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**ONTARIO  
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE  
COMMERCIAL LIST**

THE HONOURABLE CHIEF ) THURSDAY, THE 2<sup>ND</sup>  
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JUSTICE MORAWETZ ) DAY OF JUNE, 2022  
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**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 INVOLVING MJARDIN GROUP, INC.,  
GROWFORCE HOLDINGS INC., 8586985 CANADA  
CORPORATION AND HIGHGRADE MMJ  
CORPORATION**

**B E T W E E N:**

**PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS INC., IN ITS CAPACITY  
AS COURT-APPOINTED RECEIVER AND MANAGER OF  
BRIDGING FINANCE INC. AND CERTAIN RELATED  
ENTITIES AND INVESTMENT FUNDS**

Applicant

- and -

**MJARDIN GROUP, INC., GROWFORCE HOLDINGS INC.,  
8586985 CANADA CORPORATION AND HIGHGRADE  
MMJ CORPORATION**

Respondents

**INITIAL ORDER**

**THIS APPLICATION**, made by PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc. (“**PwC**”), in its capacity as court-appointed receiver and manager (in such capacity, the “**Bridging Receiver**”) of Bridging Finance Inc. (“**BFI**”) and certain related entities and investment funds (collectively, “**Bridging**”) pursuant to the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, as amended (the “**CCAA**”), for an Initial Order in respect of MJardin Group, Inc. (“**MJar**”),

Growforce Holdings Inc. (“**Growforce**”), 8586985 Canada Corporation (“**858**”) and Highgrade MMJ Corporation (“**Highgrade**” and, together with MJar, Growforce and 858, the “**Respondents**”) was heard this day via videoconference.

**ON READING** the affidavit of Graham Page sworn June 1, 2022 and the Exhibits thereto (the “**Page Affidavit**”), the First Report of KSV Restructuring Inc. (“**KSV**”) as receiver and manager of MJar and the Report of KSV as proposed Monitor dated June 1, 2022 (the “**KSV Report**”), and on hearing the submissions of counsel for the Bridging Receiver, counsel for the proposed monitor, KSV, and on reading the consent of KSV to act as the monitor of the Respondents (the “**Monitor**”).

## **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.

## **CAPITALIZED TERMS**

2. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that unless otherwise indicated or defined herein, capitalized terms have the meaning given to them in the Page Affidavit.

## **APPLICATION**

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

## **POSSESSION OF PROPERTY AND OPERATIONS**

4. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Respondents shall remain in possession and control of their 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 Respondents shall continue to carry on business in a manner consistent with the preservation of their business (the “**Business**”) and Property. The Respondents are authorized and empowered to continue to retain and employ the employees, consultants, contractors, agents, experts, accountants, counsel and such other persons (collectively “**Assistants**”) currently

retained or employed by them, with liberty to retain such further Assistants as they deem reasonably necessary or desirable in the ordinary course of business or for the carrying out of the terms of this Order, in each case in consultation with the Monitor and the Bridging Receiver.

5. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Respondents shall be entitled to continue to utilize the central cash management system currently in place as described in the Page Affidavit or replace it with another substantially similar central cash management system (the “**Cash Management System**”) 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 Respondents 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 Respondents, 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 with regard to any claims or expenses it may suffer or incur in connection with the provision of the Cash Management System on or after the date of this Order.

6. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Respondents shall be entitled to continue to use the corporate credit cards (the “**Credit Cards**”) in place with Alterna Savings and Credit Union Ltd. (“**Alterna**”) and shall make full repayment of all amounts outstanding thereunder, including with respect to any pre-filing charges.

7. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Respondents 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 and pension benefits, vacation pay and employee expenses payable on or after the date of this Order, in each case incurred in the ordinary course of business and consistent with existing compensation policies and arrangements;
- (b) the fees and disbursements of any Assistants retained or employed by the Respondents in respect of these proceedings at their standard rates and charges;

- (c) the fees and disbursements of the Receiver and its counsel at their standard rates and charges;
- (d) any taxes, duties or other payments required under the Controlled Substances Legislation (as defined below); and
- (e) with the consent of the Monitor and the Bridging Receiver, amounts owing for goods or services supplied to the Respondents prior to the Initial Order if, in the opinion of the Respondents, such payment is necessary or desirable to avoid disruption to the operations of the Business or the Respondents during the CCAA proceedings.

8. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, except as otherwise provided to the contrary herein, and subject to the DIP Credit Agreement and the other DIP Documents (each as defined below), the Respondents shall be entitled but not required to pay all reasonable expenses incurred by the Respondents in carrying on the Business in the ordinary course after the date of this Order, and in carrying out the provisions of this Order, 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 and financing payments in relation to directors and officers insurance), maintenance and security services; and
- (b) payment for goods or services actually supplied to the Respondents following the date of this Order or payments to obtain the release of goods or delivery of services contracted for prior to the date of this Order.

9. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Respondents 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 employees' wages, including, without limitation, amounts in respect of
  - (i) employment insurance, (ii) Canada Pension Plan, and (iii) income taxes;

- (b) all goods, services, excise, or other applicable sales taxes (collectively, “**Sales Taxes**”) required to be remitted by the Respondents in connection with the sale of goods and services by the Respondents, 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
- (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 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 Respondents.

10. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that until a real property lease is disclaimed in accordance with the CCAA, the Respondents 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 to the landlord under the lease) or as otherwise may be or has been negotiated between the Respondents and the landlord from time to time (“**Rent**”), for the period commencing from and including the date of this Order, monthly on the first day of each month, in advance (but not in arrears), or at such other time intervals and dates as may be agreed to between the Respondents, with the consent of the Monitor and the Bridging Receiver, and the applicable landlord. On the date of the first of such payments, any Rent relating to the period commencing from and including the date of this Order shall also be paid.

11. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, except as specifically permitted herein, the Respondents are 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 Respondents to any of their creditors as of this date, other than in respect of scheduled payments to Alterna in respect of the Credit Cards; (b) to grant no security interests, trust, liens, charges or encumbrances upon or in respect of any of their Property; and (c) to not grant credit or incur liabilities except in the ordinary course of the Business.

## **RESTRUCTURING**

12. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Respondents shall, subject to such requirements as are imposed by the CCAA and such covenants as may be contained in the DIP Documents, have the right to:

- (a) permanently or temporarily cease, downsize or shut down any of their business or operations;
- (b) terminate the employment of such of their employees or temporarily lay off such of their employees as they deem appropriate; and
- (c) pursue all avenues of refinancing or restructuring their Business or Property, in whole or part, subject to prior approval of this Court being obtained before any material refinancing or restructuring,

all of the foregoing to permit the Respondents to proceed with an orderly restructuring of the Business (the “**Restructuring**”).

## **NO PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE RESPONDENTS OR THE PROPERTY**

13. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that until and including June 10, 2022, 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 Respondents or the Monitor, or affecting the Business or the Property, except with the written consent of the Respondents and the Monitor, or with leave of this Court, and any and all Proceedings currently under way against or in respect of any of the Respondents or affecting the Business or the Property are hereby stayed and suspended pending further Order of this Court or the written consent of the Respondents and the Monitor.

## **NO EXERCISE OF RIGHTS OR REMEDIES**

14. **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 Respondents or the Monitor, or affecting the Business or the Property, are hereby stayed and

suspended except with the written consent of the Respondents and the Monitor, or leave of this Court, provided that nothing in this Order shall (i) empower the Respondents to carry on any business which the Respondents are 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 security interest, or (iv) prevent the registration of a claim for lien.

#### **NO INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS**

15. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that during the Stay Period, no Person shall accelerate, suspend, discontinue, fail to honour, alter, interfere with, repudiate, rescind, terminate or cease to perform any right, renewal right, contract, agreement, lease, sublease, licence or permit in favour of or held by any of the Respondents, except with the written consent of the applicable Respondent and the Monitor, or leave of this Court.

#### **CONTINUATION OF SERVICES**

16. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that during the Stay Period, all Persons having oral or written agreements or arrangements with any of the Respondents or statutory or regulatory mandates 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 any of the Respondents, are hereby restrained until further Order of this Court from discontinuing, altering, interfering with, suspending or terminating the supply of such goods or services as may be required by any of the Respondents or exercising any other remedy provided under the agreements or arrangements, and that each of the Respondents 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 applicable Respondent in accordance with normal payment practices of the applicable Respondent or such other practices as may be agreed upon by the supplier or service provider and the applicable Respondent and the Monitor, or as may be ordered by this Court.

## **NON-DEROGATION OF RIGHTS**

17. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, notwithstanding anything else 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 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 Respondents. Nothing in this Order shall derogate from the rights conferred and obligations imposed by the CCAA.

## **PROCEEDINGS AGAINST DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

18. **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 current or future directors or officers of the Respondents with respect to any claim against the directors or officers that arose before the date hereof and that relates to any obligations of the Respondents 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 plan of compromise or arrangement in respect of the Respondents, if one is filed, is sanctioned by this Court or is refused by the creditors of the Respondents or this Court.

## **DIRECTORS' AND OFFICERS' INDEMNIFICATION AND CHARGE**

19. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Respondents shall indemnify their current and future directors and officers against obligations and liabilities that they may incur as directors or officers of the Respondents after the commencement of the within proceedings to the extent such obligations and liabilities relate to the period on or after the date of this Order, except to the extent that, with respect to any director or officer, the obligation or liability was incurred as a result of such director's or officer's gross negligence or wilful misconduct.

20. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the current and future directors and officers of the Respondents 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 \$355,000, unless permitted by further Order of this Court, as security for the indemnity provided in paragraph 19 of this Order. The Directors' Charge shall have the priority set out in paragraphs 39 and 41 herein.



21. **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 Respondents' current and future 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 19 of this Order.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF MONITOR**

22. **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 Respondents with the powers and obligations set out in the CCAA or set forth herein and that the Respondents and their shareholders, officers, directors, and Assistants shall advise the Monitor of all material steps taken by any of the Respondents 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.

23. **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 the Respondents' 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 Respondents, to the extent required by the Respondents, in their dissemination to the Bridging Receiver and counsel, as applicable, of financial and other information as agreed to between the Respondents and the Bridging Receiver (including for greater certainty, in its capacity as receiver and manager of the DIP Lender (as defined below)) and consented to by the Monitor;

- (d) advise the Respondents in their preparation of the Respondents' cash flow statements and any other reporting required by the DIP Lender pursuant to the DIP Credit Agreement, which information shall be reviewed with the Monitor and delivered to the Bridging Receiver as receiver and manager of the DIP Lender and its financial advisors and/or counsel, as applicable, on a periodic basis pursuant to subparagraph 23(c) above;
- (e) advise the Respondents in their development of any plan of compromise or arrangement, or in respect of any other restructuring transaction that may be pursued by the Respondents;
- (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 Respondents, to the extent that is necessary to adequately assess the Respondents' 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 as the Monitor deems necessary or advisable respecting the exercise of its powers and performance of its obligations under this Order;
- (h) apply to this Court for any orders necessary or advisable in connection with these CCAA proceedings and the Respondents' restructuring efforts; and
- (i) perform such other duties as are required by this Order or by this Court from time to time.

24. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor shall not occupy or take control, care, charge, possession or management (separately and/or collectively, "**Possession**") of (or be deemed to take Possession of), or exercise (or be deemed to have exercised) any rights of control over any activities in respect of, the Property, or any assets, properties or undertakings of any of the Respondents' direct or indirect subsidiaries or affiliates, including any joint venture entities (collectively, the "**MJar Subsidiaries**"), for which a permit or license is issued or required pursuant to any federal, provincial or other law respecting, among other things, the cultivation, processing, sale and/or possession of cannabis or cannabis-related products in Canada or the United States, including, without limitation, under the *Cannabis Act*, S.C. 2018, c. 16, the

*Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*, S.C. 1996, c. 19, the *Excise Act, 2001*, S.C. 2002, c. 22, the *Cannabis Control Act, 2017*, S.O. 2017, c. 26, Sched. 1, the *Ontario Cannabis Retail Corporation Act, 2017*, S.O. 2017, c. 26, the *Cannabis License Act, 2018*, S.O. 2018, c. 12, or other such applicable federal or provincial legislation (collectively, the “**Controlled Substances Legislation**”) and shall take no part whatsoever in the management or supervision of the management of the Business or any business of any of the MJar Subsidiaries, and shall not, by fulfilling its obligations hereunder, be deemed to have taken or maintained Possession of the Business or Property, or any part thereof, within the meaning of any Controlled Substances Legislation, or otherwise, and nothing in this Order shall be construed as resulting in the Monitor being an employer or successor employer within the meaning of any statute, regulation or rule of law or equity, for any purpose whatsoever.

25. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that nothing herein contained shall require the DIP Lender or the Bridging Receiver to take Possession of any of the Property or the property of any MJar Subsidiaries that is or may be: (i) subject to any Controlled Substances Legislation; or (ii) 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 Environmental Legislation.

26. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that nothing herein contained shall require the Monitor to take 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 *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.

27. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that that the Monitor shall provide any creditor of the Respondents and the Bridging Receiver (including as receiver and manager of the DIP Lender) with information provided by the Respondents in response to reasonable requests for information made in writing by such creditors 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 Respondents 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 Respondents may agree.

28. **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 its employees and representatives acting in such capacities shall incur any liability or obligation as a result of the appointment of the Monitor or the carrying out by it of the provisions of this Order, including under any Controlled Substances Legislation, 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.

29. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor and counsel to the Monitor shall be paid their reasonable fees and disbursements (including pre-filing fees and disbursements), in each case at their standard rates and charges, by the Respondents as part of the costs of these proceedings. The Respondents are hereby authorized and directed to pay the accounts of the Monitor and counsel for the Monitor in accordance with the payment terms agreed between the Respondents and such parties.

30. **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.

31. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor and counsel to the Monitor 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 \$100,000, unless permitted by further Order of this Court, as security for their professional fees and disbursements incurred both before and after the making of this Order at their standard rates and charges. The Administration Charge shall have the priority set out in paragraphs 39 and 41 hereof.

## **DIP FINANCING**

32. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Respondents are hereby authorized and empowered to obtain and borrow under a credit facility from BFI, as agent on behalf of an affiliate to be named (the “**DIP Lender**”), in order to finance the Respondents’ working capital requirements, the costs of these proceedings and other general corporate purposes and capital expenditures, provided that borrowings under such credit facility shall not exceed \$250,000 (plus accrued and unpaid interest, fees and reimbursable expenses) unless permitted by further Order of this Court.

33. **THIS COURT ORDERS THAT** such credit facility shall be on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the term sheet between the Respondents and the DIP Lender (the “**DIP Credit Agreement**”), attached as Exhibit “M” to the Page Affidavit.

34. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Respondents are hereby authorized and empowered to execute and deliver such credit agreements, mortgages, charges, hypothecs and security documents, guarantees and other definitive documents (collectively, the “**DIP Documents**”), as are contemplated by the DIP Credit Agreement or as may be reasonably required by the DIP Lender pursuant to the terms thereof, and the Respondents are hereby authorized and directed to pay and perform all of their indebtedness, interest, fees, liabilities and obligations to the DIP Lender under and pursuant to the DIP Credit Agreement and the DIP Documents as and when the same become due and are to be performed, notwithstanding any other provision of this Order.

35. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the DIP Lender shall be entitled to the benefit of and is hereby granted a charge (the “**DIP Lender’s Charge**”) on the Property, which DIP Lender’s Charge shall not exceed the aggregate amount owed to the DIP Lender under the DIP Credit Agreement and the other DIP Documents. The DIP Lender’s Charge shall have the priority set out in paragraphs 39 to 41 hereof.

36. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, notwithstanding any other provision of this Order:

- (a) the DIP Lender may take such steps from time to time as it may deem necessary or appropriate to file, register, record or perfect the DIP Lender’s Charge or any of the DIP Documents;

- (b) upon the occurrence of an event of default under the DIP Credit Agreement, the other DIP Documents, or the DIP Lender's Charge, the DIP Lender, upon five days' written notice to the Respondents and the Monitor, may exercise any and all of its rights and remedies against the Respondents or the Property under or pursuant to the DIP Credit Agreement, the other DIP Documents, and the DIP Lender's Charge, including, without limitation, to cease making advances to the Respondents and set off and/or consolidate any amounts owing by the DIP Lender to the Respondents against the obligations of the Respondents to the DIP Lender under the DIP Credit Agreement, the other DIP Documents, and the DIP Lender's Charge, to make demand, accelerate payment and give other notices, or to apply to this Court for the appointment of a receiver, receiver and manager, or interim receiver, or for a bankruptcy order against any of the Respondents and for the appointment of a trustee in bankruptcy of any of the Respondents; and
- (c) the foregoing rights and remedies of the DIP Lender shall be enforceable against any trustee in bankruptcy, interim receiver, receiver or receiver and manager of the Respondents or the Property.

37. **THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES** that the DIP Lender shall be treated as unaffected in any plan of compromise or arrangement filed in these CCAA proceedings in respect of the Respondents, or any proposal filed under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* (Canada) (the "**BIA**") in respect of the Respondents with respect to any advances made under the DIP Credit Agreement and the other DIP Documents.

38. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, in addition to the rights and protections afforded to the DIP Lender under this Order, any other Order of the Court (whether made pursuant to these proceedings or otherwise), or at law, the DIP Lender shall incur no liability or obligation as a result of carrying out the provisions of this Order, including under any Controlled Substances Legislation, save and except for any gross negligence or willful misconduct on its part.

## **VALIDITY AND PRIORITY OF CHARGES CREATED BY THE RECEIVERSHIP ORDER AND THIS ORDER**

39. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the priorities of the Receiver's Charge (as defined in the Receivership Order), the Administration Charge, the Receiver's Borrowings Charge (as defined in the Receivership Order), the DIP Lender's Charge and the Directors' Charge (collectively, the "**Charges**"), as among them, shall be as follows:

First – Receiver's Charge;

Second – Administration Charge (to the maximum amount of \$100,000);

Third – Receiver's Borrowings Charge (to the maximum amount of \$2,548,266.24, plus accrued and unpaid interest, fees and reimbursable expenses);

Fourth – DIP Lender's Charge (to the maximum amount of \$250,000, plus accrued and unpaid interest, fees and reimbursable expenses); and

Fifth – Directors' Charge (to the maximum amount of \$355,000).

40. **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.

41. **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, deemed trusts, liens, charges and encumbrances and claims of secured creditors, statutory or otherwise (collectively, "**Encumbrances**") in favour of any Person, notwithstanding the order of perfection or attachment, except for any secured creditor of the Respondents who did not receive notice of the application for this Order. The Respondents shall be entitled to seek priority of the Charges ahead of additional Encumbrances on a subsequent motion on notice to those Persons likely to be affected thereby.

42. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that except as otherwise expressly provided for herein, or as may be approved by this Court, the Respondents shall not grant any Encumbrances over any Property that rank in priority to, or *pari passu* with, any of the Charges, unless the Respondents also obtain the prior written consent of the Monitor, the Bridging Receiver, and the beneficiaries of the applicable Charge(s), or further Order of this Court.

43. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that 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**”) 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 other applicable statutes, 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 Respondents, and notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in any Agreement:

- (a) neither the creation of the Charges nor the execution, delivery, perfection, registration or performance of the DIP Credit Agreement or the DIP Documents shall create or be deemed to constitute a breach by the Respondents of any Agreement to which any of them are 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 Respondents entering into the DIP Credit Agreement, the creation of the Charges, or the execution, delivery or performance of the DIP Documents; and
- (c) the payments made by the Respondents pursuant to this Order, the DIP Credit Agreement or the DIP Documents 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.



44. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that any Charge created by this Order over leases of real property in Canada shall only be a Charge in the applicable Respondent's interest in such real property leases.

### **SERVICE AND NOTICE**

45. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor shall (i) without delay, publish in *The Globe and Mail* (National Edition) a notice containing the information prescribed under the CCAA, (ii) within five days after the date of this Order, (A) make this Order publicly available in the manner prescribed under the CCAA, (B) send, in the prescribed manner, a notice to every known creditor who has a claim against the Respondents 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 individuals who are creditors publicly available unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

46. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the E-Service Guide of the Commercial List (the "Guide") is approved and adopted by reference herein and, in this proceeding, the service of documents made in accordance with the Guide (which can be found on the Commercial List website at: <http://www.ontariocourts.ca/scj/practice/practice-directions/toronto/eservice-commercial/>) shall be valid and effective service. Subject to Rule 17.05, this Order shall constitute an order for substituted service pursuant to Rule 16.04 of the Rules of Civil Procedure. Subject to Rule 3.01(d) of the Rules of Civil Procedure and paragraph 13 of the Guide, service of documents in accordance with the Guide will be effective on transmission. This Court further orders that a Case Website shall be established by the Monitor in accordance with the Guide with the following URL: <https://www.ksvadvisory.com/experience/case/mjardin-group-inc.>

47. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that if the service or distribution of documents in accordance with the Guide is not practicable, the Respondents 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 true copies thereof by prepaid ordinary mail, courier, personal delivery or facsimile or other electronic transmission to the Respondents' creditors or other interested parties at their respective addresses as last shown on the records of the Respondents

and that any such service, distribution or notice shall be deemed to be received: (a) if sent by courier, on the next business day following the date of forwarding thereof, (b) if delivered by personal delivery or facsimile or other electronic transmission, on the day so delivered, and (c) if sent by ordinary mail, on the third business day after mailing.

48. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Respondents and the Monitor and their respective counsel are at liberty to serve or distribute this Order, any other materials and orders as may be reasonably required in these proceedings, including any notices, or other correspondence, by forwarding true copies thereof by electronic message to the Respondents' creditors or other interested parties and their advisors, as applicable. For greater certainty, any such distribution or service shall be deemed to be in satisfaction of a legal or juridical obligation, and notice requirements within the meaning of clause 3(c) of the *Electronic Commerce Protection Regulations*, Reg. 81000-2-175 (SOR/DORS).

49. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, except with respect to any motion to be heard on the Comeback Date (as defined below), and subject to further Order of this Court in respect of urgent motions, any interested party wishing to object to the relief sought in a motion brought by the Respondents, the Monitor, or the Bridging Receiver in these proceedings shall, subject to further Order of this Court, provide the service list in these proceedings (the "**Service List**") with responding motion materials or a written notice (including by e-mail) stating its objection to the motion and the grounds for such objection by no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard/Daylight Time on the date that is two (2) days prior to the date such motion is returnable (the "**Objection Deadline**"). The Monitor shall have the ability to extend the Objection Deadline by notice in writing.

50. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that following the expiry of the Objection Deadline, counsel to the Monitor shall inform the Court, including by way of a 9:30 a.m. appointment, of the absence or the status of any objections to the motion and the judge having carriage of the motion may determine (a) whether a hearing in respect of the motion is necessary, (b) if a hearing is necessary, the date and time of the hearing, (c) whether such hearing will be in person, by telephone or videoconference, or by written submissions only, and (d) the parties from whom submissions are required. In the absence of any such determination, a hearing will be held in the ordinary course on the date specified in the notice of motion.

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51. **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 on June 10, 2022, or such other date as may be set by this Court upon the granting of this Order (the “**Comeback Date**”), and any such interested party shall give not less than two (2) 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 Date; provided, however, that the Chargees shall be entitled to rely on this Order as issued and entered and on the Charges and priorities set forth in paragraphs 39 and 41 hereof with respect to any fees, expenses and disbursements incurred, as applicable, until the date this Order may be amended, varied or stayed.

52. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, notwithstanding paragraph 51 of this Order, the Respondents or the Monitor may from time to time apply to this Court to amend, vary, supplement or replace this Order, or for advice and directions in the discharge of their respective powers and duties under this Order or the interpretation or application of this Order.

53. **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 any of the Respondents, the Business, the Property, the MJar Subsidiaries, or any of the business or property of the MJar Subsidiaries.

54. **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 Respondents, 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 Respondents 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 Respondents and the Monitor and their respective agents in carrying out the terms of this Order.

55. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that each of the Respondents 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.

56. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that this Order and all of its provisions are effective as of 12:01 a.m. Eastern Standard/Daylight Time on the date of this Order.



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Chief Justice G.B. Morawetz

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

Court File No. CV-22-00682101-00CL

**AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT  
INVOLVING MJARDIN GROUP, INC., GROWFORCE HOLDINGS INC., 8586985  
CANADA CORPORATION AND HIGHGRADE MMJ CORPORATION**

Respondents

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