

No. S-258584 Vancouver Registry

# IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36

AND

IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE AND ARRANGEMENT OF AYR WELLNESS INC.

**PETITIONER** 

# ORDER MADE AFTER APPLICATION

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE	)	
JUSTICE WALKER	)	November 17, 2025
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THE APPLICATION of the Petitioner coming on for hearing at Vancouver, British Columbia, on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025 (the "Order Date"); AND ON HEARING Jeffrey D. Bradshaw and Arad Mojtahedi, counsel for the Petitioner and those other counsel listed on Schedule "A" hereto; AND UPON READING the material filed, including the First Affidavit of Blake Holzgrafe sworn November 14, 2025 (the "Holzgrafe Affidavit") and the consent of KSV Restructuring Inc. (the "Monitor") to act as Monitor; AND UPON BEING ADVISED that the secured creditors who are likely to be affected by the charges created herein were given notice; AND pursuant to the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*, R.S.C. 1985 c. C-36 as amended (the "CCAA"), the British Columbia Supreme Court Civil Rules and the inherent jurisdiction of this Honourable Court;

#### THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES THAT:

# SERVICE

1. Service of the materials filed in support of this Application by the Petitioner shall be deemed good and valid and, further, shall be and is hereby abridged, such that the service of such application materials is deemed to be timely and sufficient.

#### JURISDICTION

2. The Petitioner is a company to which the CCAA applies.

#### DEFINED TERMS

3. Capitalized terms that are used in this Order shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Holzgrafe Affidavit if they are not otherwise defined herein.

# SUBSEQUENT HEARING DATE

4. The hearing of the Petitioner's application for an extension of the Stay Period (as defined in paragraph 16 of this Order) and for any ancillary relief shall be held at the Courthouse at 800 Smithe Street, Vancouver, British Columbia at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, the 25<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025 or such other date as this Court may order.

## POSSESSION OF PROPERTY AND OPERATIONS

- 5. Subject to this Order and any further Order of this Court, the Petitioner shall remain in possession and control of its current and future assets, undertakings and properties of every nature and kind whatsoever, and wherever situate including all proceeds thereof (the "Property"), and continue to carry on its business (the "Business") in the ordinary course and in a manner consistent with the preservation of the Business and the Property. The Petitioner shall be authorized and empowered to continue to retain and employ the employees, consultants, agents, experts, accountants, counsel and such other persons (collectively, "Assistants") currently retained or employed by it, with liberty to retain such further Assistants as it deems reasonably necessary or desirable in the ordinary course of business or for carrying out the terms of this Order.
- 6. The Petitioner shall be entitled, but not required, to pay the following expenses which may have been incurred prior to the Order Date:
  - (a) all outstanding wages, salaries, employee and pension benefits (including long and short term disability payments), vacation pay and expenses (but excluding severance pay) payable before or after the Order Date, in each case incurred in the ordinary course of business and consistent with the relevant compensation policies and arrangements existing at the time incurred (collectively "Wages"); and
  - (b) subject to the RSA and the Wind Down Budget, the fees and disbursements of any Assistants retained or employed by the Petitioner or the ad hoc committee of Senior Noteholders represented by Paul Hastings and Goodmans (the "Ad Hoc Committee") which are related to the Petitioner's restructuring, at their standard

rates and charges, including payment of the fees and disbursements of legal counsel retained by the Petitioner and the Ad Hoc Committee, whenever and wherever incurred, in respect of:

- these proceedings or any other similar proceedings in other jurisdictions in which the Petitioner or any subsidiaries or affiliated companies of the Petitioner are domiciled;
- (ii) any litigation in which the Petitioner is named as a party or is otherwise involved, whether commenced before or after the Order Date; and
- (iii) any related corporate matters.
- 7. Except as otherwise provided herein, the Petitioner shall be entitled to pay all expenses reasonably incurred by the Petitioner in carrying on the Business in the ordinary course following the Order Date, and in carrying out the provisions of this Order, which expenses shall include, without limitation:
  - (a) all expenses and capital expenditures reasonably incurred and which are necessary for the preservation of the Property or the Business including, without limitation, payments on account of insurance (including directors' and officers' insurance), maintenance and security services, provided that any capital expenditure exceeding \$50,000 shall be approved by the Monitor;
  - (b) all obligations incurred by the Petitioner after the Order Date, including without limitation, with respect to goods and services actually supplied to the Petitioner following the Order Date (including those under purchase orders outstanding at the Order Date but excluding any interest on the Petitioner's obligations incurred prior to the Order Date); and
  - (c) fees and disbursements of the kind referred to in paragraph 6(b) which may be incurred after the Order Date.
- 8. The Petitioner is authorized to remit, in accordance with legal requirements, or pay:
  - (a) any statutory deemed trust amounts in favour of the Crown in right of Canada or of any Province thereof or any other taxation authority which are required to be deducted from Wages, including, without limitation, amounts in respect of (i) employment insurance, (ii) Canada Pension Plan, (iii) Quebec Pension Plan, and (iv) income taxes or any such claims which are to be paid pursuant to Section 6(3) of the CCAA;
  - (b) all goods and services or other applicable sales taxes (collectively, "Sales Taxes") required to be remitted by the Petitioner in connection with the sale of goods and services by the Petitioner, but only where such Sales Taxes accrue or are collected after the Order Date, or where such Sales Taxes accrued or were collected prior

- to the Order Date but not required to be remitted until on or after the Order Date; and
- (c) any amount payable to the Crown in right of Canada or of any Province thereof or any political subdivision thereof or any other taxation authority in respect of municipal property taxes, municipal business taxes or other taxes, assessments or levies of any nature or kind which are entitled at law to be paid in priority to claims of secured creditors.
- 9. Until such time as a real property lease is disclaimed in accordance with the CCAA, the Petitioner shall pay all amounts constituting rent or payable as rent under real property leases (including, for greater certainty, common area maintenance charges, utilities and realty taxes and any other amounts payable as rent to the landlord under the lease) based on the terms of existing lease arrangements or as otherwise may be negotiated between the Petitioner and the landlord from time to time ("Rent"), for the period commencing from and including the Order Date, twicemonthly in equal payments on the first and fifteenth day of the month in advance (but not in arrears). On the date of the first of such payments, any Rent relating to the period commencing from and including Order Date shall also be paid.
- 10. Except as specifically permitted herein, the Petitioner is hereby directed, until further Order of this Court:
  - (a) to make no payments of principal, interest thereon or otherwise on account of amounts owing by the Petitioner to any of its creditors as of the Order Date except as authorized by this Order;
  - (b) to make no payments in respect of any financing leases which create security interests;
  - (c) to grant no security interests, trust, mortgages, liens, charges or encumbrances upon or in respect of any of its Property, nor become a guarantor or surety, nor otherwise become liable in any manner with respect to any other person or entity except as authorized by this Order;
  - (d) to not grant credit except in the ordinary course of the Business only to its customers for goods and services actually supplied to those customers, provided such customers agree that there is no right of set-off in respect of amounts owing for such goods and services against any debt owing by the Petitioner to such customers as of the Order Date; and
  - (e) to not incur liabilities except in the ordinary course of Business.

#### RESTRUCTURING

- 11. Subject to such requirements as are imposed by the CCAA, the Petitioner shall have the right to:
  - (a) permanently or temporarily cease, downsize or shut down all or any part of its Business or operations and commence marketing efforts in respect of any of its redundant or non-material assets and to dispose of redundant or non-material assets not exceeding \$50,000 in any one transaction or \$250,000 in the aggregate; and
  - (b) terminate the employment of such of its employees or temporarily lay off such of its employees as it deems appropriate;

all of the foregoing to permit the Petitioner to proceed with an orderly restructuring or liquidation of the Business (the "Restructuring").

- 12. The Petitioner shall provide each of the relevant landlords with notice of the Petitioner's intention to remove any fixtures from any leased premises at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the intended removal. The relevant landlord shall be entitled to have a representative present in the leased premises to observe such removal and, if the landlord disputes the Petitioner's entitlement to remove any such fixture under the provisions of the lease, such fixture shall remain on the premises and shall be dealt with as agreed between any applicable secured creditors who claim a security interest in the fixtures, such landlord and the Petitioner, or by further Order of this Court upon application by the Petitioner, the landlord or the applicable secured creditors on at least two (2) clear days' notice to the other parties. If the Petitioner disclaims the lease governing such leased premises in accordance with Section 32 of the CCAA, it shall not be required to pay Rent under such lease pending resolution of any dispute concerning such fixtures (other than Rent payable for the notice period provided for in Section 32(5) of the CCAA), and the disclaimer of the lease shall be without prejudice to the Petitioner's claim to the fixtures in dispute.
- 13. If a notice of disclaimer is delivered pursuant to Section 32 of the CCAA, then: (a) during the period prior to the effective time of the disclaimer, the landlord may show the affected leased premises to prospective tenants during normal business hours on giving the Petitioner and the Monitor 24 hours' prior written notice; and (b) at the effective time of the disclaimer, the landlord shall be entitled to take possession of any such leased premises without waiver of or prejudice to any claims the landlord may have against the Petitioner, or any other rights the landlord might have, in respect of such lease or leased premises and the landlord shall be entitled to notify the Petitioner of the basis on which it is taking possession and gain possession of and re-lease such leased premises to any third party or parties on such terms as the landlord considers advisable, provided that nothing herein shall relieve the landlord of its obligation to mitigate any damages claimed in connection therewith.
- 14. Pursuant to Section 7(3)(c) of the Personal Information Protection and Electronics Documents Act, S.C. 2000, c. 5 and Section 18(1)(o) of the Personal Information Protection Act,

S.B.C. 2003, c. 63, and any regulations promulgated under authority of either Act, as applicable (the "Relevant Enactment"), the Petitioner, in the course of these proceedings, is permitted to disclose personal information of identifiable individuals in its possession or control to stakeholders, its advisors, prospective investors, financiers, buyers or strategic partners (collectively, "Third Parties"), but only to the extent desirable or required to negotiate and complete the Restructuring or to prepare and implement any transactions for that purpose; provided that the Third Parties to whom such personal information is disclosed enter into confidentiality agreements with the Petitioner binding them in the same manner and to the same extent with respect to the collection, use and disclosure of that information as if they were an organization as defined under the Relevant Enactment, and limiting the use of such information to the extent desirable or required to negotiate or complete the Restructuring or to prepare and implement transactions for that purpose, and attorning to the jurisdiction of this Court for the purposes of that agreement. Upon the completion of the use of personal information for the limited purposes set out herein, the Third Parties shall return the personal information to the Petitioner or destroy it. If the Third Parties acquire personal information as part of the Restructuring or the preparation and implementation of transactions in furtherance thereof, such Third Parties may, subject to this paragraph and any Relevant Enactment, continue to use the personal information in a manner which is in all respects identical to the prior use thereof by the Petitioner.

### APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF RESTRUCTURING OFFICER

- 15. A chief restructuring officer shall be appointed on the following terms:
  - the agreement dated as of April 3, 2025, pursuant to which the Petitioner has engaged Ankura Consulting Group, LLC ("Ankura") to provide the services of Blake Holzgrafe to act as chief restructuring officer to the Petitioner (the "CRO") and other supporting personnel of Ankura (the "Supporting Personnel"), a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "L" to the Holzgrafe Affidavit (the "Ankura Engagement Letter"), and the appointment of the CRO pursuant to the terms thereof is hereby approved, including, without limitation, payment of the Fee (as defined in the Ankura Engagement Letter) subject to further approval by this Court;
  - (b) the CRO and Ankura shall perform the functions set out in the Ankura Engagement Letter. The CRO and Ankura shall provide timely updates to the Monitor in respect of their activities:
  - in addition to the rights and protections afforded the CRO as an officer of this Court, the CRO shall not be or be deemed to be a director, *de facto* director, or employee of the Petitioner;
  - (d) nothing in this Order shall be construed as resulting in Ankura (or any director, officer or employee thereof) or the CRO being an employer, successor employer, a responsible person, operator or person with apparent authority within the

meaning of any statute, regulation or rule of law, or equity (including any Environmental Legislation, each as defined below) for any purpose whatsoever;

- (e) none of Ankura, its officers, directors, or employees, nor the CRO shall, as a result of the performance of their respective obligations and duties in accordance with the terms of the Ankura Engagement Letter, be deemed to be in Possession of any of the Property within the meaning of any Environmental Legislation; provided however, if Ankura or the CRO is nevertheless found to be in Possession of any Property under Environmental Legislation, then Ankura or the CRO, as the case may be, shall be entitled to the benefits and protections in relation to the Petitioner and such Property as are provided to a monitor under section 11.8(3) of the CCAA; provided further however, that nothing in this subparagraph shall exempt Ankura or the CRO from any duty to report or make disclosure imposed by a law and incorporated by reference in section 11.8(4) of the CCAA;
- (f) Ankura and the CRO shall not incur any liability or obligation as a result of the appointment or carrying out duties as CRO, whether before or after the granting of this Order, save and except for any gross negligence or wilful misconduct, provided that any liability of Ankura and the CRO with respect to carrying out duties as CRO shall in no event exceed the quantum of the fees paid under the Ankura Engagement Letter;
- (g) no action or other proceeding shall be commenced in relation to the Petitioner directly, or by way of counterclaim, third party claim or otherwise, against or in respect of Ankura, its officers, directors, employees, or the CRO, and all rights and remedies of any Person against or in respect of them are hereby stayed and suspended, except with the written consent of the CRO or with leave of this Court on notice to the Petitioner, the Monitor, and the CRO, provided, however, that nothing in this order, including this subparagraph 15(g) shall affect such investigations, actions, suits or proceedings by a regulatory body that are permitted by section 11.1 of the CCAA. Notice of any such motion seeking leave of this Court shall be served upon the Petitioner, the Monitor, and the CRO at least seven (7) days prior to the return date of any such motion for leave;
- (h) the obligations of the Petitioner to Ankura (and any director, officer or employee thereof) and the CRO pursuant to the Ankura Engagement Letter, are not claims that may be compromised pursuant to any plan of compromise or arrangement, any proposal under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* of Canada (the "BIA") or any other restructuring and no such plan, proposal or restructuring shall be approved that does not provide for the payment of all amounts due to Ankura (and any director, officer or employee thereof) and the CRO pursuant to the terms of the Ankura Engagement Letter; and

(i) for the purpose of carrying out the functions and duties set out in the Ankura Engagement Letter, the CRO (i) shall have full and complete access to the property of the Petitioner, including the premises, books, records, data (including data in electronic format) and other financial documents of the Petitioner, and (ii) is hereby authorized to meet with any employee, director, representative or agent of the Petitioner. The employees, directors, representatives, and agents of the Petitioner are hereby directed to fully cooperate with the CRO in connection with the functions and duties set out in the Ankura Engagement Letter.

# STAY OF PROCEEDINGS, RIGHTS AND REMEDIES

- 16. Until and including November 27, 2025 or such later date as this Court may order (the "Stay Period"), no action, suit or proceeding in any court or tribunal (each, a "Proceeding") against or in respect of the Petitioner or the Monitor, or affecting the Business or the Property, shall be commenced or continued except with the written consent of the Petitioner and the Monitor or with leave of this Court, and any and all Proceedings currently under way against or in respect of the Petitioner or affecting the Business or the Property are hereby stayed and suspended pending further Order of this Court.
- 17. During the Stay Period, all rights and remedies of any individual, firm, corporation, governmental body or agency, or any other entities (all of the foregoing, collectively being "Persons" and each being a "Person") against or in respect of the Petitioner or the Monitor, or affecting the Business or the Property, are hereby stayed and suspended except with the written consent of the Petitioner and the Monitor or leave of this Court.
- 18. Nothing in this Order, including paragraphs 16 and 17, shall: (i) empower the Petitioner to carry on any business which the Petitioner is not lawfully entitled to carry on; (ii) affect such investigations, actions, suits or proceedings by a regulatory body as are permitted by Section 11.1 of the CCAA; (iii) prevent the filing of any registration to preserve or perfect a mortgage, charge or security interest (subject to the provisions of Section 39 of the CCAA relating to the priority of statutory Crown securities); or (iv) prevent the registration or filing of a lien or claim for lien or the commencement of a Proceeding to protect lien or other rights that might otherwise be barred or extinguished by the effluxion of time, provided that no further step shall be taken in respect of such lien, claim for lien or Proceeding except for service of the initiating documentation on the Petitioner.

# NO INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS

19. During the Stay Period, no Person shall discontinue, fail to honour, alter, interfere with, repudiate, terminate or cease to perform any right, renewal right, contract, agreement, licence or permit in favour of or held by the Petitioner, except with the written consent of the Petitioner and the Monitor or leave of this Court.

20. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any Person who provided any kind of letter of credit, guarantee, surety or bond (the "Issuing Party") at the request of the Petitioner shall be required to continue honouring any and all such letters, guarantees, sureties and bonds, issued on or before the date of the Order, provided that all conditions under such letters, guarantees, sureties and bonds are met save and except for defaults resulting from this Order; however, the Issuing Party shall be entitled, where applicable, to retain the bills of lading or shipping or other documents relating thereto until paid.

#### CONTINUATION OF SERVICES

- 21. During the Stay Period, all Persons having oral or written agreements with the Petitioner or mandates under an enactment for the supply of goods and/or services, including without limitation all computer software, communication and other data services, centralized banking services, payroll services, insurance, transportation, services, utility or other services to the Business or the Petitioner, are hereby restrained until further Order of this Court from discontinuing, altering, interfering with, or terminating the supply of such goods or services as may be required by the Petitioner, and the Petitioner shall be entitled to the continued use of its current premises, telephone numbers, facsimile numbers, internet addresses and domain names, provided in each case that the normal prices or charges for all such goods or services received after the Order Date are paid by the Petitioner in accordance with normal payment practices of the Petitioner or such other practices as may be agreed upon by the supplier or service provider and the Petitioner and the Monitor, or as may be ordered by this Court.
- 22. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing and subject to Section 21 of the CCAA, if applicable, cash or cash equivalents placed on deposit by the Petitioner with any Person during the Stay Period, whether in an operating account or otherwise for itself or for another entity, shall not be applied by such Person in reduction or repayment of amounts owing to such Person as of the Order Date or due on or before the expiry of the Stay Period or in satisfaction of any interest or charges accruing in respect thereof; however, this provision shall not prevent any financial institution from: (i) reimbursing itself for the amount of any cheques drawn by Petitioner and properly honoured by such institution, or (ii) holding the amount of any cheques or other instruments deposited into the Petitioner's account until those cheques or other instruments have been honoured by the financial institution on which they have been drawn.

# NON-DEROGATION OF RIGHTS

23. Notwithstanding any provision in this Order, no Person shall be prohibited from requiring immediate payment for goods, services, use of leased or licensed property or other valuable consideration provided on or after the Order Date, nor shall any Person be under any obligation to advance or re-advance any monies or otherwise extend any credit to the Petitioner on or after the Order Date. Nothing in this Order shall derogate from the rights conferred and obligations imposed by the CCAA.

# PROCEEDINGS AGAINST DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

24. During the Stay Period, and except as permitted by subsection 11.03(2) of the CCAA, no Proceeding may be commenced or continued against the directors or officers of the Petitioner with respect to any claim against the directors or officers that arose before the date hereof and that relates to any obligations of the Petitioner whereby the directors or officers are alleged under any law to be liable in their capacity as directors or officers for the payment or performance of such obligations, until a compromise or arrangement in respect of the Petitioner, if one is filed, is sanctioned by this Court or is refused by the creditors of the Petitioner or this Court. Nothing in this Order, including in this paragraph, shall prevent the commencement of a Proceeding to preserve any claim against a director or officer of the Petitioner that might otherwise be barred or extinguished by the effluxion of time, provided that no further step shall be taken in respect of such Proceeding except for service of the initiating documentation on the applicable director or officer.

# DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS INDEMNIFICATION AND CHARGE

- 25. The Petitioner shall indemnify its directors and officers against obligations and liabilities that they may incur as directors or officers of the Petitioner after the commencement of the within proceedings, except to the extent that, with respect to any director or officer, the obligation or liability was incurred as a result of the director's or officer's gross negligence or wilful misconduct.
- 26. The directors and officers of the Petitioner shall be entitled to the benefit of and are hereby granted a charge (the "**Directors' Charge**") on the Property, which charge shall not exceed an aggregate amount of **\$500,000** as security for the indemnity provided in paragraph 25 of this Order. The Directors' Charge shall have the priority set out in paragraphs 38 and 41 herein.
- 27. Notwithstanding any language in any applicable insurance policy to the contrary, (a) no insurer shall be entitled to be subrogated to or claim the benefit of the Directors' Charge, and (b) the Petitioner's directors and officers shall only be entitled to the benefit of the Directors' Charge to the extent that they do not have coverage under any directors' and officers' insurance policy, or to the extent that such coverage is insufficient to pay amounts indemnified in accordance with paragraph 25 of this Order.

#### APPOINTMENT OF MONITOR

28. KSV Restructuring Inc. is hereby appointed pursuant to the CCAA as the Monitor, an officer of this Court, to monitor the business and financial affairs of the Petitioner with the powers and obligations set out in the CCAA or set forth herein, and that the Petitioner and its shareholders, officers, directors, and Assistants shall advise the Monitor of all material steps taken by the Petitioner pursuant to this Order, and shall co-operate fully with the Monitor in the exercise of its powers and discharge of its obligations and provide the Monitor with the assistance that is necessary to enable the Monitor to adequately carry out the Monitor's functions.

- 29. The Monitor, in addition to its prescribed rights and obligations under the CCAA, is hereby directed and empowered to:
  - (a) monitor the Petitioner's receipts and disbursements;
  - (b) report to this Court at such times and intervals as the Monitor may deem appropriate with respect to matters relating to the Property, the Business, and such other matters as may be relevant to the proceedings herein;
  - (c) assist the Petitioner, to the extent required by the Petitioner, in its dissemination, to the Ad Hoc Committee and its counsel of financial and other information as agreed to between the Petitioner and the Ad Hoc Committee which may be used in these proceedings, including reporting on a basis to be agreed with the Ad Hoc Committee:
  - (d) advise the Petitioner in its preparation of the Petitioner's cash flow statements and reporting required by the Ad Hoc Committee, which information shall be reviewed with the Monitor and delivered to the Ad Hoc Committee and its counsel on a periodic basis as agreed to by the Ad Hoc Committee;
  - (e) have full and complete access to the Property, including the premises, books, records, data, including data in electronic form, and other financial documents of the Petitioner, to the extent that is necessary to adequately assess the Petitioner's business and financial affairs or to perform its duties arising under this Order;
  - (f) be at liberty to engage independent legal counsel or such other persons as the Monitor deems necessary or advisable respecting the exercise of its powers and performance of its obligations under this Order; and
  - (g) perform such other duties as are required by this Order or by this Court from time to time.
- 30. The Monitor shall not take possession of the Property and shall take no part whatsoever in the management or supervision of the management of the Business and shall not, by fulfilling its obligations hereunder, or by inadvertence in relation to the due exercise of powers or performance of duties under this Order, be deemed to have taken or maintained possession or control of the Business or Property, or any part thereof, and nothing in this Order shall be construed as resulting in the Monitor being an employer or a successor employer, within the meaning of any statute, regulation or rule of law or equity, for any purpose whatsoever.
- 31. Nothing herein contained shall require or allow the Monitor to occupy or to take control, care, charge, possession or management (separately and/or collectively, "Possession") of any

of the Property that might be environmentally contaminated, might be a pollutant or a contaminant, or might cause or contribute to a spill, discharge, release or deposit of a substance contrary to any federal, provincial or other law respecting the protection, conservation, enhancement, remediation or rehabilitation of the environment or relating to the disposal of waste or other contamination including, without limitation, the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, the *Fisheries Act*, the British Columbia *Environmental Management Act*, the British Columbia *Fish Protection Act* and regulations thereunder (the "Environmental Legislation"), provided however that nothing herein shall exempt the Monitor from any duty to report or make disclosure imposed by applicable Environmental Legislation. For greater certainty, the Monitor shall not, as a result of this Order or anything done in pursuance of the Monitor's duties and powers under this Order, be deemed to be in Possession of any of the Property within the meaning of any Environmental Legislation, unless it is actually in possession.

- 32. The Monitor shall provide any creditor of the Petitioner and the Ad Hoc Committee with information provided by the Petitioner in response to reasonable requests for information made in writing by such creditor addressed to the Monitor. The Monitor shall not have any responsibility or liability with respect to the information disseminated by it pursuant to this paragraph. In the case of information that the Monitor has been advised by the Petitioner is confidential, the Monitor shall not provide such information to creditors unless otherwise directed by this Court or on such terms as the Monitor and the Petitioner may agree.
- 33. In addition to the rights and protections afforded the Monitor under the CCAA or as an officer of this Court, the Monitor shall incur no liability or obligation as a result of its appointment or the carrying out of the provisions of this Order, save and except for any gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part. Nothing in this Order shall derogate from the rights and protections afforded the Monitor by the CCAA or any applicable legislation.

# FEES AND DISBURSEMENTS

- 34. The Engagement Letters are hereby approved, and the Petitioner is hereby authorized and directed *nunc pro tunc* to the Order Date to enter into and carry out the terms of the Engagement Letters and, subject to the RSA and the Wind Down Budget, to continue to honor its obligations under these agreements, including all indemnification obligations thereunder and payment by the Petitioner of all fees and expenses in accordance with the terms thereunder.
- 35. Subject to the RSA and the Wind Down Budget, the Monitor (KSV), counsel to the Monitor (Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP) and counsel and financial advisors to the Petitioner (DLA Piper (Canada) LLP and Moelis & Company LLC) shall be paid their reasonable fees and disbursements, in each case at their standard rates and charges, by the Petitioner as part of the cost of these proceedings, whether incurred prior to, on, or subsequent to the date of this Order. The Petitioner is hereby authorized and directed to pay the accounts of the Monitor, counsel to the Monitor and counsel and financial advisors to the Petitioner on a weekly basis and, in addition, the Petitioner is hereby authorized to pay to the Monitor, counsel to the Monitor and counsel and

financial advisors to the Petitioner, retainers in the amount provided for under their respective engagement letters, to be held by them as security for payment of their respective fees and disbursements outstanding from time to time. For greater clarity, the retainers of the Monitor and counsel to the Monitor are \$75,000 each.

36. The Monitor and its legal counsel shall pass their accounts from time to time, and for this purpose the accounts of the Monitor and its legal counsel are hereby referred to a judge of the British Columbia Supreme Court who may determine the manner in which such accounts are to be passed, including by hearing the matter on a summary basis or referring the matter to a Registrar of this Court.

#### ADMINISTRATION CHARGE

37. The Monitor, counsel to the Monitor, and counsel to the Petitioner shall be entitled to the benefit of and are hereby granted a charge (the "Administration Charge") on the Property, which charge shall not exceed an aggregate amount of \$250,000, as security for their respective fees and disbursements incurred at their standard rates and charges, both before and after the making of this Order in respect of these proceedings. The Administration Charge shall have the priority set out in paragraphs 38 and 41 hereof.

# VALIDITY AND PRIORITY OF CHARGES CREATED BY THIS ORDER

38. The priorities of the Administration Charge and the Directors' Charge as among them, shall be as follows:

First – Administration Charge (to the maximum amount of \$250,000); and

Second – Directors' Charge (to the maximum amount of \$500,000);

- 39. Any security documentation evidencing, or the filing, registration or perfection of, the Administration Charge and the Directors' Charge (collectively, the "Charges") shall not be required, and that the Charges shall be effective as against the Property and shall be valid and enforceable for all purposes, including as against any right, title or interest filed, registered, recorded or perfected subsequent to the Charges coming into existence, notwithstanding any such failure to file, register, record or perfect any such Charges.
- 40. Each of the Charges shall constitute a mortgage, security interest, assignment by way of security and charge on the Property and such Charges shall rank in priority to all other security interests, trusts, liens, mortgages, charges and encumbrances and claims of secured creditors, statutory or otherwise (collectively, "Encumbrances"), in favour of any Person, save and except those claims contemplated by section 11.8(8) of the CCAA.

- 41. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, or as may be approved by this Court, the Petitioner shall not grant or suffer to exist any Encumbrances over any Property that rank in priority to, or *pari passu* with the Charges, unless the Petitioner obtains the prior written consent of the Monitor and the beneficiaries of the Charges.
- 42. The Charges shall not be rendered invalid or unenforceable and the rights and remedies of the chargees entitled to the benefit of the Charges (collectively, the "Chargees") shall not otherwise be limited or impaired in any way by (a) the pendency of these proceedings and the declarations of insolvency made herein; (b) any application(s) for bankruptcy order(s) issued pursuant to the BIA, or any bankruptcy order made pursuant to such applications; (c) the filing of any assignments for the general benefit of creditors made pursuant to the BIA; (d) the provisions of any federal or provincial statutes; or (e) any negative covenants, prohibitions or other similar provisions with respect to borrowings, incurring debt or the creation of Encumbrances, contained in any existing loan documents, lease, mortgage, security agreement, debenture, sublease, offer to lease or other agreement (collectively, an "Agreement") which binds the Petitioner; and notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in any Agreement:
  - the creation of the Charges shall not create or be deemed to constitute a breach by the Petitioner of any Agreement to which it is a party;
  - (b) none of the Chargees shall have any liability to any Person whatsoever as a result of any breach of any Agreement caused by or resulting from the creation of the Charges; and
  - the payments made by the Petitioner pursuant to this Order, and the granting of the Charges, do not and will not constitute preferences, fraudulent conveyances, transfers at undervalue, oppressive conduct, or other challengeable or voidable transactions under any applicable law.
- 43. Any Charge created by this Order over leases of real property in Canada shall only be a Charge in the Petitioner's interest in such real property leases.

# SERVICE AND NOTICE

44. The Monitor shall (i) without delay, publish in one national newspaper a notice containing the information prescribed under the CCAA, (ii) within five days after Order Date, (A) make this Order publicly available in the manner prescribed under the CCAA, (B) send, or cause to be sent, in the prescribed manner, a notice to every known creditor who has a claim against the Petitioner of more than \$1,000, and (C) prepare a list showing the names and addresses of those creditors and the estimated amounts of those claims, and make it publicly available in the prescribed manner, all in accordance with Section 23(1)(a) of the CCAA and the regulations made thereunder, provided that the Monitor shall not make the claims, names and addresses of the individuals who are creditors publicly available.

- 45. The Petitioner and the Monitor are at liberty to serve this Order, any other materials and orders in these proceedings, any notices or other correspondence, by forwarding true copies thereof by prepaid ordinary mail, courier, personal delivery or electronic transmission to the Petitioner's creditors or other interested parties at their respective addresses as last shown on the records of the Petitioner and that any such service or notice by courier, personal delivery or electronic transmission shall be deemed to be received on the next business day following the date of forwarding thereof, or if sent by ordinary mail, on the third business day after mailing.
- 46. Any Person that wishes to be served with any application and other materials in these proceedings must deliver to the Monitor by way of ordinary mail, courier, personal delivery or electronic transmission a request to be added to a service list (the "Service List") to be maintained by the Monitor. The Monitor shall post and maintain an up to date form of the Service List on its website at: <a href="https://www.ksvadvisory.com/experience/case/AYR">https://www.ksvadvisory.com/experience/case/AYR</a> (the "Monitor's Website").
- 47. Any party to these proceedings may serve any court materials in these proceedings by emailing a PDF or other electronic copy of such materials to counsels' email addresses as recorded on the Service List from time to time, and the Monitor shall post a copy of all prescribed materials on the Monitor's Website.
- 48. Notwithstanding paragraphs 51 and 52 of this Order, service of the Petition, the Notice of Hearing of Petition, any affidavits filed in support of the Petition and this Order shall be made on the Federal and British Columbia Crowns in accordance with the *Crown Liability and Proceedings Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-50, and regulations thereto, in respect of the Federal Crown, and the *Crown Proceeding Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 89, in respect of the British Columbia Crown.

## **GENERAL**

- 49. The Petitioner or the Monitor may from time to time apply to this Court for directions in the discharge of its powers and duties hereunder.
- 50. Nothing in this Order shall prevent the Monitor from acting as an interim receiver, a receiver, a receiver and manager, or Licensed Insolvency Trustee of the Petitioner, the Business or the Property.
- 51. THIS COURT REQUESTS the aid and recognition of other Canadian and foreign Courts, tribunal, regulatory or administrative bodies, including any Court or administrative tribunal of any federal or State Court or administrative body in the United States of America, to act in aid of and to be complementary to this Court in carrying out the terms of this Order where required. All courts, tribunals, regulatory and administrative bodies are hereby respectfully requested to make such orders and to provide such assistance to the Petitioner and to the Monitor, as an officer of this Court, as may be necessary or desirable to give effect to this Order, to grant representative status to the Monitor in any foreign proceeding, or to assist the Petitioner and the Monitor and their respective agents in carrying out the terms of this Order.

- 52. Each of the Petitioner and the Monitor be at liberty and is hereby authorized and empowered to apply to any court, tribunal, regulatory or administrative body, wherever located, for the recognition of this Order and for assistance in carrying out the terms of this Order and the CRO, acting as the authorized officer for Petitioner, Ayr Wellness Inc. as a foreign representative, duly and hereby appointed, is authorized and empowered to act as a representative in respect of the within proceedings for the purpose of having these proceedings recognized in a jurisdiction outside Canada, including acting as a foreign representative of the Petitioner to apply to the United States Bankruptcy Court for relief pursuant to Chapter 15 of the *United States Bankruptcy Code*, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101-1330, as amended.
- 53. The Petitioner may (subject to the provisions of the CCAA and the BIA) at any time file a voluntary assignment in bankruptcy or a proposal pursuant to the commercial reorganization provisions of the BIA if and when the Petitioner determines that such a filing is appropriate.
- 54. The Petitioner is hereby at liberty to apply for such further interim or interlocutory relief as it deems advisable within the time limited for Persons to file and serve Responses to the Petition.
- 55. Leave is hereby granted to hear any application in these proceedings on two (2) clear days' notice after delivery to all parties on the Service List of such Notice of Application and all affidavits in support, subject to the Court in its discretion further abridging or extending the time for service.
- Any interested party (including the Petitioner and the Monitor) may apply to this Court to vary or amend this Order on not less than seven (7) days' notice to all parties on the Service List and to any other party or parties likely to be affected by the order sought or upon such other notice, if any, as this Court may order.
- 57. Endorsement of this Order by counsel appearing on this application is hereby dispensed with.
- 58. This Order and all of its provisions are effective as of 12:01 a.m. local Vancouver time on the Order Date.

[Signature page follows]

**ENDORSEMENTS ATTACHED** 

BY THE COURT

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THE FOLLOWING PARTIES APPROVE THE FORM OF THIS ORDER AND CONSENT TO EACH OF THE ORDERS, IF ANY, THAT ARE INDICATED ABOVE AS BEING BY CONSENT:

Signature of

☐ Party ☑ Lawyer for the Petitioner

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP (Jeffrey D. Bradshaw)

BY THE COURT

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# Schedule "A"

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# IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES' CREDITORS
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AND

IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE AND ARRANGEMENT OF

AYR WELLNESS INC.

PETITIONER

# ORDER MADE AFTER APPLICATION (INITIAL ORDER)

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