

**SUPERIOR COURT
(Commercial Division)**

**CANADA
PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC
DISTRICT OF MONTRÉAL
N° : 500-11-0623662-237**

IN THE MATTER OF THE *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*, RSC 1985, c C-36 of:

**ÉBÉNISTERIE ST-URBAIN LTÉE
WOODLORE INTERNATIONAL INC.**
Debtors

and

RAYMOND CHABOT INC.
Proposed Monitor

INITIAL ORDER¹

CONSIDERING the *Application for an Initial Order and related provisions* under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, as amended (the "**CCAA**"), filed by Ébénisterie St-Urbain Ltée and Woodlore International Inc. (the "**Debtors**"), the exhibits and the affidavit of Mr. Napoléon Boucher filed in support thereof (the "**Application**"), the consent of Raymond Chabot. Inc. to act as monitor ("**RCI**" or the "**Monitor**"), as well as the report of RCI as Monitor dated May 11, 2023, having relied on the representations of counsel and having been advised that all interested parties, including secured creditors who are likely to be affected by the charges made pursuant to this initial order, have been given prior notice of the filing of the Application;

CONSIDERING the provisions of the CCAA;

CONSIDERING it is appropriate, *inter alia*, to make an initial order under the CCAA providing for, among other things, the stay of all proceedings against the Debtors and their assets (including any proceedings to reclaim those assets);

¹ In case of discrepancy between the French and English versions of this Initial Order, the French version shall prevail.

THE COURT:

[1] **GRANTS** the Application.

[2] **ISSUES** an order pursuant to the CCAA (the "**Initial Order**"), divided under the following headings:

- Service
- Application of the CCAA
- Effective Time
- Administrative Consolidation
- Plan of Arrangement
- Stay of Proceedings against the Debtors and the Property
- Stay of Proceedings against the Directors
- Possession of Property and Operations
- No Exercise or Rights or Remedies
- No Interference with Rights
- Continuation of Services
- Non-Derogation of Rights
- Interim Financing
- Directors' and Officers' Indemnification and Charge
- Powers of the Monitor
- Priorities and General Provisions Relating to CCAA Charges
- Information Agent
- General

Service

[3] **ORDERS** that any prior delay for the presentation of the Application is hereby abridged and validated so that the Application is properly returnable today.

[4] **DECLARES** that sufficient prior notice of the presentation of this Application has been given by the Debtors to interested parties, including the secured creditor which is likely to be affected by the charges created herein.

[5] **ALLOWS** the notification of the Initial Order at any time, place and by any means, including by email.

Application of the CCAA

[6] **DECLARES** that the Debtors are debtor companies to which the CCAA applies.

Effective Time

[7] **DECLARES** that this Initial Order and all of its provisions are effective as of 12:01 a.m. Montréal time, province of Québec, at the date of the granting of this Initial Order (the “**Effective Time**”).

Administrative Consolidation

[8] **ORDERS** the consolidation of the CCAA proceedings of the Debtors (the “**CCAA Proceedings**”) under one single Court file, in file number 500-11-0623662-237.

[9] **ORDERS** that all proceedings, filings, and other matters in the CCAA Proceedings be filed jointly and together by the Debtors under file number 500-11-0623662-237.

[10] **DECLARES** that the consolidation of these CCAA Proceedings in respect of the Debtors shall be, at this time, for administrative purposes only and shall not affect a consolidation of the assets and property or of the debts and obligations of each of the Debtors including, without limitation, for the purposes of any Plan or Plans that may be hereafter proposed.

Plan of Arrangement

[11] **DECLARES** that the Debtors shall have the sole authority to file with this Court and to submit to their creditors one or more plans of compromise or arrangement (collectively, the “**Plan**” or the “**Plans**”) in accordance with the CCAA.

Stay of Proceedings against the Debtors and the Property

[12] **ORDERS** that, until and including May 18, 2023 or such later date as the Court may determine (the “**Stay Period**”), no proceeding, remedy, enforcement action in any court or tribunal or remedy, including without limitation, any action, claim, arbitration proceeding, lawsuit, right of enforcement, right of judicial or extrajudicial termination, right of judicial or extrajudicial rescission, right of revendication, right of set-off between mutual claims arising prior to the date of the Initial Order or mutual claims arising, respectively, prior to and subsequent to the date of the Initial Order, seizure or enforcement (collectively, “**Proceedings**”) may not be commenced or continued against or in respect of the Debtors, or which affects the business and affairs of the Debtors (the “**Business**”) or the Property (as defined herein below), including as provided in paragraph [20] herein except with leave of

this Court. Any and all Proceedings currently under way against or in respect of the Debtors or affecting the Business or the Property are hereby stayed and suspended pending further order of this Court, the whole subject to section 11.1 of the CCAA.

[13] **ORDERS** that the rights of Her Majesty in right of Canada and Her Majesty in right of a Province are suspended in accordance with the terms hereof and the terms and conditions of section 11.09 of the CCAA.

[14] **AUTHORIZES** the Debtors to make an oral request to the Court on May 18, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., for an extension of the Stay Period and continuation of the other orders entered in this Initial Order until May 24, 2023, without the need to file a written request to that effect, and **RELEASES** the Monitor from filing a report in conjunction with this oral request for an extension of the Stay Period.

Stay of Proceedings against Directors

[15] **ORDERS** that during the Stay Period and except as permitted under subsection 11.03(2) of the CCAA, no Proceeding may be commenced, or continued against any former, present or future director or officer of the Debtors (each, a "**Director**", and collectively the "**Directors**") in respect of any claim against such Director which arose prior to the Effective Time and which relates to any obligation of the Debtors where it is alleged that any of the Directors is under any law liable in such capacity for the payment of such obligation.

Possession of Property and Operations

[16] **ORDERS** that the Debtors shall remain in possession and control of their present and future assets, rights, undertakings and properties of every nature and kind whatsoever, and wherever situated, including all proceeds thereof and all bank accounts (collectively the "**Property**") the whole in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Initial Order.

[17] **ORDERS** that, subject to this Initial Order, each of the Debtors are authorized to complete outstanding transactions and engage in new transactions with other Debtors, and to continue, on and after the date of this Initial Order, to buy and sell properties and services, and allocate, collect and pay costs, expenses and other amounts from and to the other Debtors, or any of them (collectively, the "**Intercompany Transactions**") in the ordinary course of business. All ordinary course Intercompany Transactions among the Debtors shall continue on terms consistent with existing arrangements or past practice, subject to such changes thereto, or to such governing principles, policies or procedures as the Monitor may require, or subject to this Initial Order or further order of this Court.

[18] **ORDERS** that, subject to this Initial Order and the CCAA, the Debtors may pay, but shall not be obligated to pay, all reasonable expenses incurred by the Debtors in the operation of their respective business in the ordinary course of business after this Initial Order, and in carrying out the provisions of this Initial Order, which expenses may include, but are not limited to, payment for properties or services actually provided to the Debtors after the date of this Initial Order.

[19] **AUTHORIZES** that the Debtors shall, in accordance with legal requirements, remit or pay:

- (a) any amounts deemed to be held in trust by law in favour of the Crown in right of Canada or a province of Canada, or any other taxing authority, that are required by law, including without limitation (i) Employment Insurance (ii) Canada Pension Plan (iii) Québec Pension Plan and (iv) Income Taxes; and
- (b) any applicable properties and services, harmonized sales or other sales taxes (collectively, "**Sales Taxes**") required to be remitted by the Debtors, but only where Sales Taxes are due or collected after the date of this Initial Order.

No Exercise of Rights or Remedies

[20] **ORDERS** that during the Stay Period, and subject to, *inter alia*, subsection 11.1 of the CCAA, all rights and remedies (including any right of rescission or claim) of any individual, natural person, firm, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, trust, joint venture, association, organization, governmental body or agency, or any other entity (all of the foregoing, collectively being "**Persons**" and each being a "**Person**") against or in respect of the Debtors, of affecting the Business, the Property or any part thereof, are hereby stayed and suspended except with leave of this Court.

[21] **ORDERS** that the exercise of any rights under an account control agreement, account lock-up agreement, or wire transfer control or blocking agreement between any creditor and any of the Debtors, including the exercise of such rights by the principal secured creditor of the Debtors, HSBC Bank Canada ("**HSBC**"), is hereby suspended, except with the permission of the Court. Any EFT electronic funds transfer (electronic funds transfer), excluding wire transfers, shall be subject to prior written notice to HSBC at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to initiation.

[22] **DECLARES** that, to the extent any rights, obligations, or prescription, time or limitation periods, including, without limitation, to file grievances, relating to the Debtors or any of the

Property or the Business may expire (other than pursuant to the terms of any contracts, agreements or arrangements of any nature whatsoever), the term of such rights, obligations, or prescription, time or limitation periods shall hereby be deemed to be extended by a period equal to the Stay Period. Without limitation to the foregoing, in the event that the Debtors, or any of them, become(s) bankrupt or a receiver as defined in subsection 243(2) of the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* (Canada) (the "**BIA**") is appointed in respect of any of the Debtors, the period between the date of this Initial Order and the day on which the Stay Period ends shall not be calculated in respect of the Debtors in determining the thirty (30) day periods referred to in sections 81.1 and 81.2 of the BIA.

No Interference with Rights

[23] **ORDERS** that during the Stay Period, no Person shall discontinue, fail to renew per the same terms and conditions, honour, alter, interfere with, repudiate, resiliate, terminate or cease to perform any right, renewal right, contract, agreement, licence or permit in favour of or held by the Debtors, except with the written consent of the Debtors and the Monitor, or with leave of this Court.

Continuation of Services

[24] **ORDERS** that during the Stay Period and subject to subsection 11.01 of the CCAA, all Persons having verbal or written agreements with the Debtors or statutory or regulatory mandates for the supply of goods or services, including without limitation all computer software, communication and other data services, centralized banking services, payroll services, insurance, transportation, utility or other properties or services made available to the Debtors, are hereby restrained until further order of this Court from discontinuing, failing to renew per the same terms and conditions, altering, interfering with, terminating the supply, refusing to supply, or, where the case may be, interrupting, delaying or stopping the transit of such properties or services as may be required by the Debtors, and that the Debtors shall be entitled to the continued use of their current premises, telephone numbers, facsimile numbers, internet addresses, domain names or other services, provided in each case that the normal prices or charges for all such properties or services received after the date of this Initial Order are paid by the Debtors, without having to provide any security deposit or any other security, in accordance with normal payment practices of the Debtors or such other practices as may be agreed upon by the supplier or service provider and the Debtors, with the consent of the Monitor, or as may be ordered by this Court.

[25] **ORDERS** that, notwithstanding anything else contained herein and subject to subsection 11.01 of the CCAA, no Person shall be prohibited from requiring immediate payment for properties, services, use of leased or licensed property or other valuable consideration provided to the Debtors on or after the date of this Initial Order, nor shall any Person be under any obligation on or after the date of this Initial Order to make further advance of money or otherwise extend any credit to the Debtors.

[26] **ORDERS** that, without limiting the generality of the foregoing and subject to section 21 of the CCAA, where applicable, cash or cash equivalents deposited by the Debtors with any Person, including any financial institution, during the Stay Period, whether in a bank account or in another account, for itself or for another entity, may not be used by such Person to (i) reduce or repay amounts owing as of the date of the Initial Order or due on or before the expiration of the Stay Period, (ii) pay interest or charges thereon. However, this provision shall not prevent a financial institution from (i) reimbursing itself for the amount of any check drawn by the Debtors and properly honored by such institution, or (ii) withholding the amount of any check or other instrument deposited to the account of the Debtors until it has been honored by the financial institution upon which it was drawn.

Non-Derogation of Rights

[27] **ORDERS** that, notwithstanding the foregoing, any Person who provided any kind of letter of credit, guarantee or bond (the "**Issuing Party**") at the request of any of the Debtors shall be required to continue honouring any and all such letters, guarantees and bonds, issued on or before the date of this Initial Order, provided that all conditions under such letters, guarantees and bonds are met save and except for defaults resulting from this Initial Order. However, the Issuing Party shall be entitled, where applicable, to retain the bills of lading, shipping slips or other documents relating thereto until paid.

Interim Financing

[28] **ORDERS** that the Debtors are authorized to borrow, repay and reborrow from HSBC (the "**Interim Lender**") such amounts from time to time as they may consider necessary or desirable, up to a maximum principal amount of \$1,000,000 outstanding at any time, all on the terms and conditions of the existing credit facilities, plus \$1,000,000 in excess of the outstanding indebtedness of \$12,798,377.07 (the "**Interim Financing Terms and Conditions**"), for the purpose of financing the ongoing expenses of the Debtors and to pay any other amounts authorized by the provisions of the Initial Order and Interim Financing Documents (as hereinafter defined) (the "**Interim Financing Facility**").

- [29] **ORDERS** that, notwithstanding any other provision of the Initial Order, the Debtors are hereby authorized to execute and deliver such credit agreements, Securities and other documents (collectively, the "**Interim Financing Documents**") as may be required by the Interim Lender in connection with the Interim Financing Facility and the Interim Financing Terms and Conditions, and that the Debtors are hereby authorized to perform all of their obligations under the Interim Financing Documents.
- [30] **ORDERS** that notwithstanding any other provision of the Initial Order, the Debtors shall pay to the Interim Lender, when due, all amounts payable (including principal, interest, fees and expenses (the "**Interim Lender Expenses**")) under the Interim Financing Documents, and shall perform all of their other obligations to the Interim Lender in accordance with the Interim Financing Facilities, the Interim Financing Documents and the Initial Order.
- [31] **DECLARES** that all of the Property of the Debtors is subject to a charge, security and hypothec in the aggregate amount of \$1,200,000 (such charge, security and hypothec being the "**Charge**"), (such charge, security and hypothec shall constitute the "**Interim Lender Charge**") in favour of the Interim Lender as security for all obligations of the Debtor(s) to the Interim Lender with respect to all amounts owing (including principal, interest and the Interim Lender Expenses) under or in connection with the Interim Financing Terms and Conditions the Interim Financing Documents. The Interim Lender Charge shall have priority as set forth in paragraph [45] of this Initial Order.
- [32] **ORDERS** that the claims of the Interim Lender pursuant to the Interim Financing Documents are not subject to settlement under the Plan or in the CCAA Proceedings and that the Interim Lender, in that capacity, shall be treated as an unaffected creditor in these proceedings and in any Plan.
- [33] **ORDERS** that the Interim Lender may:
- 33.1 notwithstanding any other provision of this Initial Order, take such steps from time to time as it may deem necessary or appropriate to register, record or publish the Interim Lender Charge and the Interim Financing Documents in all jurisdictions where it deems appropriate; and
- 33.2 notwithstanding the terms of the paragraph to follow, refuse to make any advance to the Debtors if they fail to meet the provisions of the Interim Financing Terms and Conditions and the Interim Financing Documents.

- [34] **ORDERS** that the Interim Lender shall not take any enforcement steps under the Interim Financing Documents or the Interim Lender Charge unless it has given at least five (5) business days' written notice (the "**Notice Period**") of a default thereunder to the Debtors, the Monitor and to creditors whose rights are recorded or published at the appropriate registers or requesting a copy of such notice. Upon the expiration of the Notice Period, Interim Lender shall have the right to take all actions provided for in the Interim Financing Documents and the Interim Lender Charge and otherwise permitted by law, but without being required to give any notice under section 244 of the BIA.
- [35] **ORDERS** that subject to further order of this Court, no order shall be made modifying, rescinding or otherwise affecting paragraphs [28] through [34] hereof shall be issued unless (a) notice of an application for such order is served on the Interim Lender by the party making such an application within seven (7) days after such party is served with this Initial Order or (b) the Interim Lender applies for or consents to such order.

Directors' and Officers' Indemnification and Charge

- [36] **ORDERS** that the Debtors shall indemnify their Directors from all claims relating to any obligations or liabilities which they may incur and which have accrued by reason of or in relation to their respective capacities as directors or officers of the Debtors after the Effective Time, except where such obligations or liabilities were incurred as a result of such Director's gross negligence, willful misconduct or gross or intentional fault as further detailed in section 11.51 of the CCAA.
- [37] **DECLARES** that the Directors of the Debtors shall have and are hereby granted a Charge, security and hypothec on the Property up to an aggregate amount of \$650,000 (the "**Directors' and Officers' Charge**"), as security for the indemnification obligation set forth in paragraph [36] hereof as it relates to the obligations and liabilities that the Directors may incur while acting in such capacity as of the Effective Time. The Directors' and Officers' Charge shall have the priority established in paragraph [45] of this Initial Order.
- [38] **ORDERS** that, notwithstanding any provision of an applicable insurance policy to the contrary, (a) no insurer shall be subrogated to the Directors' and Officers' Charge or be entitled to claim benefits therefrom and (b) the Directors shall have the benefit of the Directors' and Officers' Charge only to the extent that they do not have directors' or officers' insurance coverage, or to the extent that such coverage is insufficient to pay the amounts the Directors are entitled to receive as indemnification pursuant to paragraph [36] of the Initial Order.

Powers of the Monitor

[39] **ORDERS** that RCI is hereby appointed as Monitor to supervise the business and financial affairs of the Debtors as an officer of this Court (the "**Monitor**") and that the Monitor, in addition to the prescribed powers and obligations, referred to in section 23 of the CCAA:

- (a) shall, as soon as practicable (i) post on the Monitor's website (the "**Website**") a notice containing the information prescribed by the CCAA, (ii) make the Initial Order public in the manner prescribed by the CCAA, (iii) send, in the manner prescribed by the CCAA, a notice to all known creditors with a claim of more than \$1000 against the Debtors, (iv) prepare a list of the names and addresses of such creditors and the estimated amount of their respective claims and make such list available to the public in the prescribed manner, all in accordance with subsection 23(1)(a) of the CCAA and the regulations made thereunder;
- (b) shall supervise the Debtors' receipts and disbursements;
- (c) shall assist the Debtors, to the extent required by the Debtors, in dealing with their creditors and other interested Persons during the Stay Period;
- (d) shall assist the Debtors, to the extent required by the Debtors, with the preparation of their cash flow projections and any other projections or reports and the development, negotiation and implementation of the Plan;
- (e) shall advise and assist the Debtors, to the extent required by the Debtors, to review the Debtors' business and assess opportunities for cost reduction, revenue enhancement and operating efficiencies;
- (f) shall report to the Court on the state of the business and financial affairs of the Debtors or developments in these proceedings or any related proceedings within the time limits set forth in the CCAA and at such time as considered appropriate by the Monitor or as the Court may order;
- (g) may retain and employ such agents, advisers and other assistants as are reasonably necessary for the purpose of carrying out the terms of this Initial Order, including, without limitation, one or more entities related to or affiliated with the Monitor;

- (h) may engage legal counsel to the extent the Monitor considers necessary in connection with the exercise of its powers or the discharge of its obligations in these proceedings and any related proceeding, under this Initial Order or under the CCAA;
- (i) may act as "foreign representative" of the Debtors or in any similar capacity in any foreign insolvency, bankruptcy or restructuring proceedings;
- (j) may give any consent or approval that may be required by the Initial Order or the CCAA;
- (k) may hold amounts in trust in connection with these proceedings; and
- (l) may perform such other duties as are required by this Initial Order or the CCAA or by this Court from time to time.

Unless expressly authorized by the Court, the Monitor shall not otherwise interfere with the business and financial affairs of the Debtors, and the Monitor shall have no authority to take possession of the Property or direct the business or financial affairs of the Debtors.

[40] **ORDERS** that the Debtors and its Directors, officers, employees and agents, accountants, auditors and any other Persons notified of the Initial Order shall promptly grant the Monitor unrestricted access to all Property and Business, including, without limitation, the premises, books, records and data, including data in electronic form, and all other documents of the Debtors in connection with the Monitor's obligations and responsibilities hereunder.

[41] **DECLARES** that the Monitor may provide information to creditors and other affected parties in interest upon written request to the Monitor, with a copy to counsel for the Debtors. The Monitor shall have no obligation or liability with respect to any such information provided by the Monitor pursuant to the Initial Order or the CCAA. In the case of information of a confidential, proprietary or competitive nature, the Monitor shall not disclose such information to any Person without the consent of the affected Debtors, unless otherwise directed by the Court.

[42] **DECLARES** that no action or other Proceeding may be brought against the Monitor or any of its representatives by reason of its appointment, conduct as a Monitor, or the enforcement of the provisions of a Court order, except with the prior approval of the Court and upon at least seven (7) days' notice to the Monitor and its counsel. Entities related to the Monitor or

affiliated with the Monitor that are referred to in paragraph [39](g) hereof shall also be entitled to the safeguards, benefits and privileges conferred upon the Monitor under this paragraph.

[43] **ORDERS** the Debtors to pay the reasonable fees and disbursements of its financial advisors, the Monitor, counsel for the Monitor (Stikeman Elliott LLP) and counsel for the Debtors (McCarthy Tétrault LLP) directly related to this proceeding, the Plan or the Restructuring, whether incurred before or after the date of the Initial Order, and to each of them a reasonable retainer for such fees and disbursements in advance upon demand to this end.

[44] **DECLARES** that, as security for the professional fees and disbursements of the Debtors' financial advisors, the Monitor, the Monitor's counsel and the Debtors' counsel incurred both before and after the date of the Initial Order in respect of these proceedings, the Plan and the Restructuring, shall have the benefit of and are hereby granted a charge, security and hypothec on the Property, up to an aggregate amount of \$350,000 (the "**Administration Charge**"), in accordance with the priority set forth in paragraph [45] hereof.

Priorities and General Provisions Relating to CCAA Charges

[45] **DECLARES** that the priorities of the Administration Charge, the Directors' and Officers' Charge, and the Interim Lender Charge (collectively, the "**CCAA Charges**"), with respect to any Property to which they apply, shall be as follows:

- (a) first, the Administration Charge;
- (b) second, the Directors' and Officers' Charge; and
- (c) third, the Interim Lender Charge.

[46] **DECLARES** that each of the CCAA Charges ranks senior and in priority to any other mortgages, pledges, securities, liens, charges or encumbrances of any kind (collectively, the "**Securities**") on any of the Property affected by such Charges.

[47] **RESERVES** the rights of the Crown to make representations with respect to the priority of the Interim Lender Charge over the deemed Crown trusts, if any and if necessary.

[48] **ORDERS** that, except as otherwise expressly provided herein, the Debtors shall not grant any Securities in any Property ranking equal to or higher than the CCAA Charge, except with the prior written approval of the Monitor and the prior approval of the Court.

- [49] **DECLARES** that each of the CCAA Charges attaches, as of the Effective Time, to all of the Debtors' present and future Property, notwithstanding any requirement to obtain the consent of any party to such a charge or to comply with any condition precedent.
- [50] **DECLARES** that the CCAA Charges and the rights and remedies of the beneficiaries of the CCAA Charges, as applicable, shall be valid and enforceable and not otherwise be limited or impaired in any way by: (i) these proceedings and the declarations of insolvency made herein; (ii) any application(s) for receiving order(s) issued pursuant to the BIA, or any receiving order made pursuant to such application(s) or any assignment of property made or deemed to be made in respect of any of the Debtors; (iii) any covenants, prohibitions or other similar provisions relating to borrowings, indebtedness or Securities are contained in any agreement, lease, sublease, offer to lease or other arrangement binding on the Debtors (a "**Third-Party Agreement**") and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Third-Party Agreement:
- (a) the creation of any of the CCAA Charges shall not create nor be deemed to constitute a breach by the Debtors of any Third-Party Agreement to which the Debtor is a party; and
 - (b) the beneficiaries of the CCAA Charges shall not be liable to any Person as a result of any breach of any Third-Party Agreement caused by or resulting from the creation of the CCAA Charges.
- [51] **DECLARES** that notwithstanding: (i) these proceedings and the declarations of insolvency made herein; (ii) any application for a bankruptcy order issued pursuant to BIA, or any receiving order made pursuant to such an application or any assignment of property made or deemed to be made in respect of any of the Debtors; and (iii) the provisions of any federal or provincial statute, the payments or disposition of Property made by any of the Debtor pursuant to this Amended and Restated Initial Order and the granting of the CCAA Charges, do not and will not constitute settlements, fraudulent preferences, fraudulent conveyances or other challengeable or reviewable transactions or conduct meriting an oppression remedy under any applicable law.
- [52] **DECLARES** that the CCAA Charges shall be valid and enforceable as against all Property of the Debtors and against all Persons, including, without limitation, any trustee in bankruptcy, receiver or interim receiver of the Debtors, for all purposes.

Information Agent

[53] **ACKNOWLEDGES** the undertaking of the Debtors and the Monitor:

53.1 to provide HSBC's information agent, Ernst & Young Inc. (the "**Information Agent**") with the following information in connection with the Debtors' CCAA Proceedings:

- (a) projections of cash flow changes, assumptions on which the projections are based, and comparisons to changes in the Debtors' cash flow, with explanations for material variances, all on an unconsolidated basis;
- (b) any documents relating to a solicitation, sale or investment process, if any, provided that the Information Agent shall not receive information as to offers received to the extent that HSBC or its affiliates are involved in the solicitation, sale and investment process; and
- (c) any other information requested by the Information Agent, acting reasonably;

53.2 to notify the Information Agent in advance of any proposed termination of the Debtors' lease or contract, if any, and permit HSBC to alternatively propose an assignment of such lease or contract with full assumption of the obligations thereunder, provided that HSBC's response thereto shall be given within five (5) business days after notice of such termination is given to the Information Agent;

53.3 to provide the Information Agent with any proof of claim filed against the Debtors; and

53.4 to cooperate fully with the Information Agent in the performance of its obligations.

[54] **ACKNOWLEDGES** the commitment of the Information Agent to cooperate fully with the Monitor to assist the Monitor in the performance of its duties under this Initial Order and shall, as such, share all information that the Monitor may require for this purpose.

[55] **DECLARES** that the fees and disbursements of the Information Agent shall be paid by the Debtors and secured by the Administration Charge.

[56] **DECLARES** that the Information Agent's claims for fees and disbursements are not claims that can be compromised under a plan, compromise, or arrangement under the CCAA.

[57] **DECLARES** that the Information Agent:

- 57.1 shall not be deemed the employer, for any purpose, with respect to the operation or continuation of the Debtors' business;
- 57.2 shall not be deemed operating or carrying on the business of the Debtors for any purpose;
- 57.3 is not by reason of this Initial Order or any act done in the exercise of its duties and powers under this Initial Order, deemed to be in possession of the Property within the meaning of any federal, provincial or other law, statute, regulation or rule of law or equity relating to the protection, conservation, enhancement, rehabilitation or remediation of the environment or relating to the disposal of waste or other contamination, and regulations thereunder;
- 57.4 shall incur no liability whatsoever for any act done in connection with this Initial Order, including, without limitation, with respect to the accuracy of any information that the Information Agent, in its sole discretion, makes available to the Debtors, the Monitor, or any other stakeholder in the CCAA Proceedings, except for gross negligence or willful misconduct, and no action or other Proceeding shall be commenced against the Information Agent, relating to its appointment, conduct as Information Agent or the implementation of the provisions of any order of this Court, except with the prior approval of this Court, upon at least seven (7) days' notice to the Information Agent and its counsel.

General

- [58] **ORDERS** that no Person shall commence, proceed with or enforce any Proceedings against any of the Directors, employees, counsel or financial advisors of the Debtors or the Monitor in relation with the Business or Property of the Debtors, without first obtaining leave of this Court, upon five (5) days prior written notice to the Debtors counsel, the Monitor's counsel, and all those referred to in this paragraph who are proposed to be named in such Proceedings.
- [59] **DECLARES** that this Initial Order and any proceeding or affidavit leading to this Initial Order, shall not, in and of themselves, constitute a default or failure to comply by the Debtors under any statute, regulation, licence, permit, contract, permission, covenant, agreement, undertaking or other written document or requirement.
- [60] **DECLARES** that, except as otherwise specified herein, the Debtors and the Monitor are at liberty to serve any notice, proof of claim form, proxy, circular or other document in connection with these proceedings by forwarding copies by prepaid ordinary mail, courier, personal delivery or electronic transmission to Persons or other appropriate parties at their

respective given addresses as last shown on the records of the Debtors and that any such service shall be deemed to be received on the date of delivery if by personal delivery or electronic transmission, on the following business day if delivered by courier, or three (3) business days after mailing if by ordinary mail.

- [61] **DECLARES** that the Debtors and any party to these proceedings may serve any court materials in these proceedings on all represented parties electronically, by emailing an electronic copy of such materials to counsel's email addresses.
- [62] **DECLARES** that, except as otherwise provided herein, in the CCAA or by order of the Court, no document, order or other element need be served on any Person in respect of these proceedings unless that Person has served a notice of appearance on counsel for the Debtors and the Monitor and filed it with the Court, or unless that Person appears on the notice list prepared by the Monitor or its counsel, unless the order sought is in respect of a Person who is not already involved in these proceedings.
- [63] **DECLARES** that Exhibits R-2 to R-6 in support of the Application, Exhibits R-1, R-8, R-9, R-10, R-1-1, R-12, R-13 of the *HSBC Receivership Application* and the Monitor's Report filed in support of the Application are kept confidential and under seal until further order of the Court to the contrary, and **ACKNOWLEDGES** the Debtors' undertaking to disclose these documents to certain creditors upon execution of a confidentiality undertaking.
- [64] **DECLARES** that the Debtors or the Monitor may from time to time apply to the Court for directions with respect to the exercise of their respective powers, duties and rights hereunder or with respect to the proper enforcement of the Initial Order, solely by notice to the other party.
- [65] **DECLARES** that any interested Person may apply to the Court to vary or rescind the Initial Order or for other relief on five (5) days' notice to the Debtors, the Monitor and any other party likely to be affected by the order sought or on such other notice, if any, as the Court may direct, and that any such application or motion shall be filed during the Stay Period arising from the Initial Order unless the Court orders otherwise.
- [66] **DECLARES** that the Initial Order and all other orders in these proceedings are fully enforceable and in force in all provinces and territories of Canada.
- [67] **DECLARES** that the Debtors are authorized to apply, as they deem necessary or desirable, with or without notice, to any other court or administrative agency in Canada, the United

States of America or abroad for orders assisting with the Initial Order and any subsequent court order supplementing the Initial Order and, without limiting the foregoing, an order under Chapter 15 of the *U.S. Bankruptcy Code*, for which Ébénisterie St-Urbain Ltée. shall be the foreign representative of the Debtors. All courts and administrative agencies in all such jurisdictions are hereby respectively requested to issue such orders and to provide such assistance to the Debtors as may be deemed necessary or appropriate for such purpose.

[68] **REQUESTS** the assistance and recognition of any court or administrative agency of any province in Canada, any federal court or administrative agency in Canada, and any federal or state court or administrative agency in the United States of America and any foreign court or administrative agency to assist and support the Court in enforcing the terms of the Initial Order.

[69] **ORDERS** the provisional execution of this Initial Order notwithstanding any appeal.

Montréal, May 12, 2023

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