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AFFIDAVIT OF CARL MERTON AFFIRMED ON APRIL 24, 2025

- I, Carl Merton, of the City of Lakeshore in the Province of Ontario, AFFIRM AND SAY THAT:
- 1. I am the Chief Financial Officer of High Park Shops Inc. ("**High Park**"). I am also the Chief Financial Officer of Tilray Brands, Inc. ("**Tilray**"). I have personal knowledge of the matters in this Affidavit, except when I say that they are based upon information and belief, in which case I believe them to be true.
- 2. This affidavit is affirmed in connection with Tilray's response to the Applicants' application for an Order seeking to prevent Tilray¹ from voting on the Applicants' proposed Plan of Arrangement (the "**Plan**") with respect to proven affected claims that Tilray validly acquired.
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- 23. Although the consideration paid by Tilray for the McCarthy Claims is confidential, Tilray expected, and continues to expect, that potential recoveries from the McCarthy Claims under either a SISP or a Plan of Arrangement will greatly exceed the consideration that it paid. To that end, Tilray is interested in maximizing the potential return to creditors, which includes but is not limited to alternative plans that are more favourable to creditors.
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- 33. Four20's statements that there is no certainty for its creditors about what will happen if the Plan is voted down are self-interested and inaccurate.
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38. I am not physically present before the Commissioner for Oaths taking this Affidavit, but I am linked to the Commissioner for Oaths by video conference. I affirm this Affidavit remotely pursuant to the process described at Court of King's Bench Notice to the Profession and Public #2020-02 dated March 25, 2020.

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TAKE NOTICE that this Certificate certifies that I, Nicolas Huertas, was the Commissioner for Oaths signing the Affidavit of Carl Merton in this Action on April 24, 2025 (the "Affidavit") via videoconference. As commissioner, I confirm that the affiant and I followed the process outlined by the Alberta Court of King's Bench in Notice to the Profession and Public #2020-02 dated March 25, 2020. In addition to the steps described in the Affidavit, I compared each page of the copy I received from the affiant with the initialed copy that was before me while I was linked by videoconference with the affiant. Upon being satisfied that the two copies were identical, I affixed my name to the jurat.

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