Court of Appeal File No.: <u>COA-24-CV-0671</u> Court File No.: CV-23-00004031-0000

COURT OF APPEAL FOR ONTARIO

BETWEEN:

PEAKHILL CAPITAL INC.

Applicant

and

1000093910 ONTARIO INC.

Respondent

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION UNDER SUBSECTION 243(1) OF THE BANKRUPTCY AND INSOLVENCY ACT, R.S.C. 1985, c. B-3, AS AMENDED, AND SECTION 101 OF THE COURTS OF JUSTICE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c. C. 43, AS AMENDED

AMENDED AMENDED NOTICE OF APPEAL

THE APPELLANT, 2557904 Ontario Inc. ("255" or "Appellant") appeals to the Court of Appeal for Ontario from the Endorsement, Order and Reasons to follow Decision of the Honourable Mr. Justice Sutherland ("Justice Sutherland" or "Motion Judge") dated July 4, 2024. and the Decision and Order of Justice Sutherland, dated July 9, 2024 and the Decision of Justice Sutherland, dated July 15, 2024 (collectively, the "Sutherland Orders"), made at Newmarket, whereby the learned Motion Judge granted 1000093910 Ontario Inc. (the "Debtor"), Ravi Aurora, Akash Aurora, and Nick Aurora (collectively, the "Guarantors") and Countertop Solutions Inc. and Grafco International Laminating Inc. (collectively, the "Tenants") (collectively, the "Moving Parties") an order allowing, among other things, the Debtor to redeem Peakhill Capital Inc.'s mortgage (the "Order") after the sales process had already run its course and making the Sutherland Orders provisionally enforceable notwithstanding that 255 had already filed and served the within appeal.

THE APPELLANT, 255, ASKS that the <u>Sutherland</u> Orders be set aside and that, in its place, an order be granted as follows:

- (a) an Order (the "Approval and Vesting Order"), among other things, approving Approving the sale transaction (the "Transaction") contemplated by the Stalking Horse APS dated November 15, 2023 (as may be amended, the "Sale Agreement"), and vesting in 255 all of the Debtor's rights, title and interest in and to the property described in the Sale Agreement, among other things (the "Approval and Vesting Order"); and (ii) an order (the "Distribution and Discharge Order"), among other things;
- (b) (i) Authorizing KSV Restructuring Inc. (the "Receiver") to:
 - (i) (1)-first, pay the \$140,000 work fee (the "Work Fee") owing to Jones Lang LaSalle Real Estate Service, Inc. ("JLL") in accordance with the terms of the listing agreement (the "Listing Agreement") by and between JLL and the Receiver;
 - (ii) (2) second, make one or more distributions from the sale proceeds of the Sale Agreement (the "Sale Proceeds") to repay in full the amounts owing to Peakhill Capital Inc. ("Peakhill") in respect of the Debtor's obligations to it; and
 - (iii) (3)-third, following the repayment of Peakhill in full, authorizing the Receiver to make one of more distributions from the Sale Proceeds to partially repay the amounts owing to Zaherali Visram in respect of the Debtor's obligations to him;
- (c) (b) Approving the Second Report of the Receiver, dated May 31, 2024 (the "Second Report");

- (d) (e) Approving the fees and disbursements of the Receiver and its counsel, Bennett Jones LLP ("Bennett Jones"), including the \$150,000 fee accrual (the "Fee Accrual") (as defined below), as detailed in the fee affidavits (together, the "Fee Affidavits") appended to the Second Report;
- (e) (d) Discharging the Receiver upon the filing of a certificate with the Court certifying that all outstanding matters in these receivership proceedings (the "Receivership Proceedings") have been completed to the satisfaction of the Receiver (the "Discharge Certificate"); and
- (f) Obliging the Receiver to indemnify 255 for deposit funds not returned to 255 in the amount of \$1,000,000 (the "Deposit") Debtor, as a term of any redemption, to pay into court the sum of \$1,000,000 as security for 255 for deposit funds not returned to 255, with such funds to be released to 255 should 255 fail to obtain the release of the Deposit from Ren/Tex Realty Inc.
- (g) (e) <u>Subject to paragraph (f) above</u>, releasing and discharging the Receiver, upon the filing of the Discharge Certificate, from any and all liabilities that it now has or may hereafter have by any reason of, or in any way arising out of, its acts or omissions while acting as Receiver, save and except for its gross negligence or willful misconduct.
- (h) Awarding the Appellant its costs of the Appeal and costs of the underlying crossmotion and related attendances; and
- (i) (f) Such further and other relief as this Honourable Court may deem just.

THE GROUNDS OF APPEAL are as follows:

- (a) The learned Motion Judge ought to have dismissed the Debtor's late-served crossmotion on the basis that it was not filed in accordance with the timelines set out in the Rules of Civil Procedure;
- (b) The learned Motion Judge ought not to have used his discretion to allow the Moving Parties to exercise a right of redemption after a Court ordered sale process had commenced, a bid accepted, and a hearing date for a vesting order set;
- (c) The Learned Motion Judge erred in law in failing to consider, or properly consider, the impact of allowing late breaking requests to redeem on the integrity of an advanced Court Ordered Sale process;
- (d) The learned Motion Judge erred in law by preferring the interests of the Debtor, the Tenants, the Guarantors and the Second Mortgagee over 255 without sufficient reasons;
- (e) The learned Motion Judge erred in law by failing to apply, or consider, the principles laid out by this Court in <u>Rose-Isli Corp. v. Smith</u>, 2023 ONCA 548 regarding when a Court should exercise its discretion to allow a late redemption in the face of a complete sales process;
- (f) Had the Learned Motion Judge considered the principles set out in that case, he would have denied the Moving Parties right to redeem at such a late stage of the sale process;

- (g) The Learned judge amended the initial Order after the jurisdiction of the Court was lost as a result of the Appeal and did so contrary to the permissible rules permitting amendments after a hearing was concluded;
- (h) (g) If required or necessary, a stay of the Order appealed from pending the hearing
 of this appeal by this Honourable Court;
- (i) (h)-If required or necessary, leave to Appeal the Order; and
- (j) Such further and other grounds as counsel may advise and this Honourable Court may permit.

THE BASIS OF THE APPELLATE COURT'S JURISDICTION IS:

- (k) (j) Rule 61.04 of the Rules of Civil Procedure;
- (<u>l</u>) Section 6(1)(b) of the Courts of Justice Act, R.S.O., c. C.43 (the "Courts of Justice Act");
- (m) Leave to Appeal the Sutherland Orders is not required;
- (i) Section 134(1) of the Courts of Justice Act;
- (k) (g)-Sections 193(b), 193(c) and 195 of the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act (R.S.C., 1985, c. B-3);
- (h) Rule 31 of the Bankruptcy and Insolvency General Rules (C.R.C., c. 368); and
- (m) (i)—Such further and other statutes/rules as counsel may advise and this Honourable Court may permit.

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