

Court File No. CV-25-00748871-00CL

ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE COMMERCIAL LIST

THE HONOURABLE MADAM)	WEDNESDAY, THE 6^{TH}
JUSTICE J. DIETRICH)	DAY OF AUGUST, 2025

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

AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT OF CLAIRE'S STORES CANADA CORP. (the "Applicant")

INITIAL ORDER

THIS APPLICATION, made by the Applicant, pursuant to the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, as amended (the "**CCAA**") was heard this day via videoconference.

ON READING the affidavit of Suzanne Stoddard sworn August 6, 2025 and the Exhibits thereto (the "**Stoddard Affidavit**"), the consent of KSV Restructuring Inc. ("**KSV**") to act as monitor (in such capacity, the "**Monitor**") and the Pre-Filing Report of KSV in its capacity as proposed Monitor, and on hearing the submissions of counsel to the Applicant, the proposed Monitor, and such other counsel present,

SERVICE

1. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the time for service of the Notice of Application and the Application Record is hereby abridged and validated so that this Application is properly returnable today and hereby dispenses with further service thereof.

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DEFINED TERMS

2. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that capitalized terms that are used in this Order shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Stoddard Affidavit if they are not otherwise defined herein.

APPLICATION

3. **THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES** that the Applicant is a company to which the CCAA applies.

POSSESSION OF PROPERTY AND OPERATIONS

- 4. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Applicant 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"). Subject to further Order of this Court, the Applicant shall continue to carry on business in a manner consistent with the preservation of its business (the "Business") and Property. The Applicant is authorized and empowered to continue to retain and employ the employees, independent contractors, advisors, consultants, agents, experts, appraisers, valuators, brokers, 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 the carrying out of the terms of this Order.
- 5. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Applicant shall be entitled to continue to use the central cash management system currently in place as described in the Stoddard Affidavit or replace it with another substantially similar central cash management system (the "Cash Management System"), provided that from and after the date hereof, no funds on deposit shall be swept to Claire's Stores master concentration account absent further order of this Court, and that any present or future bank providing the Cash Management System shall not be under any obligation whatsoever to inquire into the propriety, validity or legality of any transfer, payment, collection or other action taken under the Cash Management System, or as to the use or application by the Applicant of funds transferred, paid, collected or otherwise dealt with in the Cash Management System, shall be entitled to provide the Cash Management System without any liability in respect thereof to any Person (as hereinafter defined) other than the Applicant, pursuant to the terms of the documentation applicable to the Cash Management System, and

shall be, in its capacity as provider of the Cash Management System, an unaffected creditor under any plan of compromise or arrangement filed under the CCAA with regard to any claims or expenses it may suffer or incur in connection with the provision of the Cash Management System.

- 6. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Applicant shall be entitled but not required to pay the following expenses whether incurred prior to, on or after the date of this Order:
 - (a) all outstanding and future wages, salaries, employee benefits (including, without limitation, employee medical, dental and similar benefit plans or arrangements), vacation pay and expenses, in each case incurred in the ordinary course of business and consistent with existing compensation policies and arrangements, and all other payroll and benefits processing expenses;
 - (b) until and including August 15, 2025 (or such later date as may be Ordered by this Court), all outstanding or future amounts owing in respect of existing customer prepayments, deposits, return and exchange policies, refunds, discounts or other amounts on account of similar customer programs or obligations, including loyalty programs;
 - (c) until and including August 15, 2025 (or such later date as may be Ordered by this Court), all outstanding or future amounts related to honouring gift cards issued before, on or after the date of this Order;
 - (d) with the consent of the Monitor, amounts owing for goods or services supplied to the Applicant prior to the date of this Order by any:
 - (i) providers of credit, debit and gift card processing related services;
 - (ii) logistics, warehouse or supply chain providers, including transportation providers, clearing houses, customs brokers, freight forwarders and security and armoured truck carriers, and including amounts payable in respect of customs and duties for goods;
 - (iii) providers of information, internet, telecommunications, and other technology, including e-commerce providers and related services; and
 - (iv) other suppliers or service providers if such payment is necessary to maintain the uninterrupted operations of the Business; and

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- (e) the fees and disbursements of any Assistants retained or employed by the Applicant in respect of these proceedings, at their standard rates and charges.
- 7. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, except as otherwise provided to the contrary herein, the Applicant shall be entitled but not required to pay all reasonable expenses incurred by the Applicant in carrying on the Business in the ordinary course after this Order, and in carrying out the provisions of this Order and any other Order of this Court, which expenses shall include, without limitation:
 - (a) all expenses and capital expenditures reasonably necessary for the preservation of the Property or the Business including, without limitation, payments on account of insurance (including directors and officers insurance, if and as applicable), maintenance and security services; and
 - (b) payment for goods or services actually supplied to the Applicant following the date of this Order.
- 8. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Applicant shall 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 the Applicant's employees' wages, including, without limitation, amounts in respect of (i) employment insurance, (ii) Canada Pension Plan, (iii) Quebec Pension Plan, (iv) income taxes, and (v) all other amounts related to such deductions or employee wages payable for periods following the date of this Order, and that are of a kind that could be subject to a demand under the statutory provisions specified in subsections 6(3)(a) through (c) of the CCAA;
 - (b) all goods and services taxes, harmonized sales taxes or other applicable sales taxes (collectively, "Sales Taxes") required to be remitted by the Applicant in connection with the sale of goods and services by the Applicant, but only where such Sales Taxes are accrued or collected after the date of this Order, or where such Sales Taxes were accrued or collected prior to the date of this Order but not required to be remitted until on or after the date of this Order; and

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- (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 realty, municipal business, workers' compensation 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 and which are attributable to or in respect of the carrying on of the Business by the Applicant.
- 9. THIS COURT ORDERS that, until a real property lease (each, a "Lease") to which the Applicant is a party is disclaimed or resiliated in accordance with the CCAA, or otherwise terminated, the Applicant shall pay, without duplication, all amounts constituting rent or payable as rent under such Lease (including, for greater certainty, common area maintenance charges, utilities and realty taxes and any other amounts payable to the applicable landlord (each, a "Landlord") under such Lease, but for greater certainty, excluding amounts owing which are stayed by this Order, accelerated rent or penalties, fees or other charges arising as a result of any default that is stayed by this Order, the insolvency of the Applicant or the making of this Order) or as otherwise may be negotiated between the Applicant and the Landlord from time to time ("Rent"), (a) incurred and relating solely to the period commencing from and including the date of this Order until and including August 15, 2025, as a single payment made forthwith following issuance of this Order, (b) incurred and relating solely to the period commencing from and including August 16, 2025, until and including August 30, 2025, as a single payment made on or about August 18, 2025, and (c) thereafter, twice-monthly in equal payments on the first and fifteenth day of each month, in advance (but not in arrears), in each case save and except for any component of Rent which is percentage rent which, commencing from and including the date of this Order, shall be calculated and paid regarding revenues received during the period from and including the date of this Order in accordance with the terms of such Lease.
- 10. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, except as specifically permitted herein, the Applicant 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 Applicant to any of its creditors as of this date); (b) to grant no security interests, trusts, liens, charges or encumbrances upon or in respect of any of its Property; and (c) to not grant credit or incur liabilities except in the ordinary course of the Business.

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RESTRUCTURING

- 11. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Applicant shall, subject to such requirements as are imposed by the CCAA or as otherwise ordered by this Court, have the right to:
 - (a) permanently or temporarily cease, downsize or shut down any of its business or operations, and to dispose of redundant or non-material assets not exceeding \$50,000 in any one transaction or \$500,000 in the aggregate;
 - (b) vacate, abandon or quit the whole but not part of any leased premises and/or disclaim any real property lease, including any Lease, and any ancillary agreements relating to any leased premises;
 - (c) without limiting paragraph 11(b), above, disclaim any of its arrangements or agreements of any nature whatsoever and with whomsoever, whether oral or written, in accordance with section 32 of the CCAA;
 - (d) terminate the employment of such of its employees or temporarily lay off such of its employees as the Applicant deems appropriate; and
 - (e) pursue all avenues of refinancing, restructuring, sale or reorganizing the Business or Property (including sale, transfer or assignment of the Leases to third parties), in whole or part, subject to prior approval of this Court being obtained before any material refinancing, restructuring, sale or reorganizing (except as otherwise permitted by paragraph 11(a) above in respect of redundant or non-material assets),

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

12. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Applicant shall provide each of the relevant Landlords with notice of the Applicant'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 such Landlord disputes the Applicant's entitlement to remove any such fixture under the provisions of the applicable Lease, such fixture shall remain on the premises and shall be dealt with as agreed

between any applicable secured creditors, such Landlord and the Applicant, or by further Order of this Court upon application by the Applicant on at least two (2) days notice to such Landlord and any such secured creditors. If the Applicant disclaims or resiliates the Lease governing such leased premises in accordance with Section 32 of the CCAA, the Applicant shall not be required to pay Rent under such Lease pending resolution of any such dispute (other than, subject to paragraph 9 hereof, Rent payable for the notice period provided for in Section 32(5) of the CCAA), and the disclaimer or resiliation of such Lease shall be without prejudice to the Applicant's claim to the fixtures in dispute.

13. THIS COURT ORDERS that if a notice of disclaimer or resiliation is delivered pursuant to Section 32 of the CCAA, then (a) during the notice period prior to the effective time of the disclaimer or resiliation, the Landlord may show the affected leased premises to prospective tenants during normal business hours, on giving the Applicant and the Monitor 24 hours' prior written notice, and (b) at the effective time of the disclaimer or resiliation, the relevant Landlord shall be entitled to take possession of any such leased premises without waiver of or prejudice to any claims or rights such Landlord may have against the Applicant in respect of such Lease or leased premises, provided that nothing herein shall relieve such Landlord of its obligation to mitigate any damages claimed in connection therewith.

NO PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE APPLICANT OR THE PROPERTY

- 14. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that until and including August 15, 2025, or such later date as this Court may order (the "Stay Period"), no proceeding or enforcement process in any court or tribunal (each, a "Proceeding") shall be commenced or continued against or in respect of the Applicant or the Monitor, or affecting the Business or the Property, except with the written consent of the Applicant and the Monitor, or with leave of this Court, and any and all Proceedings currently under way against or in respect of the Applicant, or affecting the Business or the Property are hereby stayed and suspended pending further Order of this Court.
- 15. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, to the extent any prescription, time or limitation period relating to any Proceeding against or in respect of any Applicant that is stayed pursuant to this Order may expire, the term of such prescription, time or limitation period shall hereby be deemed to be extended by a period equal to the Stay Period.

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NO EXERCISE OF RIGHTS OR REMEDIES

16. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that 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 Applicant or the Monitor, or affecting the Business or the Property, are hereby stayed and suspended except with the written consent of the Applicant and the Monitor, or leave of this Court, provided that nothing in this Order shall (a) empower the Applicant to carry on any business which it is not lawfully entitled to carry on; (b) affect such investigations, actions, suits or proceedings by a regulatory body as are permitted by Section 11.1 of the CCAA; (c) prevent the filing of any registration to preserve or perfect a security interest; or (d) prevent the registration of a claim for lien.

NO INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS

17. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that 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, lease, sublease, licence or permit in favour of or held by the Applicant, except with the prior written consent of the Applicant and the Monitor, or leave of this Court.

CONTINUATION OF SERVICES

18. THIS COURT ORDERS that during the Stay Period, all Persons having oral or written agreements or arrangements with the Applicant or statutory or regulatory mandates for the supply or license of goods, intellectual property, and/or services, including without limitation all computer software, communication and other data services, centralized banking services, cash management services, payment processing services, payroll and benefit services, insurance, freight services, transportation services, importing services, customs clearing, warehouse and logistics services, security services, utility or other services to the Business or the Applicant, are hereby restrained until further Order of this Court from discontinuing, altering, suspending, interfering with or terminating the supply or license of such goods, intellectual property, or services as may be required by the Applicant, and that the Applicant 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 date of this Order are paid by the Applicant in accordance with normal payment practices of the Applicant or such other practices as may be agreed upon by the supplier or service provider and the Applicant and the Monitor, or as may be ordered by this Court.

NO PRE-FILING VS POST-FILING SET-OFF

19. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, no Person shall be entitled to set off any amounts that: (a) are or may become due to the Applicant in respect of obligations arising prior to the date hereof with any amounts that are or may become due from the Applicant in respect of obligations arising on or after the date of this Order; or (b) are or may become due from the Applicant in respect of obligations arising prior to the date hereof with any amounts that are or may become due to the Applicant in respect of obligations arising on or after the date of this Order, in each case without the consent of the Applicant and the Monitor, or leave of this Court.

NON-DEROGATION OF RIGHTS

20. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, notwithstanding anything else in this Order other than paragraph 9 of 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 date of this Order, nor shall any Person be under any obligation on or after the date of this Order to advance or re-advance any monies or otherwise extend any credit to the Applicant. Nothing in this Order shall derogate from the rights conferred and obligations imposed by the CCAA.

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

21. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that during the Stay Period, and except as permitted by subsection 11.03(2) of the CCAA, no Proceeding may be commenced or continued against any of the former, current or future directors or officers of the Applicant with respect to any claim against the directors or officers that arose before the date hereof and that relates to any obligations of the Applicant 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.

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DIRECTORS' AND OFFICERS' INDEMNIFICATION AND CHARGE

- 22. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Applicant shall indemnify its directors and officers against obligations and liabilities that they may incur as directors or officers of the Applicant after the commencement of the within proceedings, except to the extent that, with respect to any officer or director, the obligation or liability was incurred as a result of the director's or officer's gross negligence or wilful misconduct.
- 23. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the directors and officers of the Applicant shall be entitled to the benefit of and are hereby granted a charge (the "**Directors' Charge**") on the Property, which charge shall not, subject to further order of this Court, exceed an aggregate amount of \$2,900,000, as security for the indemnity provided in paragraph 22 of this Order. The Directors' Charge shall have the priority set out in paragraphs 34 and 36 hereof.
- 24. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, 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 Applicant'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 22 of this Order.

APPOINTMENT OF MONITOR

- 25. THIS COURT ORDERS that KSV is hereby appointed pursuant to the CCAA as the Monitor, an officer of this Court, to monitor the business and financial affairs of the Applicant with the powers and obligations set out in the CCAA or set forth herein and that the Applicant and its shareholders, officers, directors, and Assistants shall advise the Monitor of all material steps taken by the Applicant 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.
- 26. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor, in addition to its prescribed rights and obligations under the CCAA, is hereby directed and empowered to:

- (a) monitor and review the Applicant's receipts and disbursements;
- (b) assist with the Restructuring and the operations of the Applicant;
- (c) liaise with Assistants, to the extent required, with respect to all matters relating to the Property, the Business, and such other matters as may be relevant to the proceedings herein;
- (d) 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;
- (e) along with the Restructuring Advisor (as defined below), advise the Applicant in its preparation of the Applicant's cash flow statements and other required reporting;
- (f) 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 Applicant, wherever located and to the extent that is necessary to adequately assess the Applicant's business and financial affairs or to perform its duties arising under this Order;
- (g) be at liberty to engage independent legal counsel or such other persons, or utilize the services of employees of its affiliates, as the Monitor deems necessary or advisable respecting the exercise of its powers and performance of its obligations under this Order; and
- (h) perform such other duties as are required by this Order or by this Court from time to time.
- 27. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that 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, be deemed to have taken or maintained possession or control of the Business or Property, or any part thereof.
- 28. THIS COURT ORDERS that nothing herein contained shall require 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, 1999, the Ontario Environmental Protection Act, the Ontario Water Resources Act, or the Ontario Occupational Health and Safety 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. 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.

- 29. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor shall provide any creditor of the Applicant with information provided by the Applicant 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 Applicant 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 Applicant may agree.
- 30. THIS COURT ORDERS that, in addition to the rights and protections afforded the Monitor under the CCAA or as an officer of this Court, neither the Monitor nor any of its directors, officers, employees, advisors or representatives shall incur any liability or obligation as a result of the Monitor's appointment or the carrying out by it 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 protections afforded the Monitor by the CCAA or any applicable legislation.
- 31. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor, counsel to the Monitor, counsel to the Applicant, and Alvarez & Marsal Canada ULC in its capacity as operational and restructuring advisor to the Applicant (the "**Restructuring Advisor**") shall be paid their reasonable fees and

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disbursements, in each case at their standard rates and charges, whether incurred prior to, on or subsequent to the date of this Order, by the Applicant as part of the costs of these proceedings. The Applicant is hereby authorized and directed to pay the accounts of the Monitor, counsel to the Monitor, counsel to the Applicant, and the Restructuring Advisor on a weekly basis or on such terms as such parties may agree and, in addition, the Applicant is hereby authorized to pay to the Monitor, counsel to the Monitor, counsel to the Applicant, and the Restructuring Advisor retainers to be held by them as security for payment of their respective fees and disbursements outstanding from time to time, and any such retainers paid prior to the date hereof are hereby authorized *nunc pro tunc*.

32. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that 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 Commercial List of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.

ADMINISTRATION CHARGE

33. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor, counsel to the Monitor, counsel to the Applicant, and the Restructuring Advisor shall be entitled to the benefit of and are hereby granted a charge (the "Administration Charge") on the Property, which charge shall not, subject to further order of this Court, exceed an aggregate amount of \$400,000 as security for their professional 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 34 and 36 hereof.

VALIDITY AND PRIORITY OF CHARGES CREATED BY THIS ORDER

- 34. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the priorities of the security interests granted by the Administration Charge and the Directors' Charge (collectively, the "**Charges**"), as among them, shall be as follows:
 - (a) First Administration Charge (to the maximum amount of \$400,000); and
 - (b) Second Directors' Charge (to the maximum amount of \$2,900,000).

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35. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the filing, registration or perfection of the Charges shall not be required, and that the Charges 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.

- 36. THIS COURT ORDERS that each of the Charges shall constitute a charge on the Property and such Charges shall rank in priority to all other security interests, trusts, liens, charges and encumbrances, claims of secured creditors, statutory or otherwise (collectively, "Encumbrances") in favour of any Person, except for any Person who is a "secured creditor" as defined in the CCAA that has not been served with the Notice of Application for this Order. The Applicant shall be entitled, at the Comeback Hearing (as hereinafter defined) or as part of any subsequent motion, on notice to those Persons likely to be affected thereby, to seek priority of the Charges ahead of any Encumbrance over which the Charges may not have obtained priority pursuant to this Order.
- 37. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that except as otherwise expressly provided for herein, or as may be approved by this Court, the Applicant shall not grant any Encumbrances over any Property that rank in priority to, or *pari passu* with, any of the Charges unless the Applicant also obtains the prior written consent of the Monitor and the beneficiaries of the Charges (collectively, the "**Chargees**"), or further Order of this Court.
- 38. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Charges shall not be rendered invalid or unenforceable and the rights and remedies of the Chargees thereunder 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 or receivership order(s) issued pursuant to the BIA or otherwise, or any bankruptcy or receivership 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, sublease, offer to lease or other agreement (collectively, an "**Agreement**") which binds the Applicant, and notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in any Agreement:

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- (i) the creation of the Charges shall not create or be deemed to constitute a breach by the Applicant of any Agreement to which it is a party,
- (ii) 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
- (iii) the payments made by the Applicant 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.
- 39. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that any Charge created by this Order over leases of real property in Canada shall only be a Charge in the Applicant's interests in such real property leases.

SERVICE AND NOTICE

- 40. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor shall (a) without delay, publish in the Globe & Mail a notice containing the information prescribed under the CCAA; and (b) within five (5) days after the date of this Order, (i) make this Order publicly available in the manner prescribed under the CCAA, (ii) send, or cause to be sent, in the prescribed manner (including by electronic message to the e-mail addresses as last shown in the Applicant's books and records), a notice to all known creditors having a claim against the Applicant of more than \$1,000, and (iii) prepare a list showing the names and addresses of such 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 individuals who are creditors publicly available, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.
- 41. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that any employee of any of the Applicant who is sent a notice of termination of employment or any other communication by the Applicant on or after the date hereof shall be deemed to have received such communication by no later than 8:00 a.m. prevailing Eastern Time on the fourth day following the date any such communication is sent, if such communication is sent by ordinary mail, expedited parcel or registered mail to the individual's address as reflected in the Applicant's books and records; provided, however, that any communication that is sent to an employee of the Applicant by electronic message to the individual's corporate email address and/or the individual's personal address as last shown in the

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Applicant's books and records shall, (a) if sent by electronic message at or prior to 5:00 p.m. prevailing Eastern Time on a business day, be deemed to have been received by such employee on the date on which such electronic message was sent, or (b) if sent by electronic message after 5:00 p.m. prevailing Eastern Time on a business day or on a day that is not a business day, be deemed to have been received by such employee on the next business day following the date on which such electronic message was sent, notwithstanding that the mailing of any notices of termination of employment or other employee communication was sent pursuant to any other means.

- 42. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor shall create, maintain and update as necessary a list of all Persons appearing in person or by counsel in this proceeding (the "Service List"). The Monitor shall post the Service List, as may be updated from time to time, on the Monitor's Website (as hereinafter defined) as part of the public materials to be recorded thereon in relation to this proceeding. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Monitor shall have no liability in respect of the accuracy of or the timelines of making any changes to the Service List.
- 43. THIS COURT ORDERS that service and electronic service of documents in this proceeding made in accordance with the Consolidated Civil Provincial Practice Direction and the Consolidated Practice Direction for the Toronto Region (collectively, the "Practice Directions") (each of which can be found on the Ontario Superior Court of Justice website at https://www.ontariocourts.ca/scj/filing-procedures/provincial/ and https://www.ontariocourts.ca/scj/practice_directions/consolidated-practice-direction-torontoregion/) shall be valid and effective service. Subject to Rule 17.05 of the Rules of Civil Procedure, RRO 1990, Reg 194 (the "Rules"), this Order shall constitute an order for substituted service pursuant to Rule 16.04 of the Rules. Subject to Rule 3.01(d) of the Rules and the applicable Practice Directions, service of documents in accordance with the Practice Directions will be effective on transmission. This Court further orders that a case website for this proceeding shall be established with the following URL: https://www.ksvadvisory.com/experience/case/claires (the "Monitor's Website").
- 44. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that if the service or distribution of documents in accordance with the Practice Directions or the CCAA and the regulations thereunder is not practicable, the Applicant and the Monitor are at liberty to serve or distribute this Order, any other materials and

orders in these proceedings, any notices or other correspondence, by forwarding copies thereof by prepaid ordinary mail, courier, personal delivery, facsimile transmission or electronic message to the Applicant's creditors or other interested parties at their respective addresses (including e-mail addresses) as last shown in the books and records of the Applicant and that any such service or distribution by courier, personal delivery, facsimile transmission, or electronic message 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.

45. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that any distribution or service in accordance with this Order shall be deemed to be in satisfaction of a legal or judicial obligation, and notice requirements within the meaning of clause 3(c) of the *Electronic Commerce Protection Regulations* (SOR/2013-221).

COMEBACK HEARING

46. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the comeback motion in these CCAA proceedings shall be heard by a Commercial List Judge on August 15, 2025 (the "Comeback Hearing").

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- 47. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that any interested party that wishes to amend or vary this Order shall be entitled to appear or bring a motion before this Court at the Comeback Hearing, and any such interested party shall give not less than two business days' notice to the Service List and any other party or parties likely to be affected by the Order sought in advance of the Comeback Hearing; provided, however, that the Chargees shall be entitled to rely on this Order as granted and on the Charges and priorities set forth in paragraphs 34 and 36 hereof with respect to any fees, expenses and disbursements incurred, as applicable, until the date this Order may be amended, varied or stayed.
- 48. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, notwithstanding paragraph 47 of this Order, the Applicant or the Monitor may from time to time apply to this Court to amend, vary or supplement this Order or for advice and directions in the discharge of their respective powers and duties hereunder.

- 49. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that nothing in this Order shall prevent the Monitor from acting as an interim receiver, a receiver, a receiver and manager, or a trustee in bankruptcy of the Applicant, the Business or the Property.
- 50. THIS COURT HEREBY REQUESTS the aid and recognition of any court, tribunal, regulatory or administrative body having jurisdiction in Canada or in the United States, to give effect to this Order and to assist the Applicant, the Monitor and their respective agents in carrying out the terms of this Order. All courts, tribunals, regulatory and administrative bodies are hereby respectfully requested to make such orders and to provide such assistance to the Applicant 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 Applicant and the Monitor and their respective agents in carrying out the terms of this Order.
- 51. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Applicant 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 that the Monitor 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.
- 52. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that this Order and all of its provisions are effective as of 12:01 a.m. prevailing Eastern Time on the date of this Order.

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