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COURT COURT OF KING'S BENCH OF ALBERTA
JUDICIAL CENTRE CALGARY
MATTERS IN THE MATTER OF THE NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MAKE A PROPOSAL UNDER THE *BANKRUPTCY AND INSOLVENCY ACT*, R.S.C. 1985, c. B-3, AS AMENDED, OF GRIFFON PARTNERS OPERATION CORP., GRIFFON PARTNERS HOLDING CORP., GRIFFON PARTNERS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LTD., SPICELO LIMITED, STELLION LIMITED, 2437799 ALBERTA LTD., 2437801 ALBERTA LTD. and 2437815 ALBERTA LTD.



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APPLICANTS TRAFIGURA CANADA LIMITED and SIGNAL ALPHA C4 LIMITED

RESPONDENT SPICELO LIMITED

DOCUMENT **APPLICATION**

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NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT

This application is made against you. You are a respondent.

You have the right to state your side of this matter before the Court.

To do so, you must be in Court when the application is heard as shown below:

Date:	February 6, 2024
Time:	3:00 p.m.
Where:	Via Webex (https://albertacourts.webex.com/meet/virtual.courtroom60)
Before Whom:	The Honourable Justice Johnston presiding on the Commercial Duty List

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Purpose of Application:

1. The Applicants, Trafigura Canada Limited ("**Trafigura**") and Signal Alpha C4 Limited ("**Signal**" and with Trafigura, the "**Lenders**"), are secured creditors of Spicelo Limited ("**Spicelo**"). Spicelo is one of seven corporate guarantors who are indebted to the Lenders in the amount of approximately \$51M CAD, all relating to a loan advanced to Griffon Partners Operation Corp. ("**GPOC**") in July of 2022 (the "**Loan**").
2. Spicelo has no corporate relationship to GPOC or the other guarantors, but is a private holding company for one of GPOC's directors, Jonathan Klesch. Spicelo has no assets except shares (the "**Pledged Shares**") of Greenfire Resources Ltd. ("**Greenfire**"), which have specifically been pledged to the Lender in support of Spicelo's guarantee of the Loan. Spicelo does not carry on business or have any employees.
3. While GPOC has other creditors beside the Lenders, Spicelo has no proven creditors except the Lenders.
4. GPOC and the other guarantors, including Spicelo, filed a Notice of Intention to Make a Proposal ("**NOI**") under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*, RSC 1985, c B-3 (the "**BIA**") on August 25, 2023. The Lenders are the primary secured creditors in the NOI proceedings and represent approximately 68% of creditor claims against GPOC, and at least 98% of the creditor claims against Spicelo.
5. The initial NOI stay period has subsequently been extended a total of three times and is currently set to expire on February 6, 2024.
6. Since October 18, 2023, the Debtors have been engaged in a Sales and Investment Solicitation Process (the "**SISP**") to explore a sale of GPOC's various oil and gas assets (the "**GPOC Assets**") or, alternatively, refinancing and investment opportunities that could, in theory, enable the Debtors to make a viable proposal. The assets of Spicelo were specifically carved out from the SISP process - the shares of Greenfire were not offered for sale, but instead offered up as part of collateral package in the event there was a bidder willing to do a full refinancing of GPOC's debt. .
7. The deadline for final bids pursuant to the SISP expired on January 22, 2024 (after being extended unilaterally by the Proposal Trustee from its original deadline of January 8, 2024). The Lenders signed a non-disclosure agreement which prohibits them from disclosing information with respect to the SISP, except as already disclosed through public filings by the Proposal Trustee. The Proposal Trustee will be filing a Report next week along with a

confidential report outlining the results of the SISP to date. It is sufficient to say that there is no evidence that the Pledged Shares will form part of any potential full refinancing, and recourse will have to be to the Spicelo assets in order to see the Lenders repaid in full.

8. Further details with respect to the SISP are contained in a confidential affidavit of Dave Gallagher, filed alongside this application. The Lenders seek a restricted court access order (sealing order) with respect to this affidavit, as the SISP is ongoing and the confidentiality of the process must continue to be protected.
9. The NOI process to date, including the SISP, has incurred professional fees of over \$2.1 million dollars in five months. Approximately \$1.4 million of this amount is attributable to fees of Alvarez and Marsal Canada Inc. (the "**Proposal Trustee**") as Proposal Trustee, their counsel, and Alvarez and Marsal Canada Securities ULC (the "**Transaction Agent**") as sales agent. The Lenders have continually expressed their dismay and concern with respect to the excessive fees incurred during this process.
10. The Lenders now wish to engage in a process to efficiently and cost-effectively enforce their right to execute on the share pledge given by Spicelo. The Lenders have a contractual right to appoint a Receiver over all of Spicelo's present and after-acquired properties, assets, and undertakings, including the Pledged Shares (the "**Property**"), and it is just and convenient for a Receiver to be appointed. In all of the relevant circumstances, a Receiver is best suited to liquidate the Property, which, when combined with the sale of GPOC assets, should have sufficient value to see the Lenders paid out in full. The Debtors have indicated to the Lenders their intention to convert the NOI proceedings into a CCAA proceeding on February 6. While the Lenders agree that a CCAA proceeding for GPOC may be necessary in order to complete and close the sales process for the GPOC assets, the Lenders do not agree that a CCAA process is appropriate with respect to Spicelo.
11. Since the hearing date of this application is the afternoon of February 6, 2024, and the stay expires on midnight on February 6, 2024, it is technically necessary to bring an application to terminate the NOI proceedings with respect to Spicelo in order to lift the stay and appoint a Receiver.
12. It is clear that Spicelo's assets must be liquidated in order to see the Lenders repaid. There is no viable proposal (other than a liquidation through Receivership) which would be acceptable to the Lenders. Spicelo is unable to make a proposal which would be accepted by the Lenders.

Remedy claimed or sought:

13. The Lenders seek the following relief:

- (a) an Order, substantially in the form attached as **Schedule “A”**, for the following the relief:
 - (i) declaring that the time for service of this application (the “**Application**”) and supporting materials be abridged, that the Application is properly returnable on February 6, 2024 and that service of the Application and supporting materials, as described in the corresponding affidavit of service, is good and sufficient, and that no other persons are entitled to service of the Application or any orders arising therefrom;
 - (ii) terminating the NOI Proceedings against Spicelo pursuant to section 50.4(11) of the BIA; and
 - (iii) appointing Grant Thornton Limited as the receiver and manager (the “**Receiver**”) of all of Spicelo’s Property pursuant to section 243(1) of the BIA and sections 13(2) of the *Judicature Act*, RSA 2000, c J-2 (the “**Judicature Act**”), 99(a) of the *Business Corporations Act*, RSA 2000, c B-9 (the “**BCA**”), and 65(7) of the *Personal Property Security Act*, RSA 2000, c P-7 (the “**PPSA**”),
- (b) a restricted court access order (the “**Sealing Order**”) with respect to the Confidential Affidavit of Dave Gallagher sworn on January 29, 2024, substantially in the form attached as **Schedule “B”**; and
- (c) such further and other relief as counsel for the Lenders may advise and this Honourable Court deems appropriate.

Grounds for making this application:

Spicelo’s NOI Proceedings should be Terminated

14. Pursuant to section 50.4(11) of the *BIA*, this Court may terminate Spicelo’s NOI Proceedings if it is satisfied that at least one of the following criteria is met:

- (a) Spicelo has not acted, or is not acting, in good faith and with due diligence;

- (b) Spicelo will not likely be able to make a viable proposal before the expiration of the period in question;
 - (c) Spicelo will not likely be able to make a proposal, before the expiration of the period in question, that will be accepted by the creditors; or
 - (d) The creditors as a whole would be materially prejudiced if this application was rejected.
15. The Lenders do not believe that the SISP will produce any viable proposals with regard to Spicelo and the Pledged Shares. Spicelo will not be able to make a proposal that will be accepted by its creditors. The Lenders collectively represent 100% of the proven creditor claims against Spicelo and will not support a proposal that will substantially delay their repayment when there is sufficient value in the Pledged Shares to repay the Lenders in full. Terminating the stay of proceedings against Spicelo will not impede the conclusion of the SISP with regard to the GPOC assets, which process can continue to completion unhindered by the appointment of a Receiver over Spicelo. Spicelo is an unrelated corporate guarantor.
16. The Lenders believe that their position has been harmed by the NOI process due to excessive fees and delays, leading to increased risk exposure. The Lenders believe that the excessive professional fees incurred to date were largely unnecessary and do not wish to see the Proposal Trustee and Transaction Agent involved in another sales process with respect to the Spicelo property. Further evidence in support of the Lenders' position is contained in a confidential affidavit (the "**Confidential Affidavit**"), which will be submitted to the Court along with a request for a Sealing Order.

A Receiver should be Appointed over Spicelo

17. If this Court decides to terminate Spicelo's NOI Proceedings pursuant to section 50.4(11) of the BIA, the Lenders' intention is to enforce against the Pledged Shares held by Spicelo. The Lenders have the contractual right to the appointment of a Receiver, and believe that a Court-Appointed Receiver is the best option for realizing on this collateral.
18. In all the circumstances, it is just and equitable that a Receiver be appointed over all of the Property of Spicelo since, *inter alia*:
- (a) Spicelo is in default of its obligations under the Share Pledge;
 - (b) the Lenders are secured creditors and delivered notices of intention to enforce security under section 244 of the BIA;

- (c) the Share Pledge allows for the appointment of a receiver in the event of a default;
 - (d) the Lenders have, at all times, acted in good faith and have given GPOC and the Guarantors more than ample time to remedy the Defaults, including by waiting through three extensions of the initial stay period;
 - (e) the immediate appointment of a receiver will allow for orderly realization of the Pledged Shares in the most efficient and value maximizing manner;
 - (f) a Court-Appointed Receiver can run a sales process supervised by the Court in a fair and transparent manner;
 - (g) the Pledged Shares are publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange and do not require any special expertise to expose to the market;
 - (h) the Lenders are not constrained by any share restrictions in relation to the Pledged Shares, including the terms of a Lock-Up Agreement, and as a result, a Receiver is able to efficiently realize on the Pledged Shares as part of a Court Order;
 - (i) there is no other process acceptable to the Lenders that would enable them to adequately protect its interests;
 - (j) the Lenders' position as primary secured creditor is being unnecessarily impacted by excessive professional fees, administrative charges and protracted delays;
 - (k) there is real risk of harm and losses to the Lenders such that each will suffer a shortfall on their security if a Receiver is not appointed, especially as the Lenders do not have faith in the ability of the Proposal Trustee or the Debtors to act quickly and effectively should they remain in control of the Pledged Shares;
 - (l) the balance of convenience supports the appointment of a Receiver; and
 - (m) such further or other grounds.
19. Grant Thornton Limited, the proposed Receiver, has consented to act as Receiver. Grant Thornton Limited is qualified to act in this role, and as Spicelo is a completely separate company, and as the assets are publicly traded shares, (which are a completely different type of assets than an operating oil and gas company like GPOC) there is no need for any specific background knowledge or previous experience relating to the SISF or NOI proceedings to date.

Sealing Order

20. The Confidential Affidavit contains information that is confidential and commercially sensitive, competitively relating to the SISP and a sealing order is necessary. The grounds for the Sealing Order are more fully described in the Confidential Affidavit.
21. The proposed Sealing Order sought is the least restrictive and prejudicial alternative in the circumstances.
22. Such further and other grounds as counsel may advise and this Honourable Court may permit.

Material or evidence to be relied on:

23. All pleadings and proceedings filed in the NOI Proceeding;
24. The Affidavit of Dave Gallagher, sworn on January 29, 2024;
25. The Confidential Affidavit of Dave Gallagher, sworn on January 29, 2024;
26. Consent to Act as Receiver, Grant Thornton Limited, signed on January 24, 2024;
27. The proposed form of Receivership Order, attached hereto as **Schedule "A"**;
28. The proposed form of Sealing Order, attached hereto as **Schedule "B"**; and
29. Such further and other material as counsel for the Lender may advise and this Honourable Court may permit.

Applicable rules:

30. The *Alberta Rules of Court*, AR 124/2010, as amended, specifically Division 4 of Part 6; and
31. Such further and other Acts and regulations as counsel may advise and this Honourable Court may permit.

Applicable Acts and regulations:

32. Sections 50.4(11), 243 and 244 of the BIA;
33. Section 13(2) of the Judicature Act;
34. Section 99(a) of the BCA;
35. Section 65(7) of the PPSA; and

36. Such further and other acts and regulations as counsel for the Lenders may advise or this Honourable Court may permit.

Any Irregularity Complained of or Objection Relied on:

37. There are no irregularities complained of or objections relied on.

How the Application is Proposed to be Heard or Considered

38. Via Webex Video Conference, before the Honourable Justice Johnston on February 6, 2024 at 3:00pm.

WARNING

If you do not come to Court either in person or by your lawyer, the Court may give the applicant what they want in your absence. You will be bound by any order that the Court makes. If you want to take part in this application, you or your lawyer must attend in Court on the date and at the time shown at the beginning of this form. If you intend to rely on an affidavit or other evidence when the application is heard or considered, you must reply by giving reasonable notice of the material to the applicant.

SCHEDULE "A"

PROPOSED FORM OF RECEIVERSHIP ORDER

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DATE ON WHICH ORDER WAS PRONOUNCED: **February 6, 2024**

LOCATION OF HEARING: **Calgary Courts Centre, Calgary, Alberta**

NAME OF JUSTICE WHO GRANTED THIS ORDER: **The Honourable Justice Johnston**

UPON the application of Trafigura Canada Limited and Signal Alpha C4 Limited (the "**Lenders**") in respect of Spicelo Limited (the "**Debtor**"); AND UPON having read the Application, the Affidavit of Dave Gallagher, sworn ●, filed; and the Affidavit of Service of Zandrea de Guzman, sworn on ●; AND UPON reading the consent of Grant Thornton Limited to act as receiver (the "**Receiver**") of the Debtor, filed; AND UPON hearing counsel for the Lenders, Spicelo, counsel for the proposed Receiver and any other counsel or other interested parties present;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DECLARED THAT:

Service

1. The time for service of the notice of application for this order (the “**Order**”) is hereby abridged and deemed good and sufficient and this application is properly returnable today.

Appointment

2. Pursuant to section 243(1) of the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*, RSC 1985, c. B-3 (the “**BIA**”), and sections 13(2) of the *Judicature Act*, RSA 2000, c.J-2, 99(a) of the *Business Corporations Act*, RSA 2000, c.B-9, and 65(7) of the *Personal Property Security Act*, RSA 2000, c.P-7, Grant Thornton Limited is hereby appointed Receiver, without security, of all of the Debtor's current and future assets, undertakings and properties of every nature and kind whatsoever, and wherever situate, including all proceeds thereof (the “**Property**”).

Receiver's Powers

3. The Receiver is hereby empowered and authorized, but not obligated, to act at once in respect of the Property and, without in any way limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Receiver is hereby expressly empowered and authorized to do any of the following where the Receiver considers it necessary or desirable:
 - (a) to take possession of and exercise control over the Property and any and all proceeds, receipts and disbursements arising out of or from the Property, which shall include the Receiver's ability:
 - i. to abandon, dispose of, or otherwise release any interest in any of the Debtor's real or personal property, or any right in any immovable; and
 - ii. upon further order of the Court, to abandon, dispose of, or otherwise release any license or authorization issued by the Alberta Energy Regulator, or any other similar government authority;
 - (b) to receive, preserve and protect the Property, or any part or parts thereof, including, but not limited to, the changing of locks and security codes, the relocating of Property to safeguard it, the engaging of independent security personnel, the taking of physical inventories and the placement of such insurance coverage as may be necessary or desirable;
 - (c) to manage, operate and carry on the business of the Debtor, including the powers to enter into any agreements, incur any obligations in the ordinary course of business, cease to carry on all or any part of the business, or cease to perform any contracts of the Debtor;

- (d) to engage consultants, appraisers, agents, experts, auditors, accountants, managers, counsel and such other persons from time to time and on whatever basis, including on a temporary basis, to assist with the exercise of the Receiver's powers and duties, including without limitation those conferred by this Order;
- (e) to purchase or lease machinery, equipment, inventories, supplies, premises or other assets to continue the business of the Debtor or any part or parts thereof;
- (f) to receive and collect all monies and accounts now owed or hereafter owing to the Debtor and to exercise all remedies of the Debtor in collecting such monies, including, without limitation, to enforce any security held by the Debtor;
- (g) to settle, extend or compromise any indebtedness owing to or by the Debtor;
- (h) to execute, assign, issue and endorse documents of whatever nature in respect of any of the Property, whether in the Receiver's name or in the name and on behalf of the Debtor, for any purpose pursuant to this Order;
- (i) to undertake environmental or workers' health and safety assessments of the Property and operations of the Debtor;
- (j) to initiate, prosecute and continue the prosecution of any and all proceedings and to defend all proceedings now pending or hereafter instituted with respect to the Debtor, the Property or the Receiver, and to settle or compromise any such proceedings. The authority hereby conveyed shall extend to such appeals or applications for judicial review in respect of any order or judgment pronounced in any such proceeding, and provided further that nothing in this Order shall authorize the Receiver to defend or settle the action in which this Order is made unless otherwise directed by this Court;
- (k) to market any or all the Property, including advertising and soliciting offers in respect of the Property or any part or parts thereof and negotiating such terms and conditions of sale as the Receiver in its discretion may deem appropriate;
- (l) to sell, convey, transfer, lease or assign the Property or any part or parts thereof out of the ordinary course of business:
 - i. without the approval of this Court in respect of any transaction not exceeding \$500,000.00, provided that the aggregate consideration for all such transactions does not exceed \$500,000; and

- ii. with the approval of this Court in respect of any transaction in which the purchase price or the aggregate purchase price exceeds the applicable amount set out in the preceding clause;

and in each such case notice under subsection 60(8) of the *Personal Property Security Act*, RSA 2000, c. P-7 or any other similar legislation in any other province or territory shall not be required.

- (m) to apply for any vesting order or other orders (including, without limitation, confidentiality or sealing orders) necessary to convey the Property or any part or parts thereof to a purchaser or purchasers thereof, free and clear of any liens or encumbrances affecting such Property;
- (n) to report to, meet with and discuss with such affected Persons (as defined below) as the Receiver deems appropriate all matters relating to the Property and the receivership, and to share information, subject to such terms as to confidentiality as the Receiver deems advisable;
- (o) to register a copy of this Order and any other orders in respect of the Property against title to any of the Property, and when submitted by the Receiver for registration this Order shall be immediately registered by the Registrar of Land Titles of Alberta, or any other similar government authority, notwithstanding Section 191 of the *Land Titles Act*, RSA 2000, c. L-4, or the provisions of any other similar legislation in any other province or territory, and notwithstanding that the appeal period in respect of this Order has not elapsed and the Registrar of Land Titles shall accept all Affidavits of Corporate Signing Authority submitted by the Receiver in its capacity as Receiver of the Debtor and not in its personal capacity;
- (p) to apply for any permits, licences, approvals or permissions as may be required by any governmental authority and any renewals thereof for and on behalf of and, if thought desirable by the Receiver, in the name of the Debtor;
- (q) to enter into agreements with any trustee in bankruptcy appointed in respect of the Debtor, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the ability to enter into occupation agreements for any property owned or leased by the Debtor;
- (r) to exercise any shareholder, partnership, joint venture or other rights which the Debtor may have; and
- (s) to take any steps reasonably incidental to the exercise of these powers or the performance of any statutory obligations;

and in each case where the Receiver takes any such actions or steps, it shall be exclusively authorized and empowered to do so, to the exclusion of all other Persons, including the Debtor, and without interference from any other Person (as defined below).

Duty to Provide Access and Co-operations to the Receiver

4. (i) The Debtor, (ii) all of its current and former directors, officers, employees, agents, accountants, legal counsel and shareholders, and all other persons acting on its instructions or behalf, and (iii) all other individuals, firms, corporations, governmental bodies or agencies, or other entities having notice of this Order (all of the foregoing, collectively, being “**Persons**” and each being a “**Person**”) shall forthwith advise the Receiver of the existence of any Property in such Person's possession or control, shall grant immediate and continued access to the Property to the Receiver, and shall deliver all such Property (excluding Property subject to liens the validity of which is dependent on maintaining possession) to the Receiver upon the Receiver's request.
5. All Persons shall forthwith advise the Receiver of the existence of any books, documents, securities, contracts, orders, corporate and accounting records, and any other papers, records and information of any kind related to the business or affairs of the Debtor, and any computer programs, computer tapes, computer disks or other data storage media containing any such information (the foregoing, collectively, the “**Records**”) in that Person's possession or control, and shall provide to the Receiver or permit the Receiver to make, retain and take away copies thereof and grant to the Receiver unfettered access to and use of accounting, computer, software and physical facilities relating thereto, provided however that nothing in this paragraph or in paragraph 6 of this Order shall require the delivery of Records, or the granting of access to Records, which may not be disclosed or provided to the Receiver due to the privilege attaching to solicitor-client communication or documents prepared in contemplation of litigation or due to statutory provisions prohibiting such disclosure.
6. If any Records are stored or otherwise contained on a computer or other electronic system of information storage, whether by independent service provider or otherwise, all Persons in possession or control of such Records shall forthwith give unfettered access to the Receiver for the purpose of allowing the Receiver to recover and fully copy all of the information contained therein whether by way of printing the information onto paper or making copies of computer disks or such other manner of retrieving and copying the information as the Receiver in its discretion deems expedient, and shall not alter, erase or destroy any Records without the prior written consent of the Receiver. Further, for the purposes of this paragraph, all Persons shall provide the Receiver with all such assistance in gaining immediate access to the information in the Records as the Receiver may in its discretion require including providing the Receiver with instructions on the use of any computer or other system and providing the Receiver with any and all access codes, account names, and account numbers that may be required to gain access to the information.

No Proceedings Against the Receiver

7. No proceeding or enforcement process in any court or tribunal (each, a **"Proceeding"**), shall be commenced or continued against the Receiver except with the written consent of the Receiver or with leave of this Court.

No Proceedings Against the Debtor or the Property

8. No Proceeding against or in respect of the Debtor or the Property shall be commenced or continued except with the written consent of the Receiver or with leave of this Court and any and all Proceedings currently under way against or in respect of the Debtor or the Property are hereby stayed and suspended pending further Order of this Court, provided, however, that nothing in this Order shall: (i) prevent any Person from commencing a proceeding regarding a claim that might otherwise become barred by statute or an existing agreement if such proceeding is not commenced before the expiration of the stay provided by this paragraph; and (ii) affect a Regulatory Body's investigation in respect of the debtor or an action, suit or proceeding that is taken in respect of the debtor by or before the Regulatory Body, other than the enforcement of a payment order by the Regulatory Body or the Court. **"Regulatory Body"** means a person or body that has powers, duties or functions relating to the enforcement or administration of an Act of Parliament or of the legislature of a Province.

No Exercise of Rights of Remedies

9. All rights and remedies of any Person, whether judicial or extra-judicial, statutory or non-statutory (including, without limitation, set-off rights) against or in respect of the Debtor or the Receiver or affecting the Property are hereby stayed and suspended and shall not be commenced, proceeded with or continued except with leave of this Court, provided, however, that nothing in this Order shall:
 - (a) empower the Debtor to carry on any business that the Debtor is not lawfully entitled to carry on;
 - (b) prevent the filing of any registration to preserve or perfect a security interest;
 - (c) prevent the registration of a claim for lien; or
 - (d) exempt the Debtor from compliance with statutory or regulatory provisions relating to health, safety or the environment.
10. Nothing in this Order shall prevent any party from taking an action against the Debtor where such an action must be taken in order to comply with statutory time limitations in order to preserve their rights at law, provided that no further steps shall be taken by such party except in accordance with the other provisions of this Order, and notice in writing of such action be given to the Receiver at the first available opportunity.

No Interference with the Receiver

11. No Person shall accelerate, suspend, discontinue, fail to honour, alter, interfere with, repudiate, terminate or cease to perform any right, renewal right, contract, agreement, licence or permit in favour of or held by the Debtor, except with the written consent of the Debtor and the Receiver, or leave of this Court.

Continuation of Services

12. All persons having:

- (a) statutory or regulatory mandates for the supply of goods and/or services; or
- (b) oral or written agreements or arrangements with the Debtor, 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 Debtor,

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 the Debtor or exercising any other remedy provided under such agreements or arrangements. The Debtor 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 usual prices or charges for all such goods or services received after the date of this Order are paid by the Debtor in accordance with the payment practices of the Debtor, or such other practices as may be agreed upon by the supplier or service provider and each of the Debtor and the Receiver, or as may be ordered by this Court.

Receiver to Hold Funds

13. All funds, monies, cheques, instruments, and other forms of payments received or collected by the Receiver from and after the making of this Order from any source whatsoever, including without limitation the sale of all or any of the Property and the collection of any accounts receivable in whole or in part, whether in existence on the date of this Order or hereafter coming into existence, shall be deposited into one or more new accounts to be opened by the Receiver (the “**Post Receivership Accounts**”) and the monies standing to the credit of such Post Receivership Accounts from time to time, net of any disbursements provided for herein, shall be held by the Receiver to be paid in accordance with the terms of this Order or any further order of this Court.

Employees

14. Subject to employees’ rights to terminate their employment, all employees of the Debtor shall remain the employees of the Debtor until such time as the Receiver, on the Debtor’s behalf, may terminate the employment of such employees. The Receiver shall not be liable for any employee-related liabilities, including any successor employer liabilities as provided for in section 14.06(1.2)

of the BIA, other than such amounts as the Receiver may specifically agree in writing to pay, or in respect of its obligations under sections 81.4(5) or 81.6(3) of the BIA or under the *Wage Earner Protection Program Act*, SC 2005, c.47 (“**WEPPA**”).

15. Pursuant to clause 7(3)(c) of the *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act*, SC 2000, c. 5, the Receiver shall disclose personal information of identifiable individuals to prospective purchasers or bidders for the Property and to their advisors, but only to the extent desirable or required to negotiate and attempt to complete one or more sales of the Property (each, a “**Sale**”). Each prospective purchaser or bidder to whom such personal information is disclosed shall maintain and protect the privacy of such information and limit the use of such information to its evaluation of the Sale, and if it does not complete a Sale, shall return all such information to the Receiver, or in the alternative destroy all such information. The purchaser of any Property shall be entitled to continue to use the personal information provided to it, and related to the Property purchased, in a manner which is in all material respects identical to the prior use of such information by the Debtor, and shall return all other personal information to the Receiver, or ensure that all other personal information is destroyed.

Limitations on Environmental Liabilities

16. (a) Notwithstanding anything in any federal or provincial law, the Receiver is not personally liable in that position for any environmental condition that arose or environmental damage that occurred:
 - i. before the Receiver's appointment; or
 - ii. after the Receiver's appointment unless it is established that the condition arose or the damage occurred as a result of the Receiver's gross negligence or wilful misconduct.
- (b) Nothing in sub-paragraph (a) exempts a Receiver from any duty to report or make disclosure imposed by a law referred to in that sub-paragraph.
- (c) Notwithstanding anything in any federal or provincial law, but subject to sub-paragraph (a) hereof, where an order is made which has the effect of requiring the Receiver to remedy any environmental condition or environmental damage affecting the Property, the Receiver is not personally liable for failure to comply with the order, and is not personally liable for any costs that are or would be incurred by any person in carrying out the terms of the order,
 - i. if, within such time as is specified in the order, within 10 days after the order is made if no time is so specified, within 10 days after the appointment of the

Receiver, if the order is in effect when the Receiver is appointed, or during the period of the stay referred to in clause (ii) below, the Receiver:

- A. complies with the order, or
 - B. on notice to the person who issued the order, abandons, disposes of or otherwise releases any interest in any real property affected by the condition or damage;
- ii. during the period of a stay of the order granted, on application made within the time specified in the order referred to in clause (i) above, within 10 days after the order is made or within 10 days after the appointment of the Receiver, if the order is in effect when the Receiver is appointed, by:
- A. the court or body having jurisdiction under the law pursuant to which the order was made to enable the Receiver to contest the order; or
 - B. the court having jurisdiction in bankruptcy for the purposes of assessing the economic viability of complying with the order; or
- iii. if the Receiver had, before the order was made, abandoned or renounced or been divested of any interest in any real property affected by the condition or damage.

Limitation on the Receiver's Liability

17. Except for gross negligence or wilful misconduct, as a result of its appointment or carrying out the provisions of this Order the Receiver shall incur no liability or obligation that exceeds an amount for which it may obtain full indemnity from the Property. Nothing in this Order shall derogate from any limitation on liability or other protection afforded to the Receiver under any applicable law, including, without limitation, Section 14.06, 81.4(5) or 81.6(3) of the BIA.

Receiver's Accounts

18. The Receiver and counsel to the Receiver shall be paid their reasonable fees and disbursements, in each case, incurred at their standard rates and charges. The Receiver and counsel to the Receiver shall be entitled to the benefits of and are hereby granted a charge (the "**Receiver's Charge**") on the Property, which charge shall not exceed an aggregate amount of Enter Amount, as security for their professional fees and disbursements incurred at the normal rates and charges of the Receiver and such counsel, both before and after the making of this Order in respect of these proceedings, and the Receiver's Charge shall form a first charge on the Property in priority to all security interests, trusts, deemed trusts, liens, charges and encumbrances, statutory or otherwise, in favour of any Person but subject to section 14.06(7), 81.4(4) and 81.6(2) and 88 of the BIA.

19. The Receiver and its legal counsel shall pass their accounts from time to time.
20. Prior to the passing of its accounts, the Receiver shall be at liberty from time to time to apply reasonable amounts, out of the monies in its hands, against its fees and disbursements, including the legal fees and disbursements, incurred at the normal rates and charges of the Receiver or its counsel, and such amounts shall constitute advances against its remuneration and disbursements when and as approved by this Court.

Funding of the Receivership

21. The Receiver be at liberty and it is hereby empowered to borrow by way of a revolving credit or otherwise, such monies from time to time as it may consider necessary or desirable, provided that the outstanding principal amount does not exceed \$300,000 (or such greater amount as this Court may by further order authorize) at any time, at such rate or rates of interest as it deems advisable for such period or periods of time as it may arrange, for the purpose of funding the exercise of the powers and duties conferred upon the Receiver by this Order, including interim expenditures. The whole of the Property shall be and is hereby charged by way of a fixed and specific charge (the **"Receiver's Borrowings Charge"**) as security for the payment of the monies borrowed, together with interest and charges thereon, in priority to all security interests, trusts, deemed trusts, liens, charges and encumbrances, statutory or otherwise, in favour of any Person, but subordinate in priority to the Receiver's Charge and the charges set out in sections 14.06(7), 81.4(4) and 81.6(2) and 88 of the BIA.
22. Neither the Receiver's Borrowings Charge nor any other security granted by the Receiver in connection with its borrowings under this Order shall be enforced without leave of this Court.
23. The Receiver is at liberty and authorized to issue certificates substantially in the form annexed as Schedule "A" hereto (the **"Receiver's Certificates"**) for any amount borrowed by it pursuant to this Order.
24. The monies from time to time borrowed by the Receiver pursuant to this Order or any further order of this Court and any and all Receiver's Certificates evidencing the same or any part thereof shall rank on a *pari passu* basis, unless otherwise agreed to by the holders of any prior issued Receiver's Certificates.
25. The Receiver shall be authorized to repay any amounts borrowed by way of Receiver's Certificates out of the Property or any proceeds, including any proceeds from the sale of any assets without further approval of this Court.

Allocation

26. Any interested party may apply to this Court on notice to any other party likely to be affected, for an order allocating the Receiver's Charge and Receiver's Borrowings Charge amongst the various assets comprising the Property.

Substitution

27. In the event Spicelo is assigned into bankruptcy by operation of law or otherwise, Grant Thornton Limited (the "**Replacement Trustee**") is hereby substituted as the trustee in bankruptcy from Alvarez and Marsal Canada Inc. ("**A&M**"). As of the date of the assignment, all powers, rights, and obligations of A&M as the trustee in bankruptcy of Spicelo are henceforth transferred to the Replacement Trustee. Upon the substitution, the Replacement Trustee shall comply duties and obligations as the substituted trustee in accordance with the *BIA*.

General

28. The Receiver may from time to time apply to this Court for advice and directions in the discharge of its powers and duties hereunder.
29. Notwithstanding Rule 6.11 of the *Alberta Rules of Court*, unless otherwise ordered by this Court, the Receiver will report to the Court from time to time, which reporting is not required to be in affidavit form and shall be considered by this Court as evidence. The Receiver's reports shall be filed by the Court Clerk notwithstanding that they do not include an original signature.
30. Nothing in this Order shall prevent the Receiver from acting as a trustee in bankruptcy of the Debtor.
31. This Court hereby requests the aid and recognition of any court, tribunal, regulatory or administrative body having jurisdiction in Canada or in any foreign jurisdiction to give effect to this Order and to assist the Receiver and its 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 Receiver, as an officer of this Court, as may be necessary or desirable to give effect to this Order, to grant representative status to the Receiver in any foreign proceeding, or to assist the Receiver and its agents in carrying out the terms of this Order.
32. The Receiver 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 Receiver 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.

33. The Plaintiff shall have its costs of this application, up to and including entry and service of this Order, provided for by the terms of the Plaintiff's security or, if not so provided by the Plaintiff's security, then on a substantial indemnity basis, including legal costs on a solicitor-client full indemnity basis, to be paid by the Receiver from the Debtor's estate with such priority and at such time as this Court may determine.
34. Any interested party may apply to this Court to vary or amend this Order on not less than 7 days' notice to the Receiver and to any other party likely to be affected by the order sought or upon such other notice, if any, as this Court may order.

Filing

35. This Order is issued and shall be filed in and Court of King's Bench in Bankruptcy Action Nos. B201-979735 / 25-2979735.
36. The Receiver shall establish and maintain a website in respect of these proceedings at  (the "**Receiver's Website**") and shall post there as soon as practicable:
- (a) all materials prescribed by statute or regulation to be made publicly available; and
 - (b) all applications, reports, affidavits, orders and other materials filed in these proceedings by or on behalf of the Receiver, or served upon it, except such materials as are confidential and the subject of a sealing order or pending application for a sealing order.
37. Service of this Order shall be deemed good and sufficient by:
- (a) serving the same on:
 - i. the persons listed on the service list created in these proceedings or otherwise served with notice of these proceedings;
 - ii. any other person served with notice of the application for this Order;
 - iii. any other parties attending or represented at the application for this Order; and
 - (b) posting a copy of this Order on the Receiver's Website
- and service on any other person is hereby dispensed with.
38. Service of this Order may be effected by facsimile, electronic mail, personal delivery or courier. Service is deemed to be effected the next business day following transmission or delivery of this Order.

Justice of the Court of King's Bench of Alberta

SCHEDULE "A"

RECEIVER CERTIFICATE

CERTIFICATE NO. _____

AMOUNT \$ _____

1. THIS IS TO CERTIFY that Grant Thornton Limited, the receiver and manager (the "Receiver") of all of the assets, undertakings and properties of Spicelo Limited appointed by Order of the Court of King's Bench of Alberta and Court of King's Bench of Alberta in Bankruptcy and Insolvency (collectively, the "Court") dated the 6 day of February, 2014 (the "Order") made in action numbers B201-979735 / 25-2979735, has received as such Receiver from the holder of this certificate (the "Lender") the principal sum of **Enter Amount**, being part of the total principal sum of \$200,000 that the Receiver is authorized to borrow under and pursuant to the Order.
2. The principal sum evidenced by this certificate is payable on demand by the Lender with interest thereon calculated and compounded **Select an Option** after the date hereof at a notional rate per annum equal to the rate of **Enter Rate** per cent above the prime commercial lending rate of **Name of Institution** from time to time.
3. Such principal sum with interest thereon is, by the terms of the Order, together with the principal sums and interest thereon of all other certificates issued by the Receiver pursuant to the Order or to any further order of the Court, a charge upon the whole of the Property (as defined in the Order), in priority to the security interests of any other person, but subject to the priority of the charges set out in the Order and the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*, and the right of the Receiver to indemnify itself out of such Property in respect of its remuneration and expenses.
4. All sums payable in respect of principal and interest under this certificate are payable at the main office of the Lender at **Enter Address**.
5. Until all liability in respect of this certificate has been terminated, no certificates creating charges ranking or purporting to rank in priority to this certificate shall be issued by the Receiver to any person other than the holder of this certificate without the prior written consent of the holder of this certificate.
6. The charge securing this certificate shall operate so as to permit the Receiver to deal with the Property as authorized by the Order and as authorized by any further or other order of the Court.
7. The Receiver does not undertake, and it is not under any personal liability, to pay any sum in respect of which it may issue certificates under the terms of the Order.

DATED the _____ day of _____, 20____

GRANT THORNTON LIMITED, solely in its capacity
as Receiver of the Property (as defined in the Order),
and not in its personal capacity

Per: _____

Name:

Title:

SCHEDULE "B"

PROPOSED FORM OF SEALING ORDER

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COURT COURT OF KING'S BENCH OF ALBERTA

JUDICIAL CENTRE CALGARY

MATTERS IN THE MATTER OF THE NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MAKE A PROPOSAL UNDER THE *BANKRUPTCY AND INSOLVENCY ACT*, R.S.C. 1985, c. B-3, AS AMENDED, OF GRIFFON PARTNERS OPERATION CORP., GRIFFON PARTNERS HOLDING CORP., GRIFFON PARTNERS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LTD., SPICELO LIMITED, STELLION LIMITED, 2437799 ALBERTA LTD., 2437801 ALBERTA LTD. and 2437815 ALBERTA LTD.

APPLICANTS TRAFIGURA CANADA LIMITED and SIGNAL ALPHA C4 LIMITED

DOCUMENT **SEALING ORDER**

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File No.: 137093.1011

DATE ON WHICH ORDER WAS PRONOUNCED: **February 6, 2024**

LOCATION OF HEARING: **Calgary, Alberta**

NAME OF JUSTICE WHO GRANTED THIS ORDER: **The Honourable Justice Johnston**

UPON the application of Trafigura Canada Limited and Signal Alpha C4 Limited (the "**Lenders**"); AND UPON having read the Affidavit of Dave Gallagher, sworn ● and Confidential Affidavit of Dave Gallagher, sworn ● (the "**Confidential Affidavit**"); AND UPON hearing counsel for the Lenders and other interested parties present;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DECLARED THAT:

SERVICE AND DEFINITIONS

1. The time for service of the notice of application for this order (the “**Order**”) is hereby abridged and deemed good and sufficient and this application is properly returnable today.
2. The capitalized terms used in this Order and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Confidential Affidavit.

SEALING

3. Until further order of this Honourable Court, the Confidential Affidavit shall be sealed on the Court file, kept confidential and not form part of the public record, notwithstanding Division 4 of Part 6 of the *Alberta Rules of Court*.
4. The Clerk of the Court shall file the Confidential Affidavit in a sealed envelope attached with a notice that sets out the style of cause in these proceedings and states that:

THIS ENVELOPE CONTAINS CONFIDENTIAL MATERIALS FILED IN COURT FILE NO. B201-979735 / 25-2979735. THE CONFIDENTIAL MATERIALS ARE SEALED PURSUANT TO THE SEALING ORDER ISSUED BY THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE GILL ON JANUARY 17, 2024.

5. Leave is hereby granted to any person, entity or party affected by paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Restricted Court Access Order to apply to this Court for a further Order vacating, substituting, modifying, or varying the terms of this Restricted Court Access Order, with such application to be brought on notice to the Lenders.
6. The Lenders are at liberty to reapply for further advice, assistance and direction as may be necessary to give full force and effect to the terms of this Order.
7. The Lenders shall serve by courier, fax transmission, email transmission or ordinary post, a copy of this Order on all parties present at this application and on all parties who are presently on the service list established in these proceedings and such service shall be deemed good and sufficient for all purposes.

J.C.C.Q.B.A