1.00	Chapter 11 case filing [case administration]
03/19/02	1.25	Receipt and review of 3/18/02 letter regarding rights and obligations; discussion with company representatives [case administration]
03/21/02	0.25	Receipt and review of 3/20/02 DOJ letter re debtor conference [case administration]
03/28/02	1.75	Receipt and review of company's balance sheets and other required documents; discussion with company representatives [case administration]
03/28/02	0.50	Call to client; review of ltr received [case administration]
03/28/02	2.00	Preparation of requested 20 largest creditor documents [case administration]
03/29/04	1.00	Meeting with client, execution of 20 largest creditor list documents [case administration]
04/04/02	2.75	Meeting with company representative, then meeting with DOJ rep T. Kleiner and company representative [case administration]
04/08/02	0.50	Receipt and forwarding of insurance binder: workers comp [case administration]
04/23/02	0.50	Receipt and review of JDB Partnership letter of 4/22/02 [case administration]
04/25/02	3.25	Preparation with company representatives prior to and for the 341 hearing [meeting of creditors]
05/03/02	0.25	Receipt and review of JDB Partnership letter of 5/2/02 [case administration]
05/08/02	0.25	Letter to creditor Dakota Electric Association [case administration]
05/15/02	0.50	Receipt and review of 5/13/02 DOJ letter requesting additional information [case administration]
05/24/02	1.50	Receipt and review of 5/23/02 letter and motion for appointment of trustee; client discussions [case administration]
05/24/02	0.25	Receipt and review of 5/23/02 letter from Minnesota AG's office re

creditor [case administration]

05/25/02 1.50 Client discussions re corporate options [case administration]

Retainer paid \$5,000.00

Disbursements [filing fee \$830.00] \$ 830.00

Attorneys fees [33.50 hrs. @ \$125.00/hr.] \$4,187.50

Total balance \$5,017.50

And I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: August 19, 2004

/e/Larry A. La Roue

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ORDER

This case came before the Court on motion of counsel for the Debtor for an order authorizing allowance of compensation and reimbursement of expenses. Notice of the application was adequate and either no objections were filed or any objections were resolved or overruled by the Court. Based upon the motion, file, record and proceedings herein,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. La Roue Law Firm shall be allowed compensation in the sum of \$4,187.50;
2. La Roue Law Firm shall be allowed reimbursement of expenses in the sum of \$830.00
3. La Roue Law Firm is authorized to draw down the retainer it is currently holding.

BY THE COURT

Dated: _____

Dennis D. O'Brien
U. S. Bankruptcy Judge