

**ONTARIO  
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE  
(COMMERCIAL LIST)**

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

AND IN THE MATTER OF VOYAGER DIGITAL LTD.

APPLICATION OF VOYAGER DIGITAL LTD. UNDER SECTION  
46 OF THE *COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT*, R.S.C.  
1985, c. C-36, AS AMENDED

**FIRST REPORT  
OF THE INFORMATION OFFICER  
ALVAREZ & MARSAL CANADA INC.**

**AUGUST 8, 2022**

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

### Voyager Chapter 11 Proceedings

- 1.1 On July 5, 2022 (the “**Petition Date**”), Voyager Digital Holdings, Inc. (“**Voyager Holdings**”), Voyager Digital Ltd. (“**VDL**”) and Voyager Digital, LLC (“**OpCo**”) (each a “**Debtor**” and collectively, the “**Debtors**”, and together with their direct and indirect non-Debtor affiliates, the “**Voyager Group**”), commenced voluntary reorganization proceedings<sup>1</sup> (the “**Chapter 11 Proceedings**”) pursuant to Chapter 11 of the U.S. Code (the “**U.S. Bankruptcy Code**”) before the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the “**U.S. Court**”).
- 1.2 On July 8, 2022 (the “**First Day Hearing**”), the U.S. Court granted various interim and final orders in the Chapter 11 Proceedings (the “**First Day Orders**”), including an order (the “**Foreign Representative Order**”) authorizing VDL to act as foreign representative of the Debtors (in such capacity, the “**Foreign Representative**”) in a proceeding to be commenced in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) (the “**Canadian Court**”) pursuant to the *Companies’ Creditors Arrangement Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, as amended (the “**CCAA**” and these proceedings the “**CCAA Recognition Proceedings**”, and together with the Chapter 11 Proceedings, the “**Restructuring Proceedings**”). The Foreign Representative Order also authorizes VDL to:
- (a) seek recognition of the Chapter 11 Proceedings in a proceeding in Canada;

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<sup>1</sup> On July 6, 2022, the U.S. Court granted an order directing, for procedural purposes only, joint administration of the Chapter 11 Proceedings as Voyager Digital Holdings, Inc. *et al.* (the “**Joint Administration Order**”). This order does not provide for consolidation for substantive purposes.

- (b) request that the Canadian Court lend assistance to the U.S. Court in protecting the property of the estates; and
- (c) seek any other appropriate relief from the Canadian Court that VDL deems just and proper in furtherance of the protection of the Debtors' estates.

CCAA Recognition Proceedings

- 1.3 On July 11, 2022, the Foreign Representative brought an application before the Canadian Court for certain relief pursuant to Part IV of the CCAA.
- 1.4 On July 12, 2022, VDL obtained two orders of Canadian Court:
  - (a) an initial recognition order (the “**Initial Recognition Order**”), among other things,
    - (i) declaring that VDL is the foreign representative in respect of the Chapter 11 Proceedings;
    - (ii) recognizing the Chapter 11 Proceedings of VDL as a foreign proceeding under Part IV of the CCAA;
    - (iii) granting a stay of proceedings in respect of VDL and their property and business; and
    - (iv) prohibiting VDL from selling or otherwise disposing of any property in Canada outside of the ordinary course of business, without leave of the Canadian Court; and
  - (b) a supplemental order (the “**Supplemental Order**”), among other things,
    - (i) recognizing certain of the First Day Orders;

- (ii) appointing Alvarez & Marsal Canada Inc. (“**A&M**”) as information officer in respect of the CCAA Recognition Proceedings (in such capacity, the “**Information Officer**”); and
- (iii) granting a super-priority charge up to a maximum of CDN\$500,000 (the “**Administration Charge**”) over VDL’s property in Canada in favour of counsel to VDL, the Information Officer and counsel to the Information Officer, Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP, as security for their professional fees and disbursements in respect of these CCAA Recognition Proceedings.

- 1.5 Also on July 12, 2022, in response to opposition from counsel appearing for certain possible investors and counsel for a proposed representative plaintiff (the “**Proposed Plaintiff**”), in a recently commenced proposed class action in Ontario, the Canadian Court adjourned the determination of whether (i) the Chapter 11 Proceedings of VDL is a “foreign main proceeding” or a “foreign non-main proceeding”, and (ii) whether VDL’s centre of main interest (“**COMI**”) is the United States (the “**Adjourned Relief**”).
- 1.6 On July 19, 2022, the Canadian Court conducted a hearing (the “**July 19<sup>th</sup> Hearing**”) with respect to the Adjourned Relief.
- 1.7 On August 4, 2022, the Canadian Court issued an endorsement declaring that the Foreign Proceeding is a “foreign main proceeding” and that VDL’s COMI is the United States (the “**Adjourned Relief Endorsement**”), a copy of which is attached as **Appendix “A”**. On August 5, 2022, the Canadian Court issued an amended and restated Initial Recognition Order setting out that the COMI of VDL is the United States and that the Chapter 11 Proceeding of VDL is a foreign main proceeding.

- 1.8 Copies of the Initial Recognition Order (as amended and restated) and Supplemental Order (without schedules) are attached as **Appendix “B”** and **Appendix “C”** respectively.
- 1.9 Further information regarding these CCAA Recognition Proceedings can be found on the Information Officer’s website at [https://alvarezandmarsal.com/Voyager Digital](https://alvarezandmarsal.com/Voyager-Digital) (the “**Case Website**”). Copies of documents filed in the Chapter 11 Proceedings can be found on the case website maintained by Stretto, Inc. (“**Stretto**”) at: <https://cases.stretto.com/Voyager> (the “**Chapter 11 Website**”), which can also be accessed via the Case Website.

## **2.0 TERMS OF REFERENCE AND DISCLAIMER**

- 2.1 In preparing this Report of the Information Officer (the “**First Report**”), the Information Officer has relied solely on information and documents provided by the Foreign Representative and their Canadian legal counsel (collectively, the “**Information**”). Except as otherwise described in this First Report, the Information Officer has reviewed the Information for reasonableness, internal consistency and use in the context in which it was provided. However, the Information Officer has not audited or otherwise attempted to verify the accuracy or completeness of the Information in a manner that would wholly or partially comply with Canadian Auditing Standards (“**CASs**”) pursuant to the *Chartered Professional Accountants Canada Handbook* (the “**Handbook**”), and accordingly, the Information Officer expresses no opinion or other form of assurance contemplated under CASs in respect of the Information.
- 2.2 This First Report should be read in conjunction with the Declaration of Stephen Ehrlich dated July 6, 2022 (the “**First Ehrlich Declaration**”) in the Chapter 11 Proceedings and the Affidavit of Stephen Ehrlich sworn July 10, 2022 (the “**First Ehrlich Affidavit**”) and

the Affidavit of Stephen Ehrlich sworn August 6, 2022 (the “**Second Ehrlich Affidavit**”) in the CCAA Recognition Proceedings.

2.3 Unless otherwise stated, all monetary amounts contained herein are expressed in USD.

### **3.0 PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT**

3.1 The purpose of this First Report is to provide the Canadian Court with certain background information concerning the Debtors and the Restructuring Proceedings, including:

- (a) the Debtors’ business, operations, organizational structure and capital structure;
- (b) the Chapter 11 Proceedings and the events leading up to them;
- (c) the Orders of the U.S. Court which the Foreign Representative has obtained recognition of in Canada;
- (d) the Orders of the U.S. Court which the Foreign Representative is seeking recognition of in Canada;
- (e) the stay of proceedings in place in Canada in respect of directors and officers;
- (f) the motion brought by the Proposed Plaintiff for certain relief; and
- (g) the initial activities of the Information Officer.

## **4.0 BACKGROUND**

### Cryptocurrency Overview<sup>2</sup>

- 4.1 Cryptocurrency is any form of currency that only exists digitally, that usually has no central issuing or regulating authority but instead uses a decentralized system to record transactions and manage the issuance of new units. Cryptocurrency relies on cryptography to prevent counterfeiting and fraudulent transactions.
- 4.2 Cryptocurrency is used to execute transactions on a blockchain, a digital database containing information (such as records of financial transactions) that can be simultaneously used and shared within a large decentralized, publicly accessible network.
- 4.3 Each blockchain utilizes a specific cryptocurrency or a limited number of cryptocurrencies to execute transactions. The blockchain is often called a digital “ledger” because it records every single transaction ever made by “native” cryptocurrency.

### Voyager Group Overview<sup>3</sup>

- 4.4 Prior to the Petition Date, the Voyager Group’s primary operations consisted of U.S. based cryptocurrency trading platform services, custodial services through which customers earn interest and other rewards on stored cryptocurrency assets, and lending programs. The Voyager Group’s head office functions are performed in New York, NY. A copy of the

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<sup>2</sup> The following represents a summary of cryptocurrency generally. For a more detailed review, please refer to the First Ehrlich Affidavit.

<sup>3</sup> The following represents a summary of the Voyager Group’s business. For a more detailed review, please refer to First Ehrlich Affidavit.



corporate organization chart illustrating the ownership structure of the Voyager Group is attached as **Appendix “D”**.

- 4.5 As of the Petition Date the Voyager Group entities, other than VDL<sup>4</sup>, employed approximately 351 individuals across the United States, Denmark, Canada, France, and Latin America on a part- or full-time basis.
- 4.6 As of March 31, 2022, the Voyager Group’s consolidated assets included approximately \$3.4 billion in cryptocurrency held and approximately \$2.0 billion in cryptocurrency loaned. The Voyager Group’s consolidated liabilities included approximately \$5.5 billion in cryptocurrency assets payable to customers.
- 4.7 The Debtors do not have any secured lenders; however, on June 22, 2022, Voyager Holdings entered into an agreement for an unsecured revolving credit facility with Alameda Ventures Ltd. (“**Alameda**”) as lender (the “**Alameda Loan Facility**”), to provide a revolving credit facility of \$200 million cash and USD Coin (“**USDC**”) and 15,000 Bitcoin. As of the Petition Date, 75 million USDC are outstanding under the Alameda Loan Facility. The aggregate value of the USDC outstanding is \$75 million. The Alameda Loan Facility is guaranteed by VDL.

#### VDL

- 4.8 VDL is an incorporated entity under British Columbia’s *Business Corporations Act*, S.B.C 2002, c.57 as amended and is the ultimate parent entity of the Voyager Group. As of the

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<sup>4</sup> VDL does not have any employees. The Information Officer understands that VDL had one Canadian employee situated in Ontario, whose employment was terminated on a without cause basis on June 9, 2022. VDL has since paid or otherwise satisfied all obligations owing to the employee under his employment agreement, and the employee has executed a full and final release in favour of VDL.

Petition Date, the common shares of VDL traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange (“**TSX**”) under the trading symbol of “VOYG”. On July 7, 2022, VDL announced it would voluntarily delist its common shares from the TSX.

- 4.9 The registered head office of VDL is the Vancouver law office of the VDL’s counsel, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP. VDL does not, however, have any operating business in Canada. VDL serves as a holding company whose primary functions are (i) to raise capital and fund the operations of the Voyager Group through various intercorporate funding arrangements, and (ii) act as an unsecured guarantor of the Alameda Loan Facility (both as further described below). The Information Officer understands neither VDL nor any Voyager Group entity owns or leases any office space in Canada.

#### OpCo

- 4.10 OpCo is a Delaware incorporated entity and is the primary operating entity of the Voyager Group. The Voyager Group’s primary operations are carried out through OpCo. All of OpCo’s services are accessible through a mobile application that users can download on their smartphones and other smart devices. All cryptocurrency traded via the Voyager Group’s mobile application is done through and held in the U.S. incorporated OpCo. As a result of electronic “geo-fencing”, the Voyager Group does not believe any individuals regularly resident in Canada use the mobile application. As of the Petition Date, OpCo’s platform included approximately 1.1 million active users.

#### Voyager Holdings

- 4.11 Voyager Holdings a Delaware incorporated entity and is the direct parent company of OpCo. As discussed in greater detail above, Voyager Holdings is the borrower under the

Alameda Loan Facility and, as discussed in greater detail below, holds certain bank accounts of the Debtors that form part of the Voyager Group's cash management system.

VDL's Non-Consolidated Capital Structure

- 4.12 As of the Petition Date, VDL had approximately 196,000,000 shares of common stock outstanding. As of July 26, 2022, Alameda and its affiliate, Alameda Research Ventures LLC own 7,723,995 and 10,457,265 VDL shares, respectively, representing approximately 9.3% of outstanding common stock. The Information Officer understands the remaining VDL shares are widely held by investors.
- 4.13 Through private placements, paid-in capital raised (i.e. the cash that shareholders have given VDL in exchange for shares) by VDL exceeds \$280 million. VDL advanced certain of these funds to various affiliated entities through a combination of unsecured debt and equity investments. As of the Petition Date, the Information Officer understands the amount owing to VDL from OpCo in respect of unsecured intercompany debt facilities totaled approximately \$71.5 million. VDL's other assets include the VDL Cash (defined below), investments in other Debtor and non-Debtor affiliates and receivables from other Debtor and non-Debtor affiliates. As of the date of this Report, the Information Officer is still in the process of reviewing the aggregate intercompany position of VDL and will report back to Court with additional information as appropriate.

Cash Management System

- 4.14 In the ordinary course of business, the Debtors maintain a cash and cryptocurrency management system (the "**Cash Management System**"). The Cash Management System is comprised of twelve active bank accounts. The Debtors maintain eight bank accounts at

Metropolitan Commercial Bank, two accounts at BMO Bank of Montreal (the “**BMO Accounts**”), and two accounts at Signature Bank.

- 4.15 The BMO Accounts are registered in the name of VDL and are located in British Columbia. VDL has historically maintained the BMO Accounts to fund direct expenses of VDL, including but not limited to, compensation for the board of directors, professional fees and public listing expenses and other direct costs of VDL. In addition, the BMO Accounts have historically been used to receive proceeds from new capital raises and fund debt and equity advances to affiliates and to fund day-to-day expenses of VDL. The BMO Accounts are funded by paid-in capital.
- 4.16 The Information Officer understands that, as of the Petition Date, the BMO Accounts held approximately \$2.5 million in the aggregate (the “**VDL Cash**”). Following the Petition Date, the Information Officer understands that the U.S. Trustee specifically requested that no more than \$100,000 be left in the BMO Accounts (being the amount insured by the Canadian Deposit and Insurance Corporation). Accordingly, \$2.4 million was transferred from the BMO Accounts to Voyager Holdings’ Signature Bank account<sup>5</sup>The Information Officer understands that, while these funds are currently held in a Voyager Holdings account, management is in the process of opening a specific Signature Bank VDL account, and the funds will be transferred once opened.
- 4.17 Based on information provided directly by the Voyager Group management, the Information Officer understands the VDL Cash is expected to be used for direct, third-

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<sup>5</sup> Management has confirmed that, as of the date of this Report Voyager Holdings still holds \$2.4 million of VDL Cash

party expenses of VDL, such ongoing operating costs and professional fees and not to fund the costs and expenses properly payable by any other Debtor or non-Debtor affiliates.

- 4.18 Other than the BMO Accounts, VDL does not maintain any other active bank account and none of the other ten bank accounts maintained by the Debtors have affiliation to Canada.

#### Intercompany Transactions

- 4.19 In connection with the daily operation of the Cash Management System, as funds are swept and disbursed throughout the Cash Management System and as business is transacted between the Debtors, at any given time there may be intercompany balances owing by one Debtor to another Debtor. Shared services expenses have historically been charged to VDL, however the Voyager Group does not generally settle amounts owing between Debtor and non-Debtor affiliates in cash, unless a specific Voyager Group entity requires cash funding. The majority of intercompany transactions are reflected as journal entry receivables and payables, as applicable, in the respective Debtors' accounting systems.

- 4.20 As discussed above, as of the Petition Date, the Information Officer understands the amount owing to VDL from OpCo in respect of intercompany debt facilities totaled approximately \$71.5 million.

#### Events Leading to the Chapter 11 Proceeding

- 4.21 The Chapter 11 Proceedings were primarily driven by downward trending cryptocurrency market conditions caused by various distressed situations.
- 4.22 As OpCo is a cryptocurrency trading service provider that is not directly dependent on the price of Bitcoin or any other cryptocurrency for revenue, the Voyager Group has limited exposure to an industry-wide selloff. However, to provide customers with a yield on the

assets they store with OpCo, the Voyager Group lends out a portion of its cryptocurrency reserves to third parties. Loans are typically made in the form of cryptocurrency to, among other things, facilitate the counterparty's transactions or provide the counterparty with additional liquidity of a specific type of token.

4.23 Between March 2021 and March 2022, the Voyager Group entered into 125 third party loans with 9 different counterparties, lending out cryptocurrency with an aggregate market value of approximately \$5.2 billion. As of the Petition Date, loans outstanding totaled approximately \$1.1 billion.

4.24 On March 4, 2022, OpCo and HTC Trading, Inc. (the "**Voyager Lenders**") entered into a master loan agreement with Three Arrows Capital (the "**Three Arrows Loan**"). Pursuant to the Three Arrows Loan, the Voyager Lenders agreed to lend 15,250 Bitcoins and 350 million USDC to Three Arrows Capital. The Three Arrows Loan was callable at any time by the Voyager Lenders. Three Arrows Capital fully drew down on the 15,250 Bitcoins and 350 million USDC.

4.25 In early June 2022, it was reported that Three Arrows Capital may have incurred significant losses due to Luna's collapse<sup>6</sup>. On June 27, 2022, the Voyager Lenders issued a notice of default to Three Arrows Capital for failure to make the required payments under the Three Arrows Loan. Three Arrows Capital has subsequently been subjected to liquidation

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<sup>6</sup> In May of 2022, the price of Luna, a cryptocurrency that was used to execute transactions on the blockchain of Terra, an open-source blockchain protocol created by Terraform Labs collapsed. The Luna collapse, as detailed further in the First Ehrlich Affidavit, erased over \$18 billion of value and contributed to further selloffs in the cryptocurrency sector. Widespread concern arose as industry participants began learning of exposure to Luna.

proceedings by Order of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the High Court of Justice in the British Virgin Islands.

- 4.26 In addition, on June 13, 2022, Celsius Network, a cryptocurrency lender with over \$11 billion of assets under management, announced that it was pausing all account withdrawals and transfers due to what it referred to as “extreme market conditions.” Celsius’ announcement triggered a further pulldown in the cryptocurrency markets and OpCo saw a significant uptick in customer withdrawals (some of which OpCo does not believe are legitimate) which put additional strain on OpCo’s liquidity and business. This, coupled with the uncertain collectability of the Three Arrows Loan, raised concerns as to OpCo’s ability to fulfil customer withdrawals.

Proposed Restructuring

- 4.27 In late June 2022, the Voyager Group, with the assistance of its investment banker, Moelis & Company LLC (“Moelis”), commenced a comprehensive marketing process to solicit investor appetite in either (a) a sale of the Debtors’ entire business to either a financial sponsor or a strategic company in the cryptocurrency industry or (b) a capital raise whereby a third party (individually or as part of a consortium) would provide a capital infusion into the Voyager Group’s business enterprise (collectively, the “**Marketing Process**”).
- 4.28 In addition, simultaneously with their Marketing Process efforts, the Debtors, Moelis, and the Debtors’ other advisors began to analyze potential strategies to effectuate a standalone chapter 11 plan of reorganization.
- 4.29 As part of the materials submitted in support of the motions brought at the First Day Hearing in the Chapter 11 Proceedings, the Debtors filed a proposed Plan & Disclosure

Statement (“**Proposed Reorganization Plan**”). The Proposed Reorganization Plan provides for a standalone plan that can be effectuated without a sale or strategic partner. Under the Proposed Reorganization Plan, account holders would receive, among other things, a combination of (a) coins (b) new common shares in a reorganized Voyager Group and (c) any recovery in respect of the Three Arrows Loan. The Proposed Reorganization Plan is not final and is subject to ongoing engagement with all constituencies, including the official committee of unsecured creditors (the “UCC”).

- 4.30 As described further in this Report, on August 5, 2022 the U.S. Court entered an Order (i) Approving the Bidding Procedures and Related Dates and Deadlines, and (ii) Scheduling Hearings and Objection Deadlines with Respect to the Debtors’ Sale, Disclosure Statement, and Plan Confirmation (the “**Bidding Procedures Order**”).
- 4.31 As of the date of filing of this Report, the Proposed Reorganization Plan remains subject to further negotiation and amendment, and the Marketing Process is still in progress. No motion has been brought before the U.S. Court to approve the Proposed Reorganization Plan and no relief is being sought before the Canadian Court in respect of the Proposed Reorganization Plan at this time. The Information Officer will prepare a report on these matters if and when it is considered appropriate and relevant to the CCAA Recognition Proceedings, in response to any application brought forward by the Foreign Representative.



## 5.0 RECOGNIZED FIRST DAY ORDERS OF THE U.S. COURT

5.1 On July 12, 2022, the Canadian Court granted the Supplemental Order which, among other things, recognized the following First Day Orders of the U.S. Court<sup>7</sup>:

- (a) the Foreign Representative Order;
- (b) the Joint Administration Order;
- (c) an Order (i) Restating and Enforcing the Worldwide Automatic Stay, Anti-Discrimination Provisions, and Ipso Facto Protections of the Bankruptcy Code, and (ii) Approving the Form and Manner of Notice (the “**Automatic Stay Order**”);
- (d) an Interim Order Approving Notification and Hearing Procedures for Certain Transfers of and Declarations of Worthlessness with Respect to Common Stock (the “**NOL Order**”);
- (e) an Interim Order Authorizing the Debtors to (i) Pay Prepetition Wages, Salaries, Other Compensation, and Reimbursable Expenses and (ii) Continue Employee Benefits Programs (the “**Wages Order**”);
- (f) an Order (i) Extending Time to File Schedules of Assets and Liabilities, Schedules of Current Income and Expenditures, Schedules of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases, Statements of Financial Affairs, and Rule 2015.3 Financial Reports, and (ii) Waiving Requirements to File List of Equity Holders (the “**Schedules and Statements Extension Order**”);

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<sup>7</sup> Additional information regarding each of the First Day Orders can be found in the First Ehrlich Declaration.

- (g) an Interim Order Authorizing the Debtors to (i) Continue to Operate Their Cash Management System, (ii) Honor Certain Prepetition Obligations Related Thereto, (iii) Maintain Existing Business Forms, and (iv) Perform Intercompany Transactions (the “**Cash Management Order**”);
- (h) an Interim Order Establishing Certain Notice, Case Management, and Administrative Procedures (the “**Case Management Order**”);
- (i) an Order (i) Authorizing the Debtors to File a Consolidated List of Creditors in Lieu of Submitting a Separate Mailing Matrix for Each Debtor, (ii) Authorizing the Debtors to File a Consolidated List of the Debtors’ Thirty Largest Unsecured Creditors, (iii) Authorizing the Debtors to Redact Certain Personally Identifiable Information, and (iv) Approving the Form and Manner of Notifying Creditors of Commencement (the “**Creditor Matrix Order**”); and
- (j) an Interim Order Authorizing the Payment of Certain Taxes and Fees (the “**Taxes Order**”).

5.2 Copies of all such orders and other documents related to the Chapter 11 Proceedings are available on the Chapter 11 Website, a link to which is included on the Case Website. The above orders and their relevance to the Canadian stakeholders are discussed below, with the exception of the Foreign Representative Order which is described at paragraph 1.2 above.

#### Joint Administration Order

5.3 The Joint Administration Order directs the joint administration of the Debtors’ individual chapter 11 cases for procedural purposes only. The Joint Administration Order does not provide for consolidation of the chapter 11 cases for substantive purposes.

Automatic Stay Order

- 5.4 The Automatic Stay Order, among other things, restates and enforces the broad automatic stay in place in accordance with the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. The automatic stay provides for a comprehensive stay of proceedings preventing substantially all remedial action against the Debtors without leave of the U.S. Court.
- 5.5 Moreover, pursuant to the terms of the Automatic Stay Order, all foreign or domestic governmental units and other regulatory authorities and those acting on their behalf are also stayed, restrained, prohibited and enjoined from (a) denying, revoking, suspending or refusing to renew any license, permit, charter, franchise or other similar grant to the Debtors or the Debtors' affiliates, (b) placing conditions upon such grant to the Debtors or the Debtors' affiliates, (c) discriminating against the Debtors or the Debtors' affiliates, or (d) interfering in any way with any and all property of the Debtors' estates wherever located, on account of commencement of the Chapter 11 Proceedings, the Debtors' insolvency, the fact that the Debtors have not paid a debt dischargeable in the Chapter 11 Proceedings.
- 5.6 For greater certainty the following, among others, are not subject to the stay:
- (a) commencement or continuation of a criminal action or proceeding against the Debtors; and
  - (b) the commencement or continuation of an investigation or action by a securities self-regulatory organization to enforce such organization's regulatory power, the enforcement of an order or decision (other than for monetary sanctions) obtained in an action by such securities self-regulatory organization to enforce such organization's regulatory power, or any act taken by such securities self-regulatory

organization to delist, delete or refuse to permit quotation of any stock that does not meet applicable regulatory requirements.

NOL Order

- 5.7 The NOL Order, among other things, approves on an interim basis notification and hearing procedures related to certain transfers of, or declarations of worthlessness with respect to the Debtors' common stock, including any beneficial ownership therein, and directing that any purchase, sale, other transfer of or declaration of worthlessness with respect to common stock in violation of the procedures shall be null and void. Such transfers or declarations of worthlessness could limit the Debtors' ability to utilize potential tax attributes which may ultimately benefit the Debtors' estate and stakeholders, absent the NOL Order.

Wages Order

- 5.8 The Wages Order, among other things, authorizes but does not direct the Debtors on an interim basis to pay prepetition wages, salaries, other compensation and reimbursable expenses and continue employee benefit programs in the ordinary course ("**Employee Compensation and Benefits**").
- 5.9 As of the Petition Date, the Voyager Group (other than VDL) employed approximately 351 individuals across the United States, Denmark, Canada, France, and Latin America on a part- or full-time basis. In the United States, the Debtors employed approximately 284 employees, of which approximately 245 are salaried, exempt, and approximately 39 are nonexempt and paid on an hourly basis. None of the employees are represented by a union or collective bargaining unit.
- 5.10 As of the Petition Date, the Debtors estimated the total amount outstanding on account of the Employee Compensation and Benefits was approximately \$2.4 million. The Debtors

do not believe any employee is owed prepetition amounts in excess of the \$15,150 priority cap set forth in the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.

5.11 As of the Petition Date:

- (a) the Debtors did not employ any individuals in Canada; and
- (b) non-Debtor affiliates employed 11 individuals in Canada (five full-time and six part-time).

Schedules and Statements Extension Order

5.12 The Schedules and Statements Extension Order, among other things, extends the deadline by which the Debtors must file their schedules of assets and liabilities, schedules of current income and expenditures, schedules of executory contracts and unexpired leases, and statements of financial affairs by 30 days, for a total of 44 days from the Petition Date (without prejudice to the Debtors' ability to seek further extensions).

5.13 This Order also extends the deadline by which the Debtors must file their initial reports of financial information with respect to entities in which the Debtors hold a controlling or substantial interest as set forth in rule 2015.3 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure to August 4, 2022, without prejudice to the Debtors' ability to request additional extensions.

5.14 These extensions were deemed necessary in order to examine the books and records of the non-Debtor subsidiaries and to determine the nature and scope of the reports required under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.

5.15 This Order also waives the requirement to file a list of equity security holders of VDL.

Cash Management Order

- 5.16 The Cash Management Order, among other things, authorizes the Debtors on an interim basis to continue their Cash Management System and continue to perform Intercompany Transactions (as described above). Post-Petition Date transfers and payments from one Debtor to another Debtor under any Intercompany Transactions authorized under the Cash Management Order are accorded superpriority administrative expense status.

Case Management Order

- 5.17 The Case Management Order, among other things, establishes on an interim basis certain notice, case management, and administrative procedures, which are set forth in Exhibit 1 of the Case Management Order (the “**Case Management Procedures**”).
- 5.18 Pursuant to the Case Management Order, the Debtors are authorized to schedule, in cooperation with the U.S. Court, periodic omnibus hearings (the “**Omnibus Hearings**”) to consider all notices, motions, applications, and other requests for relief, briefs, memoranda, affidavits, declarations, replies, and other documents filed in support. The next four Omnibus Hearings are scheduled as follows:
- (a) August 16, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.;
  - (b) September 13, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.;
  - (c) October 18, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.; and
  - (d) November 15, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

Creditor Matrix Order

- 5.19 The Creditor Matrix Order, among other things, reduces certain administrative burdens under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and permits the Debtors to redact certain personally

identifiable information (such as employee and former employee home addresses) to protect from identity theft and/or other potential malicious outcomes.

- 5.20 The Creditor Matrix Order also authorizes the Debtors to prepare a consolidated list of creditors in lieu of submitting a separate mailing matrix for each Debtor.

Taxes Order

- 5.21 The Taxes Order, among other things, authorizes on an interim basis the payment of certain taxes and fees, in an amount not to exceed \$3,000, provided that the Debtors determine that in the absence of making such payment, the Debtors would suffer a loss of value in excess of such payment amount.

Stretto Appointment Order

- 5.22 At the same time as the foregoing First Day Orders were made, the U.S. Court also made an Order Authorizing and Approving the Appointment of Stretto, Inc. as Claims and Noticing Agent (the “**Stretto Appointment Order**”) which was not brought forward for recognition under the Supplemental Order. The Stretto Appointment Order approves the appointment of Stretto, Inc. as claims and noticing agent to, among other things (i) distribute required notices to parties in interest, (ii) receive, maintain, docket and otherwise administer proofs of claim filed in the Chapter 11 Proceedings, and (iii) provide other administrative services. The Foreign Representative is now seeking recognition of the Stretto Appointment Order in the CCAA Recognition Proceedings.

**6.0 SUBSEQUENT ORDERS OF THE U.S. COURT**

- 6.1 On August 3, 2022, the U.S. Court made an Order (i) Setting Bar Dates for Submitting Proofs of Claim, (ii) Approving Procedures for Submitting Proofs of Claim, and (iii)

Approving Notice Thereof (the “**Bar Date Order**”) for which recognition is sought in the CCAA Recognition Proceedings.

- 6.2 On August 4, 2022, the U.S. Court conducted a second day hearing (the “**Second Day Hearing**”) in respect of a wide variety of requested relief. Canadian counsel to VDL, the Information Officer and counsel to the Proposed Plaintiff were all given the opportunity to attend the Second Day Hearing telephonically.
- 6.3 At the Second Day Hearing, the U.S. Court made final orders in respect of the following interim First Day Orders which were recognized in the CCAA Recognition Proceedings:
- (a) the NOL Order;
  - (b) the Wages Order;
  - (c) the Taxes Order; and
  - (d) Case Management Order.
- 6.4 As described in greater detail in the Second Ehrlich Affidavit, the Foreign Representative is seeking recognition of the final NOL Order, Wages Order, and Taxes Order. At this time, the Foreign Representative is not seeking recognition of the final Case Management Order. The final NOL Order, Wages Order and Taxes Order are in substantially the same form as the interim versions of such orders granted at the First Day Hearing.
- 6.5 On August 4, 2022, the U.S. Court also made a further interim order in respect of the Cash Management Order (the “**Second Interim Cash Management Order**”). The Foreign Representative seeks recognition of the Second Interim Cash Management Order, which provides;



- (a) additional assurance that the Debtors will not engage in any intercompany transactions that involve payments from a Debtor entity to a non-Debtor entity without prior written consent of the UCC;
- (b) that the Debtors shall provide the UCC with rolling 13-week cash flow budgets as soon as reasonably practicable after the entry of the Second Interim Cash Management Order and every subsequent month thereafter<sup>8</sup>; and
- (c) an acknowledgement that nothing in the Second Interim Cash Management Order constitutes a finding as to whether the cash management system complies with federal or state securities laws.

6.6 The Information Officer understands that the final Cash Management Order will be considered at a hearing before the U.S. Court on September 27, 2022.

6.7 At the Second Day Hearing, the U.S. Court also made, among others, the following Orders for which recognition is sought in the CCAA Recognition Proceedings:

- (a) an Order (I) Authorizing the Debtors to (A) Pay Their Obligations Under Prepetition Insurance Policies, (B) Continue to Pay Certain Brokerage Fees, (C) Renew, Supplement, Modify, or Purchase Insurance Coverage, and (D) Maintain Their Surety Bond Program, and (II) Granting Related Relief (the “**Insurance Order**”);

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<sup>8</sup> The Information Officer has also requested that the Debtors provide copies of the above referenced cash flow forecasts to the Information Officer.

- (b) an Order Authorizing the Retention and Compensation of Professionals Utilized in the Ordinary Course of Business (the “**OCP Order**”); and
- (c) the Bidding Procedures Order.

6.8 Copies of all such orders and other documents related to the Chapter 11 Proceedings are available on the Chapter 11 Website. These orders and their relevance to the Canadian stakeholders are discussed below.

6.9 The U.S. Court also granted certain orders at the Second Day Hearing for which Canadian recognition is not sought, including the Order (I) Authorizing the Debtors to (A) Honor Withdrawals from the MC FBO Accounts, (B) Liquidate Cryptocurrency from Customer Accounts with a Negative Balance, (C) Sweep Cash Held in Third-Party Exchanges, (D) Conduct Ordinary Course Reconciliation of Customer Accounts, and (E) Continue Staking Cryptocurrency, and (II) Granting Related Relief (the “**FBO Accounts Order**”).

6.10 The FBO Accounts Order authorizes the Debtors to, among other things, honour customer withdrawals from accounts at MC Bank (the “**MC FBO Accounts**”). The Information Officer understands that the Debtors take the position that the cash in the MC FBO Accounts is customer cash and not cash belonging to the Debtors. At the Second Day Hearing, certain parties, including the Proposed Plaintiff, raised objections to or raised concerns in connection with the granting of the FBO Accounts Order. After hearing such submissions, the U.S. Court elected to grant the FBO Accounts Order. Attached as **Appendix “E”** is a copy of the U.S. Court’s decision granting the FBO Accounts Order.

#### Insurance Order

6.11 The Insurance Order authorizes the Debtors to (i) pay obligations under prepetition insurance policies, (ii) continue to pay certain brokerage fees, renew, supplement, modify

or purchase insurance coverage in the ordinary course, and (iv) maintain their surety bond program on an uninterrupted basis.

OCP Order

- 6.12 The OCP Order authorizes the Debtors to retain and compensate certain named professionals utilized by the Debtors in the ordinary course of business.

Bar Date Order

- 6.13 The Bar Date Order establishes a deadline for creditors to submit proofs of claim in the Chapter 11 Proceedings, approves procedures for submitting such proofs of claim, and approves the form of notice of the bar dates and manner of service thereof.

- 6.14 The Bar Date Order establishes the following bar dates:

- (a) General Bar Date – October 3, 2022: the date by which all entities (other than governmental units and certain categories of claimants exempt from complying with the applicable bar dates) that wish to assert a claim against the Debtors that arose prior to the Petition Date must file a proof of claim;
- (b) Governmental Bar Date – January 3, 2023: deadline by which each governmental unit must file a proof of claim;
- (c) Rejection Damages Bar Date – proofs of claim arising from rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease must be filed on or before the later of (i) the General Bar Date or Governmental Bar Date, as applicable, and (ii) date that is thirty days following entry of an order approving rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease; and

- (d) Amended Schedules Bar Date – in the event that the Debtors amend or supplement their Schedules (as defined in the Bar Date Order), the Debtors shall give notice of any such amendment to holders of any claim affected thereby and such holders shall be afforded at least 35 days from the date on which such notice is given to submit a proof of claim with respect to such amended claim.

Bidding Procedures Order

- 6.15 Shortly after the Petition Date, the Debtors crafted bidding procedures (the “**Bidding Procedures**”) to further effectuate the Marketing Process, whether pursuant to section 363 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and/or provide a path for approval of the Proposed Plan of Reorganization.
- 6.16 The Bidding Procedure Order establishes various milestones, in respect of the Bidding Procedures and the Proposed Plan of Reorganization including:
  - (a) a final bid deadline of August 26, 2022;
  - (b) an auction, if necessary, to be held on August 29, 2022;
  - (c) a sale objection deadline of September 6, 2022
  - (d) a U.S. Court hearing on September 8, 2022 to consider approval of a sale;
  - (e) a U.S. Court hearing on September 16, 2022 to consider approval of a disclosure statement;
  - (f) confirmation by the U.S. Court approving a plan on October 31, 2022 (or such other date and time that the U.S. Court may direct).
- 6.17 The Information Officer notes that, at the Second Day Hearing, certain parties, including counsel to the Proposed Plaintiff, raised concerns regarding the expedited timeline of the

Bidding Procedure. After hearing such submissions, the U.S. Court granted the Bidding Procedures Order and found that the expedited timeline is appropriate in the circumstances and has the support of the UCC and other material stakeholders.

#### Summary Chart

- 6.18 For ease of reference, attached hereto as **Appendix “F”** is a chart summarizing (A) Orders granted by the U.S. Court for which recognition has already been granted, (B) Orders granted by the U.S. Court for which recognition is being sought at this time, and (C) Orders granted by the U.S. Court for which recognition has not been obtained and is not being sought at this time, with the exception of administrative orders such as retention orders.

### **7.0 DIRECTOR & OFFICER STAY**

- 7.1 The Supplemental Order grants a stay of proceedings (commenced or continued) against any of the former, current or future directors or officers of VDL with respect to any claim against the directors or officers that arose before the date of the Supplemental Order and that relates to any obligations of VDL 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 (the “**D&O Stay**”).
- 7.2 At the July 19<sup>th</sup> Hearing, the Canadian Court requested further clarity regarding whether an analogous D&O Stay was in place in the Chapter 11 Proceedings.
- 7.3 Since the July 19<sup>th</sup> Hearing, the Information Officer has corresponded with both United States and Canadian counsel to the Debtors to understand the scope of the stay of proceedings in the Chapter 11 Proceedings. Although the provisions in the Supplemental Order providing for the D&O Stay are found in the template model order developed by the

Commercial List Users Committee and is typically granted in recognition proceedings under Part IV of the CCAA, the Information Officer understands that the stay of proceedings in place in the Chapter 11 Proceedings does not currently extend to claims against directors and officers (with the exception of derivative claims).

- 7.4 The Information Officer also understands that the Debtors intend to file a motion in the Chapter 11 Proceedings which will address this asymmetry. The Information Officer will provide further information regarding this motion, once filed, in a subsequent report.

## **8.0 MOTION BY PROPOSED PLAINTIFF**

- 8.1 On July 24, 2022, counsel to the Proposed Plaintiff wrote to counsel to VDL seeking a variety of relief, including, among other things, a request to amend the Supplemental Order to grant additional powers to the Information Officer (the “**July 24 Letter**”). A copy of the July 24 Letter is attached hereto as **Appendix “G”**.
- 8.2 On July 29, 2022, the Information Officer’s counsel wrote to counsel for the Proposed Plaintiff to provide the Information Officer’s views on certain aspects of the proposed relief (the “**July 29 Letter**”) prior to service of the Proposed Plaintiff Motion (as defined below). A copy of the July 29 Letter is attached hereto as **Appendix “H”**.
- 8.3 As set out in the July 29 Letter, with respect to the proposed additional duties of the Information Officer, the Information Officer is satisfied that its existing authority gives it the ability to attend court hearings in the Chapter 11 Proceedings and has attended all such hearings telephonically thus far. The Information Officer also intends, in accordance with existing practice and its existing authority, to review and report on any reorganization plan filed in the Chapter 11 Proceedings and its impact on Canadian creditors, with references

to fairness, reasonableness and public policy, as appropriate and relevant under Part IV of the CCAA. Accordingly, the Information Officer is of the view that augmentation of its powers is not required at this time. In this regard, the Information Officer notes at paragraph 49 of the Adjourned Relief Endorsement that this Court held:

[...] The role of the Information Officer was described by its counsel to include identifying points of prejudice or potential asymmetry with respect to the treatment of Canadian stakeholders for the court's consideration. It was suggested that this must be done contextually when there is a plan or some other proposal under consideration that affects those stakeholders. The court can and should be able to rely upon the Information Officer to carry out this role [...]

8.4 On August 2, 2022, counsel to the Proposed Plaintiff served a notice of motion (the **“Proposed Plaintiff Motion”**) seeking a variety of relief including:

- (a) compelling VDL to provide copies of insurance policies that may be responsive to the claims of the putative class members;
- (b) compelling VDL to provide details of intercorporate funding arrangements;
- (c) removal of the D&O Stay from the Supplemental Order;
- (d) additional duties of the Information Officer;
- (e) tolling of all prescription, time or limitation periods applicable to any Misrepresentation Rights (as defined therein) and of mandatory dismissal for delay under section 29.1 of the *Class Proceedings Act, 1992* until the stay is lifted;
- (f) appointment of Siskands LLP/Aird & Berlis LLP as representative counsel (**“Representative Counsel”**) for all securities claimants and current shareholders

of VDL, funded by a charge on the estate of VDL or such other financial arrangements as the Honourable Court finds acceptable; and

(g) creation of an equity committee in the CCAA Proceeding from which Representative Counsel shall take instruction.

8.5 With respect to the proposed additional powers of the Information Officer, for the reasons set out above, the Information Officer is of the view that augmentation of its powers is not required at this time.

8.6 With respect to the proposed tolling provisions, the Information Officer is advised by U.S. counsel to VDL that the U.S. Bankruptcy Code contains a provision tolling limitation periods for the duration of the automatic stay.<sup>9</sup> The Information Officer does not have concerns with a mirror provision being granted at this time in the CCAA Recognition Proceedings.

8.7 The Information Officer's comments with respect to the D&O Stay are set out above.

8.8 With respect to the balance of the relief sought as set out in the Adjourned Relief Endorsement, the COMI of VDL is the United States and the Chapter 11 Proceedings is a foreign main proceeding. In the Information Officer's view, the requested relief would

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<sup>9</sup> Section 108(c) of the United States Code provides that if an applicable nonbankruptcy law, an order entered in a nonbankruptcy proceeding, or an agreement fixes a period for commencing or continuing a civil action in a court other than a bankruptcy court on a claim against the debtor, and such period has not expired before the date of the filing of the petition, then such period does not expire until the later of (1) the end of such period, including any suspension of such period occurring on or after the commencement of the case; or (2) 30 days after notice of termination or expiration of the stay under section 362, 922, 1201 or 1301 of the United States Code, as the case may be, with respect to such claim.



more appropriately be addressed in the plenary Chapter 11 Proceedings, rather than the ancillary CCAA Recognition Proceeding.

8.9 On August 8, 2022, the Canadian Court conducted a chambers hearing (the “**August 8 Hearing**”) with respect to certain relief requested in the Proposed Plaintiff Motion, being compelling VDL to provide details of insurance policies that may be responsive to claims of the putative class members and compelling VDL to provide details of intercorporate funding arrangements. The Canadian Court declined to grant this relief prior to the motion scheduled for August 11, 2022. Attached hereto as **Appendix “I”** is a copy of the Canadian Court’s endorsement with respect to the August 8 Hearing.

## **9.0 INITIAL ACTIVITIES OF THE INFORMATION OFFICER**

9.1 The activities of the Information Officer to date have included:

- (a) reviewing relevant materials filed in the Chapter 11 Proceedings and drafts of the application materials for the CCAA Recognition Proceedings;
- (b) establishing the Case Website for the CCAA Recognition Proceedings to make available copies of the orders granted in the proceedings and other relevant motion materials and reports. As noted above, there is also a link on the Information Officer’s website to the Chapter 11 Website maintained by Stretto that includes copies of the U.S. Court materials and orders, petitions and notices and other materials relevant to the Chapter 11 Proceedings;
- (c) reviewing and considering the orders made in the Chapter 11 Proceedings;

- (d) assisting the Foreign Representative with publishing a notice in *The Globe and Mail* (*National Edition*) on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 and Tuesday, July 26, 2022 (copies of the digital tearsheets attached as **Appendix “J”**);
- (e) monitoring the Chapter 11 Website for activity in the Chapter 11 Proceedings;
- (f) communicating with counsel to VDL and management of Voyager regarding matters relevant to the CCAA Recognition Proceedings and the Chapter 11 Proceedings;
- (g) communicating with counsel to the Proposed Plaintiff;
- (h) attending hearings before the Canadian Court on July 12, 2022, July 19, 2022 and August 8, 2022;
- (i) attending hearings before the U.S. Court on July 8, 2022 and August 4, 2022;
- (j) responding to inquiries from investors; and
- (k) with the assistance of legal counsel, preparing this First Report.


## **10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

10.1 The Information Officer understands that recognition by the Canadian Court of the requested orders is necessary for the conduct of the Restructuring Proceedings, and that absent such recognition and relief, the restructuring efforts of the Debtors could be impaired. The Information Officer, together with its legal counsel, has reviewed the final NOL Order, Wages Order and Taxes Order, the Second Interim Cash Management Order, the Insurance Order, OCP Order, Bar Date Order and Bidding Procedures Order and is of the view that granting recognition of these orders is reasonable and appropriate in the

circumstances. Based on the foregoing, the Information Officer respectfully recommends that the Canadian Court grant the relief requested by the Foreign Representative.

All of which is respectfully submitted to the Court this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022.

**ALVAREZ & MARSAL CANADA INC.**  
**Information Officer of Voyager Digital Ltd.,**  
**and not in its personal or corporate capacity**

Per:   
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Stephen Ferguson  
Senior Vice-President

## **APPENDIX “A”**

**CITATION:** In The Matter of Voyager Digital Ltd., 2022 ONSC 4553  
**COURT FILE NO.:** CV-22-00683820-00CL  
**DATE:** 20220804

**SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE – ONTARIO  
(COMMERCIAL LIST)**

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

AND IN THE MATTER OF VOYAGER DIGITAL LTD.

APPLICATION OF VOYAGER DIGITAL LTD. UNDER SECTION 46 OF THE  
COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, AS AMENDED

**BEFORE:** Kimmel J.

**COUNSEL:** *Stuart Brotman, Daniel Richer, and Aubrey Kauffman*, for the Applicant Voyager Digital Ltd.

*Miranda Spence, Steve Graff, Anthony O'Brien and Garret Hunter*, for Francine De Sousa (proposed class action plaintiff)

*Linc Rogers and Caitlyn McIntyre* for Alvarez Marsal, the Proposed Information Officer

**HEARD:** July 19, 2022

**ENDORSEMENT**  
**(INITIAL RECOGNITION AND SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER)**

[1] Following a hearing on July 12, 2022, an endorsement was released on July 13, 2022 that established the issues for determination at this July 19, 2022 hearing. For ease of reference the court's brief July 13, 2022 endorsement was as follows<sup>1</sup>:

[1] Voyager Digital Ltd. ("VDL") is incorporated and has its registered office at a law firm in British Columbia. Its shares are listed for sale on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX"). Its subsidiaries in the United States operate a cryptocurrency brokerage, and custodial

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<sup>1</sup> Defined terms from the July 13, 2022 endorsement shall have the same meaning in this endorsement.

and lending services. VDL maintains that the centre of its main interests (“COMI”) is in the United States (“US”).

[2] VDL (together with other US affiliates) commenced a case for relief under Chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (The “Chapter 11 Case”) in the United States Bankruptcy court for the Southern District of New York (the “US Bankruptcy Court”) on July 5, 2022. On the First Day Hearing on July 8, 2022, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court granted certain Orders (the “U.S. Orders”) and appointed VDL as the foreign representative of VDL. VDL seeks recognition of the U.S. Orders and various other relief set out in a proposed Initial Recognition Order and proposed Supplemental Order.

[3] VDL sought, as part of the Initial Recognition Order, a declaration that the proceeding before the US Bankruptcy Court (the “Foreign Proceeding”) is a “foreign main proceeding” within the meaning of s. 45(1) of the *Companies’ Creditors Arrangement Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36 (“CCAA”).

[4] The requested relief for an Initial Recognition Order and Supplemental Order proceeded on an unopposed basis, save and except with respect to the request for the court to declare that the Foreign Proceeding is a “foreign main proceeding” for purposes of Part IV of the CCAA. Counsel appearing for certain possible investors and counsel for a proposed representative plaintiff in a recently commenced proposed class action in Ontario (the “opposing counsel”) each advised the court that they required some additional time to formulate their position and file evidence and/or submissions in respect of the court’s determination of whether the Foreign Proceeding is a “foreign main proceeding” or a “foreign non-main proceeding” for purposes of Part IV of the CCAA (the “question”).

[5] At the request of the opposing counsel, the court’s determination of this question was adjourned to a hearing scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday July 19, 2022 in Toronto, *via* video conference. The following timetable was ordered with respect to the material for this hearing:

- a. Any proponent of the position that the Foreign Proceeding is a “foreign non-main proceeding” shall deliver their material by Thursday July 14, 2022;
- b. The applicant and any parties supporting the applicant’s position that the Foreign Proceeding is a “foreign main proceeding” shall deliver their material by Saturday July 16, 2022;
- c. Reply material, if any to be delivered by Sunday July 17, 2022;

d. All materials to be filed with the court and uploaded onto CaseLines by 12:00 p.m. on Monday July 18, 2022.

[6] The amended Initial Recognition Order and Supplemental Order (that allow for the future determination of this question *nunc pro tunc*) are granted and shall issue, with my reasons to follow.

[2] This endorsement contains the court's reasons for granting the Initial Recognition Order and Supplemental Order, and for the court's determination of the "question" after taking into account the written and oral submissions presented in connection with the July 19, 2022 hearing.

[3] In answer to the "question", I find that the Foreign Proceeding is a "foreign main proceeding" for purposes of Part IV of the CCAA.

### **The Participating Stakeholders**

[4] VDL is not an operating company. VDL is not seeking interim financing at this time and, consequently is not seeking any charge or security related to interim financing on its properties, assets, or undertakings. The material filed on this application discloses that it has no secured creditors that will be affected by the priority Administration Charge that is granted under the paragraph 18 of the Supplemental Order (in favour of counsel to the Foreign Representative, the Information Officer and counsel to the Information Officer). VDL did not identify any stakeholders who it was required to serve with this application, pursuant to the CCAA or otherwise.

[5] However, just prior to the commencement of this application a proposed class proceeding was commenced in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice seeking, among other things, relief under the *Securities Act* R.S.O. 1990 c. S-5 and the *Class Proceedings Act*, 1992, S.O. 1992, c 6, as amended, in which VDL, its Ontario-based director, and its Ontario-based former employee are named as defendants (the "De Sousa Action").

[6] The proceedings involving VDL in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court were a matter of public knowledge. Counsel for the plaintiff in the De Sousa Action requested to be served or notified in connection with the Chapter 11 Case. Such counsel were served with this application. The application also came to the attention of counsel hoping to be retained by certain other investors in VDL.

[7] These opposing counsel appeared on July 12, 2022. They also appeared on July 19, 2022 after being given the opportunity to make further written and oral submissions on the "question" in accordance with the court's July 13, 2022 endorsement.

[8] No one else asked to be notified of insolvency proceedings in Canada, appeared or took any position in connection with the relief sought by this application aside from the participants identified in this endorsement. Opposing counsel speculate that there may be other creditors of VDL whose claims are not significant enough to warrant them retaining counsel and/or appearing.

## Legal Analytical Framework for Recognition Orders

[9] Comity mandates that Canadian courts should recognize and enforce the judicial acts of other jurisdictions, provided that those other jurisdictions have assumed jurisdiction on a basis consistent with principles of order, predictability, and fairness. Canadian courts have emphasized the importance of comity and cooperation in cross-border insolvency proceedings to avoid multiple proceedings, inconsistent judgments, and general uncertainty. See *Hollander Sleep Products, LLC (Re)*, 2019 ONSC 3238, at paras. 41,42 (“*Hollander*”).

[10] Part IV of the CCAA establishes the applicable process for the administration of cross-border insolvencies, with a view to promoting cooperation and coordination with foreign courts. Sections 46 and 47 of the CCAA provide as follows:

### Application for recognition of a foreign proceeding

**46 (1)** A foreign representative may apply to the court for recognition of the foreign proceeding in respect of which he or she is a foreign representative.

#### Documents that must accompany application

(2) Subject to subsection (3), the application must be accompanied by

(a) a certified copy of the instrument, however designated, that commenced the foreign proceeding or a certificate from the foreign court affirming the existence of the foreign proceeding;

(b) a certified copy of the instrument, however designated, authorizing the foreign representative to act in that capacity or a certificate from the foreign court affirming the foreign representative’s authority to act in that capacity; and

(c) a statement identifying all foreign proceedings in respect of the debtor company that are known to the foreign representative.

### Order recognizing foreign proceeding

**47 (1)** If the court is satisfied that the application for the recognition of a foreign proceeding relates to a foreign proceeding and that the applicant is a foreign representative in respect of that foreign proceeding, the court shall make an order recognizing the foreign proceeding.

#### Nature of foreign proceeding to be specified

(2) The court shall specify in the order whether the foreign proceeding is a foreign main proceeding or a foreign non-main proceeding.

[11] The determination of whether a foreign proceeding is a foreign main proceeding or a foreign non-main proceeding is a factual question. These, and related, terms are defined in s. 45 of the CCAA as follows:

**45 (1)** The following definitions apply in this Part.

**foreign court** means a judicial or other authority competent to control or supervise a foreign proceeding. (*tribunal étranger*)



**foreign main proceeding** means a foreign proceeding in a jurisdiction where the debtor company has the centre of its main interests. (*principale*)

**foreign non-main proceeding** means a foreign proceeding, other than a foreign main proceeding. (*secondaire*)

**foreign proceeding** means a judicial or an administrative proceeding, including an interim proceeding, in a jurisdiction outside Canada dealing with creditors' collective interests generally under any law relating to bankruptcy or insolvency in which a debtor company's business and financial affairs are subject to control or supervision by a foreign court for the purpose of reorganization. (*instance étrangère*)

**foreign representative** means a person or body, including one appointed on an interim basis, who is authorized, in a foreign proceeding respect of a debtor company, to

(a) monitor the debtor company's business and financial affairs for the purpose of reorganization; or

(b) act as a representative in respect of the foreign proceeding. (*représentant étranger*)

**Centre of debtor company's main interests**

(2) For the purposes of this Part, in the absence of proof to the contrary, a debtor company's registered office is deemed to be the centre of its main interests.

[12] One of the other important considerations that has been emphasized by Canadian courts in dealing with insolvency proceedings is the need for consistency and fair treatment of all creditors across multiple jurisdictions under a single proceeding model. See *Hollander* at para. 42 and *Century Services Inc. v. Canada (Attorney General)*, 2010 SCC 60, at para. 22.

[13] This is viewed to be consistent with the preferred "modified universalism" approach that is propounded in much of the Canadian jurisprudence dealing with cross-border insolvencies, described as follows:

The notion of modified universalism is court recognition of main proceedings in one jurisdiction and non-main proceedings in other jurisdictions, representing some compromise of state sovereignty under domestic proceedings to advance international comity and co-operation.

See *MtGox Co. Ltd (Re)*, 2014 ONSC 5811, at para.11 ("*MtGox*").

**Analysis**

Recognition of the Foreign Proceeding Under s. 46 and 47 of the CCAA

[14] There is no question that VDL has been named the Foreign Representative in a Foreign Proceeding. The requirements for recognizing the Ch. 11 proceedings involving VDL before the U.S. Bankruptcy Court as a foreign proceeding under ss. 46 and 47 of the CCAA are clearly satisfied and not disputed. Nor was the granting of the stay under the Initial Recognition Order

opposed, although such an order would be mandatory if the Foreign Proceeding is found to be a foreign-main proceeding, but only discretionary if it is found to be a foreign non-main proceeding.

Where is the COMI of VDL Under s. 45 of the CCAA

[15] The “question” to be decided by the court in this case is whether the Foreign Proceeding is a foreign main proceeding or foreign non-main proceeding under s. 45 of the CCAA. This is dependent on where VDL’s centre of main interests (COMI) is, as defined under s. 45 of the CCAA.

[16] The applicant maintains that the Foreign Proceeding is a foreign main proceeding because the centre of VDL’s COMI is in the US. The applicant argues that there is ample proof in this case to rebut the presumption under s. 45(2) of the CCAA that its COMI is the local of its registered office in British Columbia.

[17] The opposing counsel argue that VDL’s COMI is in Canada, but do not appear to be insisting that it is in British Columbia, only that it is not in the US.

[18] The parties agree on the test to be applied to determine whether the location in which the proceeding has been filed is VDL’s COMI. This involves initial consideration of the following three primary factors:

- a. the location in which the Foreign Proceeding has been filed is readily ascertainable by creditors;
- b. the location in which the Foreign Proceeding has been filed is one in which the debtor's principal assets or operations are found; and
- c. the location in which the Foreign Proceeding has been filed is where the management of the debtor takes place.

See *Zochem Inc. (Re)*, 2016 ONSC 958, at para 22 (“*Zochem*”).

[19] The applicant focuses on the location of the underlying operations of the VDL enterprise cryptocurrency business, all of which are in the US. The applicant also focuses on the fact that all the officers and senior management, and all but one of the directors, of VDL are residents and located in the US.

[20] Opposing counsel instead focus on the business of VDL as the “parent” company, raising funds on the TSX, which activity they argue is operationally situated in Canada. On the theory of opposing counsel, the operating businesses in the U.S. that are funded by the fruits of VDL’s business in Canada, are secondary businesses to VDL’s main business.

[21] All participating parties also agree that, when these primary factors do not point to a single jurisdiction as the COMI of the debtor, other factors may need to be considered. When determining the COMI of a Canadian entity operating as part of a larger corporate group, courts have considered, among other factors:

- a. the location where corporate decisions are made;
- b. the location of employee administrations, including human resource functions;
- c. the location of the company's marketing and communication functions;
- d. whether the enterprise is managed on a consolidated basis;
- e. the extent of integration of an enterprise's international operations;
- f. the centre of an enterprise's corporate, banking, strategic and management functions;
- g. the existence of shared management within entities and in an organization;
- h. the location where cash management and accounting functions are overseen;
- i. the location where pricing decisions and new business development initiatives are created; and
- j. the location of an enterprise's treasury management functions, including management of accounts receivable and accounts payable.

See *Hollander*, at para 33; *CHC Group Ltd (Re)*, 2016 BCSC 2623 at para 11, citing *Angiotech Pharmaceuticals Inc. (Re)*, 2011 BCSC 115 at para. 7 ; *Massachusetts Elephant & Castle Group, Inc (Re)*, 2011 ONSC 4201 at paras 26-31 (“*Elephant & Castle*”).

[22] While the decision making and management at the corporate group level is a relevant consideration, the analysis of VDL’s COMI must still be undertaken at the entity level. See *MtGox*, at para. 11; *Hollander*, at para. 30; *Elephant & Castle*, at para. 20.

[23] In all cases, however, the court must not lose sight of what it is attempting to determine: “... the review is designed to determine that the location of the proceeding, in fact, corresponds to where the debtor’s true seat or principal place of business actually is, consistent with the expectations of those who dealt with the enterprise prior to commencement of the proceedings.” See *Lightsquared LP, Re*, 2012 ONSC 2994, at para. 26 (“*Lightsquared*”); see also *Zochem* at paras. 23-25.

#### *The Primary Factors*

[24] The location of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court where the Foreign Proceeding was filed is readily ascertainable to stakeholders. VDL is clearly managed in the US. However, the location of its principal assets and operations could arguably be a question of perspective and how its creditors and other stakeholder perceive the nature of VDL’s business as a holding company.

[25] Opposing counsel primarily argue that investors and other stakeholders in the shares and securities issued by VDL have an expectation of VDL’s business being conducted in and from Canada, and particularly emphasize the description of VDL’s core business by its CEO as: “VDL

serves only as a publicly-traded holding company whose sole function is to raise capital from public markets by listing on the TSX." While this may be a relevant consideration, I consider it to be only the start of the analysis.

[26] In a case involving a public company, a logical place to look for the objectively ascertainable expectations of shareholders and other stakeholders as to the location of a company's principal assets and operations is its publicly filed documents, such as the short form shelf prospectus dated August 17, 2021 (the "Prospectus") used for VDL's public offering.

[27] The opposing counsel point to statements in the Prospectus indicating that VDL's "... securities have not been, and will not be, registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "U.S. Securities Act"), or the securities laws of any state of the United States... and may not be offered, sold or delivered, directly or indirectly, in the United States except pursuant to an exemption from registration under the U.S. Securities Act and applicable U.S. state securities laws."

[28] However, these prescriptive statements about the registration and sale of VDL's securities do not paint the full picture. The Prospectus referred to and relied upon by opposing counsel not only clearly states that VDL's "principal place of business is in the United States", but it also includes the following statements:

At page 22 of the Prospectus:

The Company is a corporation formed under the laws of British Columbia, Canada; however its principal place of business is in the United States. Most of the Company's directors and officers, the Company's auditors, and the majority of the Company's assets, are located in the United States.

The narrative on this page goes on to indicate that service of claims against the non-resident directors, officers, employees etc. of VDL could be difficult, as could be the pursuit and/or enforcement of claims against them in the U.S.

At page 8 of the Prospectus:

The Company [earlier defined as VDL] is a technology company involved in the business of developing and commercializing a digital platform focused on enabling users to buy and sell digital assets (cryptocurrencies) in one account across multiple centralized or decentralized marketplaces that unite and match buyers and sellers of cryptocurrencies. Voyager is a licensed digital asset Money Services Business that provides investors with a turnkey solution to trade digital assets. References in this prospectus, including the documents incorporated by reference herein, to the Company being licensed or registered refer to its status as a Money Services Business in the United States under FinCEN, a bureau of the United States Department of the Treasury. The Company has implement [sic] procedures in order to prevent residents in the provinces and territories of Canada from become [sic] clients or customers of its crypto-asset trading and investing business, these measures include KYC procedures and geofencing the availability of the Voyager app.

To the best of the Company's knowledge, the Company does not have any clients or customers who are ordinarily resident in, or have immigrated to, Canada.

[29] There is no question that VDL's decision making takes place in the US. Even before the one Canadian employee and officer of VDL left in June 2022, that was the situation. VDL does not have, and never had, any physical premises in Canada. Operationally, the entirety of the cryptocurrency business is run out of the US. Although the COMI of VDL must be analyzed at the entity level, the existence of a corporate group operating through foreign subsidiaries cannot be ignored. See *Hollander*, at para. 34.

[30] The Prospectus contextualizes VDL's business and is an objective source from which to ascertain the reasonable expectations of VDL's stakeholders. It clearly indicates the locale of VDL's principal assets and operations and management to be the U.S.

[31] Opposing counsel argue that there would be corporate records at VDL's head office in Vancouver and that VDL is subject to the Canadian securities' regulatory regime as a reporting issuer with shares listed on the TSX. These are disclosed in the Prospectus and do not, in my view, displace the US. as the more readily ascertainable principal place of VDL's business, operations, and management.

#### *The Secondary Factors*

[32] If there was any doubt about the US as the more readily ascertainable principal place of VDL's business, an analysis of the applicable secondary factors either supports or is neutral to that the same conclusion. There is little that points to Canada as the principal place of the self-described cryptocurrency business of VDL.

[33] Opposing counsel points out that two of VDL's subsidiaries, one in Canada and one in the US, have been granted Money Services Business ("MSB") registrations with Canada's Financial Transaction and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada ("FINTRAC"), suggesting that this may be paving the way for operations in Canada. However, there is no suggestion of any activity undertaken in Canada that is reliant upon the MSB registrations, just speculation by opposing counsel that these registrations may lead to future prospective activity in Canada. This is not a current indicia of the primary seat of VDL's business being located in Canada.

[34] Opposing counsel further speculate that there could be creditors of this securities business who did not appear on the application but for whom the court should not presume an expectation that the principal place of business of VDL is in the US. However, this speculation runs against the disclosure contained in the Prospectus about the locale of VDL's business, operations and management and does not displace that disclosure in the absence of any concrete evidence to the contrary.

[35] Having regard to the facts and evidence before the court at this time, I find that the proceedings before the U.S. Bankruptcy Court correspond with where "the debtor's true seat or principal place of business actually is, consistent with the expectations of those who dealt with the enterprise prior to commencement of the proceedings." See *Lightsquared*, at para. 26; see also *Zochem* at paras. 23-25. The legitimate expectations of third parties dealing with VDL and its subsidiaries would consider the US to be the principal seat of VDL's business.

[36] This case is similar to *Probe Resources Ltd (Re)*, 2011 BCSC 552, at paras. 2-3 and 24-25 and 28, in which the British Columbia Supreme Court found a publicly listed Canadian parent holding company of an oil and natural gas business operating through US subsidiaries (with nominal assets located in Canada and all of its operations, other than administration and organization matters, located in the US) to have its COMI in the US.

[37] I find in all of the circumstances of this case that the COMI of VDL is in the US and that the Foreign Proceeding in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court should be recognized on that basis, as a foreign main proceeding. Accordingly, I find that the presumption in s. 45(2) of the CCAA has been rebutted in respect of VDL.

### *Policy Considerations*

[38] The test for determining the COMI of a debtor is not a balancing of prejudices. However, s. 61(2) of the CCAA applies and provides as follows: "Nothing in [Part IV of the CCAA] prevents the court from refusing to do something that would be contrary to public policy."

[39] Opposing counsel make two foundational policy assertions, that: (i) if the Foreign Proceeding is recognized as a "foreign main proceeding", Canadian securities regulators and police would be prohibited from carrying out their investigative functions, and (ii) if the Foreign Proceeding is recognized as a "foreign main proceeding", Ms. De Sousa (the proposed representative plaintiff in the proposed class action) and the equity holders she wishes to represent (and possibly other Canadian stakeholders) will be excluded from participating in the restructuring proceedings of VDL.

[40] In *MtGox* (at para. 25), relied upon by opposing counsel, the trustee wanted ongoing litigation to be enjoined in Canada, to give priority to the protections afforded in the Japan bankruptcy proceeding. There was no prohibition against ongoing investigations by regulators or police. There is nothing to indicate whether there was, in fact, any Canadian police, regulatory or criminal authority involvement after the stay was granted in *MtGox*, and if not why. The suggestion by opposing counsel that this was the result of the court's recognition of the foreign proceeding in Japan as a foreign main proceeding is not supported.

[41] Furthermore, the Supplemental Order issued by this court on July 12, 2022 in this case expressly exempts from the stay the exceptions to the automatic stay contained in Bankruptcy Code section 362(b), which exceptions include:

- a. (1) the commencement or continuation of a criminal action or proceeding against the debtor; and
- b. (25) under subsection (a), of -- (A) the commencement or continuation of an investigation or action by a securities self regulatory organization to enforce such organization's regulatory power;

[42] Thus, there is no basis for the suggestion in this case that there is a public policy concern that the finding that the Foreign Proceeding before the U.S. Bankruptcy Court is a foreign main proceeding will preclude any Canadian regulatory or police investigations of VDL.

[43] There is similarly no factual basis for the contention of opposing counsel that a finding that the Foreign Proceeding in this case is a foreign main proceeding will preclude Canadian equity holders or other stakeholders of VDL from participating, or lead to their inequitable treatment, in the restructuring proceedings of VDL.

[44] During oral argument, further speculative concerns about the terms of a future proposed plan and the possibility of effective substantive consolidation were also raised.

[45] Much emphasis was placed on the speculative concern that the U.S. Bankruptcy Court would not agree to the appointment of representative counsel for class action shareholders or other uniquely situated Canadian stakeholders, whereas there is precedent for so doing in CCAA proceedings, when warranted. First, I note that it is not guaranteed that representative counsel would be appointed even if the Foreign Proceeding was declared to be a foreign non-main proceeding and there was to be a parallel CCAA proceeding in Canada.

[46] But, a more direct rebuke to the suggestion that there would be no role opportunity for representative counsel to represent uniquely situated Canadian stakeholders in the Foreign Proceeding is found in the example of a precedent (brought to the court's attention by the applicant) for recognizing and carving out a role for representative counsel on behalf of Canadian stakeholders in a different type of U.S. bankruptcy proceeding: See *Re LTL Management LLC*, (SCJ Court File No. CV-21-00673856-00CL).

[47] The Information Officer that has been appointed by the court in this case supports the position of VDL and is appropriately situated, by virtue of the powers, authority, duties, and responsibilities that it has been given pursuant to the Supplemental Order, to keep the court of apprised of any concerns that are specific to Canadian stakeholders that may arise in the context of future recognition orders sought from this court.

[48] The concerns raised by opposing counsel, at some level, seem to presume that the Information Officer will fail to recognize and bring concerns to the court's attention in the future, or that the "reporting" role of the Information Officer is too limited and would need to be expanded to include monitoring and making recommendations to the court.

[49] Counsel for the Information Officer did not necessarily accept the suggested limitations on the role of the Information Officer. The role of the Information Officer was described by its counsel to include identifying points of prejudice or potential asymmetry with respect to the treatment of Canadian stakeholders for the court's consideration. It was suggested that this must be done contextually when there is a plan or some other proposal under consideration that affects those stakeholders. The court can and should be able to rely upon the Information Officer to carry out this role. It is presumptuous for opposing counsel to suggest or assume that the Information Office will not carry out this role and its duties to the best of its abilities.

[50] But, more importantly and appropriately, counsel for the Information Officer noted that the speculative concerns raised do not affect the factual determination of the COMI of VDL, which is in the US, and the court's determination that the Foreign Proceeding is a foreign main proceeding as the CCAA mandates in such circumstances. The noted concerns are more

appropriately addressed if and when they, or other concerns, actually arise in the context of future requests for recognition orders in this proceeding.

[51] If there are valid public policy concerns that are raised in connection with future requests for recognition orders, they may be considered by the court under s. 61(2) of the CCAA at that time. To speculate about those concerns and attempt to pre-emptively address them now at the stage of the Initial Recognition Order and Supplemental Order in the context of the determination of the “question” of whether the Foreign Proceeding is a foreign main or foreign non-main proceeding would be premature.

[52] I do not find there to be any existing identified public policy concerns that lead me to exercise the court’s jurisdiction under s. 61(2) of the CCAA to refuse to make the finding that the US is the COMI of VDL and/or to refuse to make the declaration that the Foreign Proceeding is a foreign main proceeding under part IV of the CCAA.

[53] The court’s findings and orders made at this time do not preclude the future examination of legitimate public policy concerns that may arise in connection with future requests for recognition orders in connection with the Foreign Proceeding.

[54] Nor do they preclude any party from applying to vary or amend the Initial Recognition Order pursuant to paragraph 9 thereof, including for a request to expand the duties and powers of the Information Officer.



### **Final Determination of the Question**

[55] The only immediate and mandated effect of a determination that the Foreign Proceeding as a foreign main proceeding is that the stay is mandatory (whereas it would have been a discretionary order if I had determined it was a foreign non-main proceeding). In either event, the stay has already been ordered. To that extent, I find myself in the same place as Newbould J. was when he said in *Zochem* (at para. 26):

In this case it is perhaps an academic exercise to decide if the foreign proceeding is a main or non-main proceeding because it is appropriate for a stay to be ordered in either event. However, I am satisfied that for our purposes the applicants have established that the foreign proceeding is a foreign main proceeding. The court's declaration that the Foreign Proceeding is a foreign main proceeding is made *nunc pro tunc* to the date of the Initial Recognition Order and Supplemental Order, July 12, 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kimmel J.", with a stylized, cursive script.

**Kimmel J.**

**Date:** August 4, 2022

## **APPENDIX “B”**

**ONTARIO  
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE  
(COMMERCIAL LIST)**

THE HONOURABLE ) TUESDAY, THE 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2022  
JUSTICE KIMMEL ) AND AMENDED AND RESTATED  
 ) FRIDAY, THE 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2022

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

AND IN THE MATTER OF VOYAGER DIGITAL LTD.

APPLICATION OF VOYAGER DIGITAL LTD. UNDER  
SECTION 46 OF THE *COMPANIES' CREDITORS  
ARRANGEMENT ACT*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, AS AMENDED

**AMENDED AND RESTATED INITIAL RECOGNITION ORDER  
(FOREIGN MAIN PROCEEDING)**

THIS APPLICATION, made by Voyager Digital Ltd. (“**VDL**”) in its capacity as the foreign representative (the “**Foreign Representative**”) of VDL in respect of the proceedings (the “**Foreign Proceeding**”) commenced on July 5, 2022, in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the “**U.S. Bankruptcy Court**”) for an Order substantially in the form enclosed in the Application Record, was heard this day by video conference.

ON READING the Notice of Application, the affidavit of Stephen Ehrlich sworn July 10, 2022, the affidavit of Mitchell Stephenson sworn July 11, 2022, the affidavit of service of Daniel Richer sworn July 11, 2022, the affidavit of Rory Smith affirmed July 14, 2022 and the affidavit of Mitchell Stephenson sworn July 16, 2022, each filed,

AND UPON BEING ADVISED by counsel for the Foreign Representative that in addition to this Initial Recognition Order, a Supplemental Order is being sought,

AND UPON HEARING the submissions of counsel for the Foreign Representative, counsel for Alvarez & Marsal Canada Inc., in its capacity as proposed information officer (the “**Proposed Information Officer**”), and such other counsel that appeared on the application, and upon being provided with copies of the documents required by section 46 of the *Companies’ Creditors Arrangement Act*, RSC 1985, c C-36 (the “**CCAA**”);

AND UPON HEARING submissions from counsel for Francine De Sousa and counsel making submissions on behalf of the interests of certain retail investors seeking an adjournment of the determination as to whether the Foreign Proceeding is a “foreign main proceeding”:

#### **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.

#### **FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVE**

2. THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES that the Foreign Representative is the “foreign representative” as defined in section 45 of the CCAA of VDL in respect of the Foreign Proceeding.

#### **CENTRE OF MAIN INTEREST AND RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN PROCEEDING**

3. THIS COURT DECLARES that the centre of main interest for VDL is the United States of America, and that the Foreign Proceeding is hereby recognized as a “foreign main proceeding” as defined in section 45 of the CCAA.

## STAY OF PROCEEDINGS

4. THIS COURT ORDERS that until otherwise ordered by this Court:
- (a) all proceedings taken or that might be taken against VDL under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*, R.S.C., 1985, c. B-3, as amended, or the *Winding-up and Restructuring Act*, R.S.C., 1985, c. W-11, as amended, are stayed;
  - (b) further proceedings in any action, suit or proceeding against VDL are restrained; and
  - (c) the commencement of any action, suit or proceeding against VDL is prohibited.
5. THIS COURT ORDERS that, except with leave of this Court, VDL is prohibited from selling or otherwise disposing of:
- (a) outside the ordinary course of its business, any of its property in Canada that relates to the business; and
  - (b) any of its other property in Canada.

## GENERAL

6. THIS COURT ORDERS that without delay after this Order is made, the Foreign Representative shall cause to be published a notice substantially in the form attached to this Order as **Schedule “A”**, once a week for two consecutive weeks, in the *Globe and Mail* (National Edition).
7. THIS COURT HEREBY REQUESTS the aid and recognition of any court, tribunal, regulatory or administrative body having jurisdiction in Canada, to give effect to this Order and to assist VDL and the Foreign Representative and its respective counsel and agents in carrying out the terms of this Order.

8. THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES that this Order shall be effective as of 12:01 a.m. Toronto time on the date of this Order, and this Order is not required to be entered.

9. THIS COURT ORDERS that any interested party may apply to this Court to vary or amend this Order or seek other relief on not less than seven (7) days' notice to VDL, the Foreign Representative, the Proposed Information Officer and their respective counsel, and to any other party or parties likely to be affected by the order sought, or upon such other notice, if any, as this Court may order.



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**ONTARIO  
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE  
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**NOTICE OF INITIAL RECOGNITION ORDER**

PLEASE BE ADVISED that this Notice is being published pursuant to an order of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) (the “**Canadian Court**”), granted on July 12, 2022 (the “**Initial Recognition Order**”).

TAKE NOTICE that on July 5, 2022, Voyager Digital Ltd. (“**VDL**”) filed a voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 11, title 11 of the United States Code (the “**Chapter 11 Proceeding**”) in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the “**U.S. Bankruptcy Court**”). In connection with the Chapter 11 Proceeding, VDL has been appointed as the foreign representative of its estate (the “**Foreign Representative**”). The Foreign Representative’s address is 33 Irving Place, Suite 3060, New York, NY 10003.

AND TAKE NOTICE that the Initial Recognition Order and the supplemental order granted by the Canadian Court on July 12, 2022 (together with the Initial Recognition Order, the “**Recognition Orders**”), which were both issued by the Canadian Court under Part IV of the *Companies’ Creditors Arrangement Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36 (the “**CCAA Recognition Proceeding**”), among other things:

- (i) ordered that the Chapter 11 Proceeding is recognized as a foreign proceeding;
- (ii) granted a stay of proceedings against VDL and its former, current and future directors and officers;
- (iii) recognized certain orders granted by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in the Chapter 11 Proceeding; and
- (iv) appointed Alvarez & Marsal Canada Inc. as the information officer (in such capacity, the “**Information Officer**”) with respect to the CCAA Recognition Proceeding.

AND TAKE NOTICE that motions, orders and notices filed with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in the Chapter 11 Proceeding are available at <https://cases.stretto.com/Voyager> and that the Recognition Orders and any other orders that may be granted by the Canadian Court in the CCAA Recognition Proceeding are available at <http://www.alvarezandmarsal.com/VoyagerDigital>.

AND TAKE NOTICE that counsel for the Foreign Representative is:

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FINALLY TAKE NOTICE that if you wish to receive copies of the Recognition Orders or obtain further information in respect of the matters set forth in this Notice, you may contact the Information Officer:

**Alvarez & Marsal Canada Inc.**

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Phone: [●]

Email: [●]

DATED AT TORONTO, ONTARIO this [●]th day of July, 2022.

**Voyager Digital Ltd.**



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

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Court File No. CV-22-00683820-00CL

**ONTARIO  
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE  
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## **APPENDIX “C”**

**ONTARIO  
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE  
(COMMERCIAL LIST)**

THE HONOURABLE	)	TUESDAY, THE 12 <sup>TH</sup>
	)	
JUSTICE KIMMEL	)	DAY OF JULY, 2022

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**SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER**

THIS APPLICATION, made by Voyager Digital Ltd. (“**VDL**”) in its capacity as the foreign representative (in such capacity, the “**Foreign Representative**”) of VDL in respect of the proceedings (the “**Foreign Proceeding**”) commenced on July 5, 2022, in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the “**U.S. Bankruptcy Court**”) for an Order substantially in the form enclosed in the Application Record, was heard this day by video conference.

ON READING the Notice of Application, the affidavit of Stephen Ehrlich sworn July 10, 2022 (the “**Ehrlich Affidavit**”), the affidavit of Mitchell Stephenson sworn July 11, 2022 and the affidavit of service of Daniel Richer sworn July 11 2022, each filed, and on being advised that VDL does not have any secured creditors who are likely to be affected by the charges created herein, and on hearing the submissions of counsel for the Foreign Representative, counsel for Alvarez & Marsal Canada Inc. (“**A&M**”), in its capacity as proposed information officer (in such

capacity, the “**Proposed Information Officer**”), and such other counsel that appeared on the application, and on reading the consent of A&M to act as the information officer, filed:

## **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.

## **INITIAL RECOGNITION ORDER**

2. THIS COURT ORDERS that any capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings given to such terms in the Initial Recognition Order dated July 12, 2022 (the “**Initial Recognition Order**”) or the Ehrlich Affidavit.

3. THIS COURT ORDERS that the provisions of this Supplemental Order shall be interpreted in a manner complementary and supplementary to the provisions of the Initial Recognition Order, provided that in the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Supplemental Order and the provisions of the Initial Recognition Order, the provisions of the Initial Recognition Order shall govern.

## **RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN ORDERS**

4. THIS COURT ORDERS that the following orders (collectively, the “**Foreign Orders**”) of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court made in the Foreign Proceeding are hereby recognized and given full force and effect in all provinces and territories of Canada pursuant to Section 49 of the CCAA:

- (a) order (I) authorizing VDL to act as foreign representative and (II) granting related relief, a certified copy of which is attached hereto as **Schedule “A”**;

- (b) order (I) directing joint administration of the Chapter 11 cases and (II) granting related relief, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Schedule “B”**;
- (c) order (I) restating and enforcing the worldwide automatic stay, anti-discrimination provisions, and *ipso facto* protections of the Bankruptcy Code, (II) approving the form and manner of notice, and (III) granting related relief, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Schedule “C”**;
- (d) interim order (I) approving notification and hearing procedures for certain transfers of and declarations of worthlessness with respect to common stock and (II) granting related relief, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Schedule “D”**;
- (e) interim order (I) authorizing the debtors to (A) pay prepetition employee wages, salaries, other compensation, and reimbursable expenses and (B) continue employee benefits programs and (II) granting related relief, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Schedule “E”**;
- (f) order (I) extending time to file schedules of assets and liabilities, schedules of current income and expenditures, schedules of executory contracts and unexpired leases, statements of financial affairs, and rule 2015.3 financial reports, (II) waiving requirements to file list of equity holders, and (III) granting related relief, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Schedule “F”**;
- (g) interim order (I) authorizing the debtors to (A) continue to operate their cash management system, (B) honor certain prepetition obligations related thereto, (C) maintain existing business forms, and (D) continue to perform intercompany

transactions, (II) granting superpriority administrative expense status to postpetition intercompany balances, and (III) granting related relief, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Schedule “G”**,

- (h) interim order (I) establishing certain notice, case management, and administrative procedures and (II) granting related relief, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Schedule “H”**; and
- (i) order (I) authorizing the debtors to file a consolidated list of creditors in lieu of submitting a separate mailing matrix for each debtor, (II) authorizing the debtors to file a consolidated list of the debtors’ fifty largest unsecured creditors, (III) authorizing the debtors to redact certain personally identifiable information, (IV) approving the form and manner of notifying creditors of commencement of these Chapter 11 cases, and (V) granting related relief, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Schedule “I”**; and
- (j) interim order (I) authorizing the payment of certain taxes and fees and (II) granting related relief, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Schedule “J”**,

provided, however, that in the event of any conflict between the terms of the Foreign Orders and the Orders of this Court made in the within proceedings, the Orders of this Court shall govern with respect to Property (as defined below) in Canada.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF INFORMATION OFFICER**

5. THIS COURT ORDERS that A&M (the “**Information Officer**”) is hereby appointed as an officer of this Court, with the powers and duties set out herein and in any other Order made in these proceedings.

#### **NO PROCEEDINGS AGAINST VDL, THE BUSINESS OR THE PROPERTY**

6. THIS COURT ORDERS that until such date as this Court may order (the “**Stay Period**”) no proceeding, or enforcement process in any court or tribunal in Canada (each, a “**Proceeding**”) shall be commenced or continued against, or in respect of VDL or affecting its business (the “**Business**”) or its current and future assets, undertakings and properties of every nature and kind whatsoever, and wherever situate including all proceeds thereof (the “**Property**”), except with leave of this Court, and any and all Proceedings currently under way against or in respect of any of VDL or affecting the Business or the Property are hereby stayed and suspended pending further Order of this Court.

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

7. 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 VDL, or affecting the Business or the Property, are hereby stayed and suspended except with leave of this Court, provided that nothing in this Order shall (i) prevent the assertion of or the exercise of rights and remedies outside of Canada, (ii) empower VDL to carry on any business in Canada which VDL is not lawfully entitled to carry on, (iii) affect such investigations or Proceedings by a regulatory body as are permitted by section 11.1 of the CCAA, (iv) prevent the filing of any

registration to preserve or perfect a security interest, or (v) prevent the registration of a claim for lien.

### **NO INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS**

8. THIS COURT ORDERS that during the Stay Period, no Person shall discontinue, fail to honour, alter, interfere with, repudiate, terminate or cease to perform any right, renewal right, contract, agreement, licence or permit in favour of or held by VDL and affecting the Business in Canada, except with leave of this Court.

### **ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS**

9. THIS COURT ORDERS that during the Stay Period, all Persons having oral or written agreements with VDL or statutory or regulatory mandates for the supply of goods and/or services in Canada, including without limitation all computer software, communication and other data services, centralized banking services, payroll services, insurance, transportation services, utility or other services provided in respect of the Property or Business, are hereby restrained until further Order of this Court from discontinuing, altering, interfering with or terminating the supply of such goods or services as may be required by VDL, and that VDL shall be entitled to the continued use in Canada of its bank accounts, telephone numbers, facsimile numbers, internet addresses and domain names.

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



of VDL 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.

11. THIS COURT ORDERS that no Proceeding shall be commenced or continued against or in respect of the Information Officer, except with leave of this Court. In addition to the rights and protections afforded the Information Officer herein, or as an officer of this Court, the Information Officer shall have the benefit of all of the rights and protections afforded to a Monitor under the CCAA, and shall incur no liability or obligation as a result of its appointment or the carrying out of the provisions of this Order, save and except for any gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part.

#### **OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO INFORMATION OFFICER**

12. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Information Officer:

- (a) is hereby authorized to provide such assistance to the Foreign Representative in the performance of its duties as the Foreign Representative may reasonably request;
- (b) shall report to this Court at such times and intervals that the Information Officer considers appropriate or as this Court may direct with respect to the status of these proceedings and the status of the Foreign Proceeding, which reports may include information relating to the Property, the Business, or such other matters as may be relevant to the proceedings herein;
- (c) shall have full and complete access to the Property, including the premises, books, records, data, including data in electronic form, and other financial documents of

VDL, to the extent that is necessary to perform its duties arising under this Order;  
and

- (d) shall be at liberty to engage independent legal counsel or such other persons as the Information Officer deems necessary or advisable respecting the exercise of its powers and performance of its obligations under this Order.

13. THIS COURT ORDERS that VDL, including in its capacity as the Foreign Representative, shall (i) advise the Information Officer of all material steps taken by VDL, including in its capacity as the Foreign Representative, in these proceedings or in the Foreign Proceeding, (ii) co-operate fully with the Information Officer in the exercise of its powers and discharge of its obligations, and (iii) provide the Information Officer with the assistance that is necessary to enable the Information Officer to adequately carry out its functions.

14. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Information Officer shall not take possession of the Property, shall take no part whatsoever in the management or supervision of the management of the Business and shall not, by fulfilling its obligations hereunder, be deemed to have taken or maintained possession or control of the Business or Property, or any part thereof.

15. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Information Officer may provide any creditor of VDL with information provided by VDL in response to reasonable requests for information made in writing by such creditor addressed to the Information Officer. The Information Officer 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 Information Officer has been advised by VDL is privileged or confidential, the Information Officer shall not provide such information to creditors

unless otherwise directed by this Court or on such terms as the Information Officer and VDL, including in its capacity as the Foreign Representative, may agree.

16. THIS COURT ORDERS that Canadian counsel to the Foreign Representative, the Information Officer and counsel to the Information Officer shall be paid by VDL their reasonable fees and disbursements incurred in respect of these proceedings, both before and after the making of this Order, in each case at their standard rates and charges unless otherwise ordered by the Court on the passing of accounts. VDL is hereby authorized and directed to pay the accounts of the Canadian counsel to the Foreign Representative, Information Officer and counsel for the Information Officer on a monthly basis, and the retainers previously paid to the Information Officer and counsel to the Information Officer, each in the amount of \$75,000, are hereby approved.

17. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Information Officer and its legal counsel shall pass their accounts from time to time, and for this purpose the accounts of the Information Officer and its legal counsel are hereby referred to a judge of the Commercial List of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, and the accounts of the Information Officer and its counsel, shall not be subject to approval in the Foreign Proceeding.

18. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Canadian counsel to the Foreign Representative, the Information Officer, and counsel to the Information Officer shall be entitled to the benefit of and are hereby granted a charge (the “**Administration Charge**”) on the Property in Canada, which charge shall not exceed an aggregate amount of CAD\$500,000, as security for their professional fees and disbursements incurred in respect of these proceedings, both before and after the making of this Order. The Administration Charge shall have the priority set out in paragraph 20 hereof.

## **VALIDITY AND PRIORITY OF ADMINISTRATION CHARGE**

19. THIS COURT ORDERS that the filing, registration or perfection of the Administration Charge shall not be required, and that the Administration Charge shall be valid and enforceable for all purposes, including as against any right, title or interest filed, registered, recorded or perfected subsequent to the Administration Charge coming into existence, notwithstanding any such failure to file, register, record or perfect the Administration Charge.

20. THIS COURT ORDERS that each of the Administration Charge (as constituted and defined herein) shall constitute a charge on the Property in Canada and such Administration Charge shall rank in priority to all other security interests, trusts, liens, charges and encumbrances, claims of secured creditors, statutory or otherwise (collectively, “**Encumbrances**”) in favour of any Person.

21. THIS COURT ORDERS that except as otherwise expressly provided for herein, or as may be approved by this Court, VDL shall not grant any Encumbrances over any Property in Canada that rank in priority to, or *pari passu* with, the Administration Charge, unless the VDL also obtains the prior written consent of the Information Officer.

22. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Administration Charge shall not be rendered invalid or unenforceable and the rights and remedies of the chargees entitled to the benefit of the Administration Charge (collectively, the “**Chargees**”) shall not otherwise be limited or impaired in any way by (i) the pendency of these proceedings and the declarations of insolvency made herein; (ii) any application(s) for bankruptcy order(s) issued pursuant to the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*, R.S.C., 1985, c. B-3, as amended (the “**BIA**”), or any bankruptcy order made pursuant to such applications; (iii) the filing of any assignments for the general benefit of creditors

made pursuant to the BIA; (iv) the provisions of any federal or provincial statutes; or (v) 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 VDL, and notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in any Agreement:

- (a) the creation of the Administration Charge shall not create or be deemed to constitute a breach by VDL of any Agreement to which it is a party;
- (b) none of the Chargees shall have any liability to any Person whatsoever as a result of any breach of any Agreement caused by or resulting from the creation of the Administration Charge; and
- (c) the payments made by VDL to the Chargees pursuant to this Order, and the granting of the Administration Charge, do not and will not constitute preferences, fraudulent conveyances, transfers at undervalue, oppressive conduct, or other challengeable or voidable transactions under any applicable law.

## **SERVICE AND NOTICE**

23. THIS COURT ORDERS that that the Guide Concerning Commercial List E-Service (the “**Protocol**”) is approved and adopted by reference herein and, in this proceeding, the service of documents made in accordance with the Protocol (which can be found on the Commercial List website at <https://www.ontariocourts.ca/scj/practice/practice-directions/toronto/eservice-commercial/>) shall be valid and effective service. Subject to Rule 17.05 of the Rules of Civil Procedure, 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 21 of the Protocol, service of documents in accordance with the Protocol will be effective on transmission. This Court further orders that a Case Website shall be established in accordance with the Protocol with the following URL '<http://www.alvarezandmarsal.com/VoyagerDigital>' (the "**Case Website**").

24. THIS COURT ORDERS that if the service or distribution of documents in accordance with the Protocol is not practicable, VDL, including in its capacity as the Foreign Representative, and the Information Officer 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 transmission to VDL's creditors or other interested parties at their respective addresses as last shown on the records of VDL and that any such service or distribution by courier, personal delivery or facsimile transmission shall be deemed to be received on the next business day following the date of forwarding thereof, or if sent by ordinary mail, on the third business day after mailing.

25. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Information Officer (i) shall post on the Case Website all Orders of this Court made in these proceedings, all reports of the Information Officer filed herein, and such other materials as this Court may order from time to time, and (ii) may post on the Case Website any other materials that the Information Officer deems appropriate.

## **GENERAL**

26. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Information Officer may from time to time apply to this Court for advice and directions in the discharge of its powers and duties hereunder.

27. THIS COURT ORDERS that nothing in this Order shall prevent the Information Officer from acting as an interim receiver, a receiver, a receiver and manager, a monitor, a proposal trustee, or a trustee in bankruptcy of VDL, the Business or the Property.

28. 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 VDL, including in its capacity as the Foreign Representative, the Information Officer, 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 VDL, including in its capacity as the Foreign Representative, and the Information Officer, the latter as an officer of this Court, as may be necessary or desirable to give effect to this Order, or to assist VDL, including in its capacity as the Foreign Representative, and the Information Officer and their respective agents in carrying out the terms of this Order.

29. THIS COURT ORDERS that each of VDL, including in its capacity as the Foreign Representative, and the Information Officer 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.

30. THIS COURT ORDERS that any interested party may apply to this Court to vary or amend this Order or seek other relief on not less than seven (7) days' notice to VDL, including in its capacity as the Foreign Representative, the Information Officer and their respective counsel, and to any other party or parties likely to be affected by the order sought, or upon such other notice, if any, as this Court may order.

31. THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES that this Order shall be effective as of 12:01 a.m. Toronto time on the date of this Order and is not required to be entered.



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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 VOYAGER DIGITAL LTD.

APPLICATION OF VOYAGER DIGITAL LTD. UNDER SECTION 46 OF THE *COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, AS AMENDED

Court File No. CV-22-00683820-00CL

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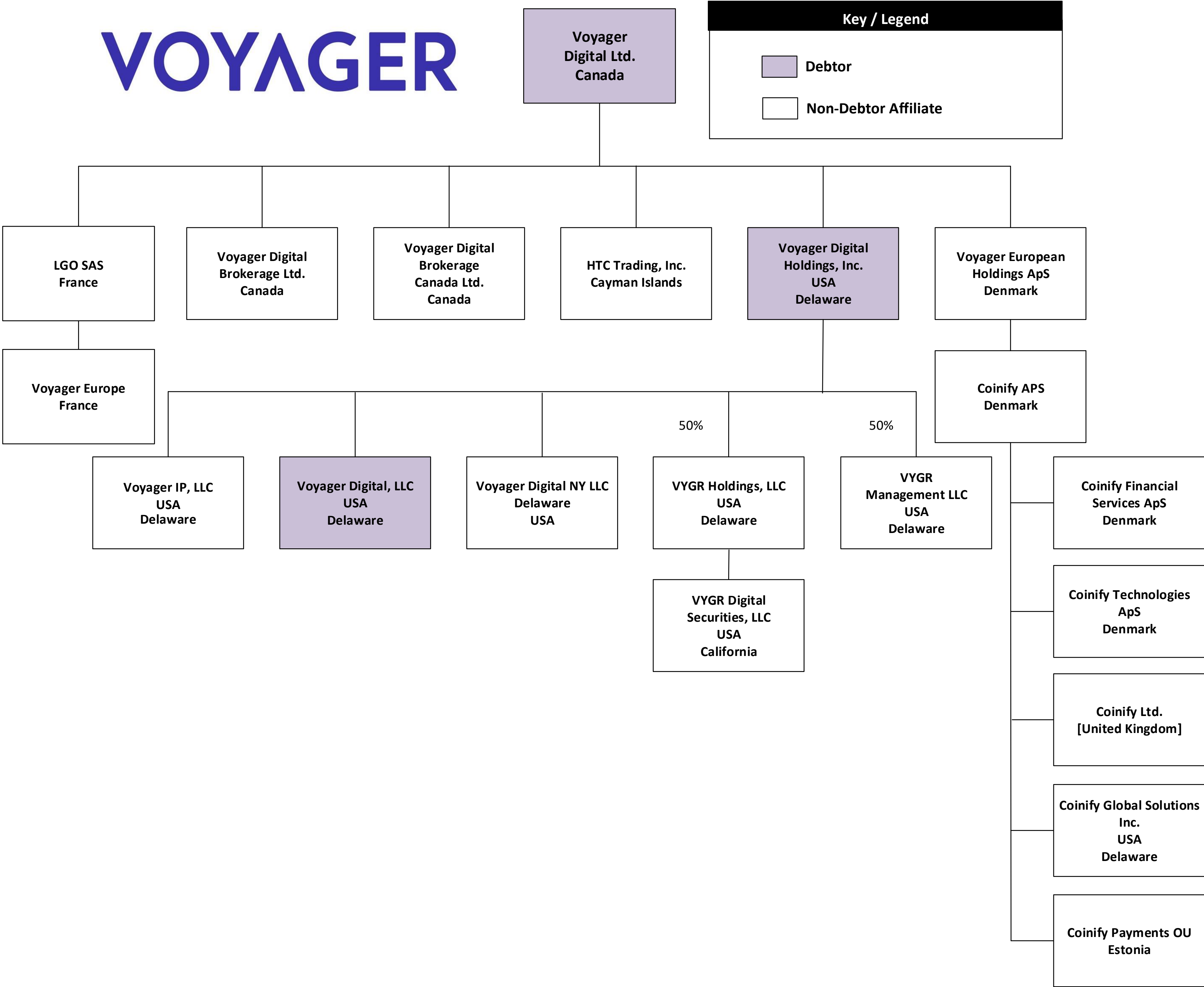
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## **APPENDIX “D”**

# Voyager Corporate Structure



## **APPENDIX “E”**

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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In re:

VOYAGER DIGITAL HOLDINGS, INC. *et al.*,

Debtors.

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)  
) Chapter 11  
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) Case No. 22-10943 (MEW)  
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) (Jointly Administered)  
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**DECISION AS TO MOTION TO PERMIT WITHDRAWALS BY CUSTOMERS OF  
FUNDS HELD IN FBO ACCOUNTS AT METROPOLITAN COMMERCIAL BANK**

Voyager Digital Holdings, Inc. and its affiliated debtors and debtors-in-possession in these cases (the “Debtors”) have filed a motion seeking, among other things, to permit customers to withdraw funds from two “for the benefit of” (or “FBO”) accounts held at Metropolitan Commercial Bank (“MC Bank”). The Debtors argued, among other things, that the funds that are actually on deposit in the FBO accounts belong directly to Voyager’s customers and are not property of the Debtors’ bankruptcy estates. The Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “Committee”), and MC Bank, have filed papers in support of this request for relief, and no party in interest has opposed the relief. During a hearing on the motion held on August 4, 2022 (the “Hearing”), the Committee and MC Bank concurred with the Debtors’ contentions that the funds in the relevant bank accounts belong to customers and are not property of the estates.

The Customer Agreement that governs the Debtors’ relationships with customers, as updated through January 7, 2022, was submitted as an attachment to the Debtors’ motion. [ECF No. 73.] The Customer Agreement has different provisions regarding the manner in which cash and cryptocurrency will be held. With respect to cash, paragraph 5(A) of the Customer Agreement states that customers may deposit cash that will be held in an omnibus account at MC Bank. More particularly, it states:

Cash deposited into the Customer's Account is maintained in an omnibus account at Metropolitan Commercial Bank (the "Bank"), which is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"). Voyager maintains an agreement with the Bank whereby the Bank provides all services associated with the movement of and holding of USD in connection with the provision of each account. Therefore, each Customer is a customer of the Bank. All U.S. regulatory obligations associated with the movement of, and holding of, USD in connection with each Account are the responsibility of the Bank. For purposes of clarity, any services pertaining to the movement of, and holding of, USD are not provided by Voyager or its Affiliates. Cash in the Account is insured up to \$250,000 per depositor by the FDIC in the event the Bank fails if specific insurance deposit requirements are met.

*See* Customer Agreement, ¶ 5(A).

Different arrangements were set forth with respect to cryptocurrencies. Paragraph 5(C) of the Customer Agreement states that "Customer authorizes and instructs Voyager to hold Customer's Cryptocurrency . . . on its behalf. Customer understands that Voyager may hold Customer's Cryptocurrency together with the Cryptocurrency of other Voyager customers in omnibus accounts or wallets." *Id.* ¶ 5(C). The same paragraph then warns that the treatment of such cryptocurrency holdings in the event of an insolvency proceeding was uncertain:

In the event that Customer, Voyager or a Custodian become subject to an insolvency proceeding it is unclear how Customer Cryptocurrency would be treated and what rights Customer would have to such Cryptocurrency. How an insolvency court would characterize and treat Customer Cryptocurrency is a highly fact-dependent inquiry that necessarily depends upon the circumstances of each individual case. In addition, within the U.S. there is notably little case law addressing insolvency proceedings involving Cryptocurrency. As such, the law governing the likely treatment of Customer Cryptocurrency in the event of a Customer, Voyager or Custodian insolvency proceeding remains largely unsettled. Voyager does not make any representation as to the likely treatment of Customer Cryptocurrency in the event of a Customer, Voyager, or Custodian insolvency proceeding whether in the U.S. or in any other jurisdiction. Customer explicitly understands and acknowledges that the treatment of Customer Cryptocurrency in the event of a Customer, Voyager or Custodian insolvency proceeding is unsettled, not guaranteed, and may result in a number of outcomes that are impossible to predict, including but not limited to Customer being treated as an unsecured creditor and/or the total loss of all Customer Cryptocurrency.

*Id.* ¶ 5(C). Paragraph 5(D) then specified that cryptocurrency would be held in Voyager's own

name, and granted certain rights to Voyager with respect to the use, lending, “staking” and rehypothecation of such cryptocurrency, “with all attendant rights of ownership:”

Customer grants Voyager the right, subject to applicable law, without further notice to Customer, to hold Cryptocurrency held in Customer’s Account in Voyager’s name or in another name, and to pledge, repledge, hypothecate, rehypothecate, sell, lend, stake, arrange for staking, or otherwise transfer or use any amount of such Cryptocurrency, separately or together with other property, with all attendant rights of ownership, and for any period of time and without retaining a like amount of Cryptocurrency, and to use or invest such Cryptocurrency at Customer’s sole risk.

*Id.* ¶ 5(D). The Debtors have contended that, pursuant to these terms, customers have only the rights of general unsecured creditors with respect to their cryptocurrency holdings. That particular contention has not been challenged at this stage of these cases and is not before the Court in connection with the present motion.

At the request of the Court the Debtors also filed copies of the agreements that govern the FBO accounts at MC Bank. [ECF No. 145.] One such agreement is the “FBO Account Payment Services Agreement,” executed in 2019. The recitals to that agreement state that Voyager wishes to promote services to the public that entail “access to the payment system and a depository institution to hold USD denominated funds” and that the Bank desires to “support a program” under which “Bank provides cash management and payment concentration services through a custodial ‘for the benefit of’ or ‘FBO’ account established by and at the Bank.” *See* FBO Agreement, p. 1. For that purpose, the Bank appointed Voyager as the Bank’s representative to “market, offer and sell crypto currency exchange services.” *Id.* ¶ 2.1. Voyager agreed to open FBO pooled accounts that would hold “all funds that the Customers remit to Bank . . .” *Id.* ¶ 3.4(a). The parties also agreed that “[f]or clarity, at no time shall [Voyager] or any Licensee ever collect, hold, or remit any Customer Program funds.” *Id.* ¶ 3.6.

The FBO Agreement further stated that the Bank would be the “holder” of the FBO

accounts through which funds sent by customers would be held. *Id.* ¶ 6.2. As a practical matter, Voyager gave instructions to the Bank with respect to movements of funds, and the FBO accounts were reconciled each business day. Voyager took responsibility for all expenses and losses resulting from fraud or certain processing errors. *Id.* ¶ 8.2. The Bank reserved rights of setoff against certain other accounts held in Voyager's name in the event of a breach of Voyager's obligations. *Id.* ¶ 8.4.

Voyager and MC Bank also executed an "ACH Origination Agreement" in 2018. It does not appear that this agreement has any terms that pertain to the ownership of the funds contained in the FBO accounts.

The Court also asked the Debtors to file copies of sample bank statements. [ECF No. 189.] The bank statements for the main FBO Account were issued in the name of "Metropolitan Commercial Bank FBO Voyager Customers." The statement for the other FBO account, used to handle wire transfers rather than ACH transfers, was issued in the name of "FBO Voyager Wires." Other accounts that Voyager held with MC Bank were stated to be in the names of various Voyager entities themselves.

During the course of the Hearing the Court asked the Bank to confirm whether it agreed that Voyager's customers were customers of the Bank for purposes of the cash held in the FBO accounts. The Bank's counsel did not wish to adopt that characterization, since the Bank did not have direct dealings and relationships with Voyager's customers. However, the Bank acknowledged that "FBO" accounts generally hold funds that are administered by one entity but that belong to someone else. The Bank also agreed that customers whose funds are held in such accounts have the benefit of FDIC insurance in the event of a failure by the bank. The Bank also confirmed that pursuant to the terms of the FBO Agreement Voyager itself is not permitted to



hold or to take ownership of customer funds.

The FBO agreement included a number of terms that were capitalized but that were not defined, and it referred to the need for authorization by MC Bank of various “Programs” that apparently were not separately described or authorized. However, the Bank and Voyager assured the Court that all relevant agreements and documents had been provided.

The Debtors have argued that the Debtors have no legal or equitable rights to the funds in the FBO accounts. They have further contended that even if the Debtors had legal title to the funds in the FBO accounts that would be insufficient to permit those funds to be treated as property of the Debtors’ estates, since the Debtors have no equitable or beneficial interests in such funds. The Debtors have cited numerous authorities in support of those propositions. [ECF No. 73]. It appears to the Court, based on the agreements cited above, that the Debtors do not have either legal title or equitable interests to the funds in the FBO accounts. No party in interest has argued to the contrary. The Debtors had administrative rights to direct cash movements, but that is all. The funds held in the FBO accounts therefore are not “property of the estate.” *See* 11 U.S.C. § 541.

Based on the foregoing, and for the reasons stated at the Hearing, the Court has determined that customers should be permitted to withdraw funds actually held for them in the two FBO accounts at MC Bank, and that such funds are not property of the Debtors’ bankruptcy estates. A separate Order that has granted this and other relief has been entered by the Court.

One final word of caution: I am aware that the treatment of cash and cryptocurrency in this and similar cases is a subject of avid interest among investors and insolvency attorneys, and that similar issues may arise in other cases. These chapter 11 cases are somewhat unusual, in that the overwhelming percentage of claims are held by customers, with very few other creditors.

As a result, there really were no parties before the Court who had any strong financial interests in disputing the relief sought with respect to the FBO accounts, or in presenting any competing arguments or facts as to how the funds in the FBO accounts should be treated. Other courts who may be presented with similar issues therefore should understand, not only that my decision in this case is based on the particular agreements that have been presented to the Court, but also that my decision has been rendered without the kind of vigorous opposition by competing creditors that may be present in other cases. This decision is not intended to be a ruling as to the rights that customers might have in cryptocurrency cases generally, or as a ruling on any issues that competing creditors might raise in other cases.

Dated: New York, New York  
August 5, 2022

/s/ Michael E. Wiles  
Honorable Michael E. Wiles  
United States Bankruptcy Judge

## **APPENDIX “F”**

## ORDERS OF U.S. COURT

	Order	Description
<b>A. Orders Recognized by Canadian Court on July 12, 2022</b>		
1.	<i>Order (I) authorizing VDL to act as foreign representative and (II) granting related relief</i>	This Order authorizes Voyager Digital Ltd. (“ <b>VDL</b> ”) to act as foreign representative on behalf of the estates of the Debtors in a Canadian CCAA proceeding. The Order also authorizes VDL to (i) seek recognition of the Chapter 11 Cases in a proceeding in Canada, (ii) request that the Canadian Court lend assistance to the US Bankruptcy Court in protecting the property of the estates, and (iii) seek any other appropriate relief from the Canadian Court that VDL deems just and proper in furtherance of the protection of the Debtors’ estates.
2.	<i>Order (I) directing joint administration of the Chapter 11 cases and (II) granting relating relief</i>	This Order directs the joint administration of the Debtors’ chapter 11 cases for procedural purposes only. This order does not provide for consolidation for substantive purposes.
3.	<i>Order (I) restating and enforcing the worldwide automatic stay, anti-discrimination provisions and ipso facto protections of the Bankruptcy Code, (II) approving form and manner of notice, and (III) granting related relief</i>	<p>This Order restates and enforces the automatic stay in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code. The automatic stay stays, restrains and enjoins all persons and governmental units, whether of the United States or any non-U.S. jurisdiction from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Commencing or continuing any judicial, administrative or other action or proceeding against the Debtors that was or could have been commenced before the commencement of the Debtors’ chapter 11 cases or recovering a claim against the Debtors that arose before the commencement of the Debtors’ chapter 11 cases;</li> <li>(b) Enforcing against the Debtors or against property of their estates, a judgment or order obtained before the commencement of the Debtors’ chapter 11 cases;</li> <li>(c) Taking any action, whether inside or outside the United States, to obtain possession of property of the Debtors’ estates, wherever located or to exercise control over property of the estates or interfere in any way with the conduct by the Debtors of their business;</li> </ul>

	Order	Description
		<p>(d) Taking any action to collect, assess or recover a claim against the Debtors that arose prior to the commencement of the Debtors' chapter 11 cases;</p> <p>(e) Offsetting any debt owing to the Debtors that arose before the commencement of the Debtors' chapter 11 cases against any claim against the Debtors;</p> <p>(f) Commencing or continuing any proceeding before the US Tax Court concerning the Debtors; and</p> <p>(g) Terminating or modifying any and all contracts and leases to which the Debtors are party or signatory because of a provisions in such contract or lease conditioned on the insolvency or financial condition of the Debtors prior to the closing of the chapter 11 cases or commencement of these cases under the Bankruptcy Code.</p> <p>All foreign or domestic governmental units and other regulatory authorities and those acting on their behalf are also stayed, restrained, prohibited and enjoined from (a) denying, revoking, suspending or refusing to renew any license, permit, charter, franchise or other similar grant to the Debtors the Debtors' affiliates, (b) placing conditions upon such grant to the Debtors or the Debtors' affiliates, (c) discriminating against the Debtors or the Debtors' affiliates, or (d) interfering in any way with any and all property of the Debtors' estates wherever located, on account of commencement of the chapter 11 cases, the Debtors' insolvency, the fact that the Debtors have not paid a debt dischargeable in the chapter 11 cases.</p> <p>For greater certainty the following, among others, are not subject to the stay:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Commencement or continuation of a criminal action or proceeding against the Debtors, and</li> <li>2. The commencement or continuation of an investigation or action by a securities self regulatory organization to enforce such organization's regulatory power, the enforcement of an order or decision (other than for monetary sanctions) obtained in an action by such securities self regulatory organization to enforce such organization's regulatory power, or any act taken by such securities self regulatory organization to delist,</li> </ol>

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		delete or refuse to permit quotation of any stock that does not meet applicable regulatory requirements.
4.	<i>Interim Order (I) approving notification and hearing procedures for certain transfers of and declarations of worthlessness with respect to common stock and (II) granting related relief</i>	This interim order approves certain notification and hearing procedures related to certain transfers of, or declarations of worthlessness with respect to the Debtors' common stock, including any beneficial ownership therein, and directing that any purchase, sale, other transfer of or declaration of worthlessness with respect to common stock in violation of the procedures shall be null and void <i>ab initio</i> . <sup>1</sup>
5.	<i>Interim Order (I) authorizing the debtors to pay (A) prepetition employee wages, salaries, other compensation and reimbursable expenses and (B) continue employee benefit programs and (II) granting related relief</i>	This interim order authorizes, but does not direct, the Debtors to pay certain prepetition employee wages, salaries, other compensation and reimbursable employee expenses, and to continue employee benefit programs in the ordinary course.
6.	<i>Order (I) extending time to file schedules of assets and liabilities, schedules of current income and expenditures, schedules of executory contracts and unexpired leases, statements of financial affairs, and rule 2015.3 financial reports, (II) waiving requirements to file list of equity holders, and (III) granting related relief</i>	<p>This Order extends the deadline by which the Debtors must file their schedules of assets and liabilities, schedules of current income and expenditures, schedules of executory contracts and unexpired leases, and statements of financial affairs by 30 days, for a total of 44 days from the Petition Date (without prejudice to the Debtors' ability to seek further extensions).</p> <p>This Order also extends the deadline by which the Debtors must file their initial reports of financial information with respect to entities in which the Debtors hold a controlling or substantial interest as set forth in rule 2015.3 of the Federal Rules</p>

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<sup>1</sup> As set out in Exhibit "A" to the Declaration of Stephen Ehrlich dated July 6, 2022, the Debtors expect to generate various tax attributes that are of significant value to the Debtors and their estates. If no restrictions on trading or worthlessness deductions are imposed, such trading or deductions could severely limit or eliminate the Debtors' ability to use these tax attributes. The loss of these valuable estate assets could lead to negative consequences for the Debtors, their estates, their stakeholders and the overall reorganization process.

	Order	Description
		<p>of Bankruptcy Procedure to August 4, 2022, without prejudice to the Debtors' ability to request additional extensions.</p> <p>This Order also waives the requirement to file a list of equity security holders of VDL.</p>
7.	<i>Interim Order (I) authorizing the debtors to (A) continue to operate their cash management system, (B) honour certain prepetition obligations related thereto, (C) maintain existing business forms, and (D) continue to perform intercompany transactions, (II) granting superpriority administrative expense status to prepetition intercompany balances, and (III) granting related relief</i>	This Interim Order authorizes the Debtors, on an interim basis, to (a) continue operating their Cash Management System, (b) honour prepetition obligations related thereto; and (c) continue to perform intercompany transactions consistent with historical practice. All post-petition transfers and payments from the Debtors to another Debtor under any post-petition Intercompany Transactions authorized under the Interim Order are accorded superpriority administrative expense status.
8.	<i>Interim Order (I) establishing certain notice, case management and administrative procedures and (II) granting related relief</i>	This Interim Order approves and implements certain notice, case management and administrative procedures, including establishing four Omnibus Hearing dates on August 16, 2022, September 13, 2022, October 18, 2022 and November 15, 2022 and authorizing the Claims and Noticing Agent to establish a Case Website.
9.	<i>Order (I) authorizing the debtors to file a consolidated list of creditors in lieu of submitting a separate mailing matrix for each debtor, (II) authorizing the debtors to file a consolidated list of the debtors' fifty largest unsecured creditors, (III) authorizing the debtors to redact certain personally identifiable information, (IV) approving the form and manner of</i>	This Order, among other things, authorizes the Debtors to prepare a consolidated list of creditors in lieu of submitting a separate mailing matrix for each Debtor and approves the form and manner of notifying creditors of the commencement of the chapter 11 cases.

	Order	Description
	<i>notifying creditors of commencement of these Chapter 11 cases, and (V) granting related relief</i>	
10.	<i>Interim Order (I) authorizing the payment of certain taxes and fees and (II) granting related relief</i>	This Interim Order authorizes the Debtors, in their sole discretion, to remit and pay certain accrued and outstanding Taxes and Fees.
<b>B. Orders sought to be Recognized on August 11, 2022</b>		
1.	<i>Order (I) approving notification and hearing procedures for certain transfers of and declarations of worthlessness with respect to common stock and (II) granting related relief</i>	See description under A.4.
2.	<i>Order (I) authorizing the debtors to pay (A) prepetition employee wages, salaries, other compensation and reimbursable expenses and (B) continue employee benefit programs and (II) granting related relief</i>	See description under A.5.
3.	<i>Second Interim Order (I) authorizing the debtors to (A) continue to operate their cash management system, (B) honour certain prepetition obligations related thereto, (C) maintain existing business forms, and (D) continue to perform intercompany transactions, (II) granting superpriority administrative expense status to prepetition intercompany balances, and (III) granting related relief</i>	<p>See description under A.6.</p> <p>The Second Interim Cash Management Order provides the following additional measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) additional assurance that the Debtors will not engage in any intercompany transactions that involve payments from a Debtor entity to a non-Debtor entity without prior written consent of the UCC;</li> <li>(b) that the Debtors shall provide the UCC with rolling 13-week cash flow budgets as soon as reasonably practicable after the entry of</li> </ul>



	Order	Description
		<p>the Second Interim Cash Management Order and every subsequent month thereafter<sup>2</sup>; and</p> <p>(c) an acknowledgement that nothing in the Second Interim Cash Management Order constitutes a finding as to whether the cash management system complies with federal or state securities laws.</p> <p>The final Cash Management Order will be considered by the U.S. Court on September 27, 2022.</p>
4.	<i>Order (I) authorizing the payment of certain taxes and fees and (II) granting related relief</i>	See description under A.10.
5.	<i>Order (i) Setting Bar Dates for Submitting Proofs of Claim, (ii) Approving Procedures for Submitting Proofs of Claim, and (iii) Approving Notice Thereof</i>	<p>This Order establishes deadlines for creditors to submit proofs of claim in the Chapter 11 Proceedings, approves procedures for submitting such proofs of claim, and approves the form of notice of bar dates and manner of service thereof.</p> <p>This Order establishes the following bar dates:</p> <p>(a) <u>General Bar Date</u> – October 3, 2022: the date by which all entities (other than governmental units and certain categories of claimants exempt from complying with the applicable bar dates) that wish to assert a claim against the Debtors that arose prior to the Petition Date must file a proof of claim;</p> <p>(b) <u>Governmental Bar Date</u> – January 2, 2023: deadline by which each governmental unit must file a proof of claim;</p>

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<sup>2</sup> The Information Officer has also requested that the Debtors provide copies of the above referenced cash flow forecasts to the Information Officer.

	Order	Description
		<p>(c) <u>Rejection Damages Bar Date</u> – proofs of claim arising from rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease must be filed on or before the later of (i) the General Bar Date or Governmental Bar Date, as applicable, and (ii) date that is thirty days following entry of an order approving rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease; and</p> <p>(d) <u>Amended Schedules Bar Date</u> – in the event that the Debtors amend or supplement their Schedules (as defined in the Bar Date Order), the Debtors shall give notice of any such amendment to holders of any claim affected thereby and such holders shall be afforded at least 35 days from the date on which such notice is given to submit a proof of claim with respect to such amended claim.</p>
6.	<i>Order (I) Authorizing the Debtors to (A) Pay Their Obligations Under Prepetition Insurance Policies, (B) Continue to Pay Certain Brokerage Fees, (C) Renew, Supplement, Modify, or Purchase Insurance Coverage, and (D) Maintain Their Surety Bond Program, and (II) Granting Related Relief</i>	This Order authorizes the Debtors to (i) pay obligations under prepetition insurance policies, (ii) continue to pay certain brokerage fees, renew, supplement, modify or purchase insurance coverage in the ordinary course, and (iv) maintain their surety bond program on an uninterrupted basis.
7.	<i>Order Authorizing the Retention and Compensation of Professionals Utilized in the Ordinary Course of Business</i>	This Order authorizes the Debtors to retain and compensate certain named professionals utilized by the Debtors in the ordinary course of business.
8.	<i>Order (i) Approving the Bidding Procedures and Related Dates and Deadlines, and (ii) Scheduling Hearings and Objection Deadlines with Respect to the Debtors' Sale, Disclosure Statement, and Plan Confirmation</i>	<p>This Order memorializes bidding procedures to effectuate a marketing process to solicit investor appetite in either (a) a sale of the Debtors' entire business, or (b) a capital raise whereby a third party would provide a capital infusion into the Debtors' business enterprise.</p> <p>This Order establishes various milestones in respect of the marketing process:</p>

	Order	Description
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) a final bid deadline of August 26, 2022;</li> <li>(b) an auction, if necessary, to be held on August 29, 2022;</li> <li>(c) a sale objection deadline of September 6, 2022</li> <li>(d) a U.S. Court hearing on September 8, 2022 to consider approval of a sale;</li> <li>(e) a U.S. Court hearing on September 16, 2022 to consider approval of a disclosure statement;</li> <li>(f) confirmation by the U.S. Court approving a plan on October 31, 2022 (or such other date and time that the U.S. Court may direct).</li> </ul>
9.	<i>Order Authorizing and Approving the Appointment of Stretto, Inc. as Claims and Noticing Agent</i>	This Order approves the appointment of Stretto, Inc. as claims and noticing agent to, among other things (i) distribute required notices to parties in interest, (ii) receive, maintain, docket and otherwise administer proofs of claim filed in the Chapter 11 Proceedings, and (iii) provide other administrative services.
<b>C. Orders of the U.S. Court for which recognition is not sought<sup>3</sup></b>		
1.	<i>Order (I) Authorizing the Debtors to (A) Honor Withdrawals from the MC FBO Accounts, (B) Liquidate Cryptocurrency from Customer Accounts with a Negative Balance, (C) Sweep Cash Held in Third-Party Exchanges, (D) Conduct Ordinary Course Reconciliation of Customer Accounts, and (E) Continue Staking Cryptocurrency, and (II) Granting Related Relief</i>	<p>This Order authorizes the Debtors to allow customers to withdraw customer cash from accounts held for the benefit of customers at Metropolitan Commercial Bank ("<b>MC FBO Accounts</b>").</p> <p>This Order also authorizes the Debtors to continue staking cryptocurrency. Staking generates passive income on cryptocurrency assets by offering a way to earn interest on coins that are staked through staking protocols.</p> <p>This Order also authorizes the Debtors to liquidate cryptocurrency from customer accounts with a negative balance, sweep cash held in third-party exchanges, and conduct ordinary course reconciliation of customer accounts.</p>

<sup>3</sup> Does not include administrative Orders such as orders approving retention of professionals and sealing orders.

	Order	Description
2.	<i>Order (I) establishing certain notice, case management and administrative procedures and (II) granting related relief</i>	See description under A.8.
4.	<i>Order authorizing the Debtors to pay prepetition corporate card expenses and granting related relief</i>	This Order authorizes the Debtors to pay any prepetition amounts related to corporate cards and continue using corporate cards in the ordinary course of business on a post-petition basis. In connection with the proposed retention of certain professionals, the Debtors searched certain names and entities to determine whether any potential conflicts or other relationships exist that preclude the professionals from meeting the disinterestedness standard under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.

## **APPENDIX “G”**



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July 24, 2022

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Dear Mr. Brotman and Mr. Sussberg:

**Re: Voyager Digital Holdings, Inc., et al. (Court File No. 22-10943 (MEW),  
Southern District of New York (“Voyager” and the “Voyager US  
Proceeding”, respectively)  
Voyager Digital Ltd. CCAA Proceeding (Court File No. CV-22-00683820-  
00CL) (“VDL” and the “VDL CCAA Proceeding”)**

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In the interest of moving forward consensually, Aird & Berlis LLP and Siskinds LLP jointly write to provide the following proposal for a resolution of the issues addressed at the hearing on July 19, 2022, which is currently under reserve, as well as other issues that are likely to be the subject of a further motion (or motions) before the Court.

1. The Proposed Class Action Plaintiff will withdraw her objection to the Voyager US Proceeding being classified as a “foreign main proceeding”;
2. VDL will support the following amendments to the Supplemental Order granted by Justice Kimmel on July 12, 2022 (the “**Supplemental Order**”):
  - (a) Paragraph 10 of the Supplemental Order shall be removed;
  - (b) Paragraph 12 of the Supplemental Order shall be amended to include the following additional duties of the Information Officer:
    - (i) shall file a report with the court on the state of the company’s business and financial affairs — containing the Information Officer’s opinion as to the reasonableness of a decision, if any, to include in a compromise or arrangement a provision that sections 38 and 95 to 101 of the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*, or any similar sections of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, do not apply in respect of the compromise or arrangement and containing the prescribed information, if any — at least seven days before any meeting to vote on the compromise or arrangement is held;
    - (ii) shall attend court proceedings that relate to the Foreign Representative, hearings in the Foreign Proceeding, and meetings of the company’s

creditors, if the Information Officer considers that his or her attendance is necessary for the fulfilment of his or her duties or functions; and

- (iii) shall advise the court on the reasonableness and fairness of any compromise or arrangement that is proposed between the debtors in the Foreign Proceeding and their creditors;
- (c) a new paragraph shall be added to the Supplemental Order, as follows:
- (i) THIS COURT ORDERS that commencing on the date of the Initial Recognition Order and continuing until the stay of proceedings imposed against VDL, the Business and the Property pursuant to the Initial Recognition Order, the Foreign Orders, and the Supplemental Order is terminated (the “**Tolling Termination Date**”), all prescription, time or limitation periods (including, without limitation, under section 138.14 of the *Securities Act* or any corresponding or similar provisions under the securities legislation of any other Canadian province or territory and under section 29.1 of the *Class Proceedings Act*) (collectively, “**Limitation Periods**”), applicable to any Misrepresentation Rights (as defined herein), are suspended as of the date of the Initial Recognition Order and will recommence running as of the Tolling Termination Date, and for greater certainty the time during which any Limitation Period is suspended pursuant to this Order shall not be included in the computation of any such Limitation Period. In this Order, “Misrepresentation Rights” means the rights of a purchaser of a security of VDL to (i) commence an action for damages against VDL or its current or former directors or officers; and (ii) exercise a right of rescission in connection with the purchase of a security of VDL, pursuant to and in accordance with the requirements of (a) Parts XXIII or XXIII.1 of the *Securities Act*, or any corresponding or similar provisions under the securities legislation of any other Canadian province or territory; and/or (b) any contractual rights granted by VDL to a purchaser of its securities that are the same or substantially the same as any such statutory rights for damages or rescission including, without limitation, in any offering memorandum pursuant to which securities of VDL were offered for sale.
3. Voyager will apply to the Court in the Voyager US Proceeding to have A&M appointed as Foreign Representative in the place of VDL, and will take such steps as are required to have such appointment reflected in the VDL CCAA Proceeding;
  4. If requested, VDL will support the appointment of Francine De Sousa and, perhaps, other clients of either of our respective firms, to represent the interests of all VDL securities claimants and current VDL shareholders, subject to appropriate exclusions, in the VDL CCAA Proceeding, in accordance with the standard terms of such an appointment;
  5. If requested, VDL will support the appointment of Siskinds LLP/Aird & Berlis LLP as representative counsel for the VDL securities claimants and current VDL shareholders in the VDL CCAA Proceeding, to be funded by an appropriate charge on VDL’s estate or such other financial arrangement as may be proposed by Siskinds LLP/Aird & Berlis LLP and accepted by the Court;

6. If requested, Voyager will support the creation of an equity committee in the Voyager US Proceeding and further, or in the alternative, the inclusion of the VDL securities claimants and current VDL shareholders in the equity committee, to be funded by an appropriate charge on Voyager's estate;
7. Voyager/VDL will provide to Ms. De Sousa copies of any insurance policies, from whatever source, that may be responsive to the claims of Ms. De Sousa and the Class Members in the De Sousa Class Action; and
8. Voyager/VDL will provide to Ms. De Sousa the details of the intercorporate funding arrangement between VDL and its subsidiaries, including any debts owed by the subsidiaries to VDL and the dates and amounts of transfers from VDL to its subsidiaries since May 1, 2022.

We are available to discuss this proposal at your convenience.

Yours truly,

AIRD & BERLIS LLP



Miranda Spence

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## **APPENDIX “H”**



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Attention: Miranda Spence

**RE: Voyager Digital Holdings, Inc., et al (Court File No. 22-10943 (MEW), Southern District of New York (the "Chapter 11 Proceeding"))**

**Re: Voyager Digital Ltd. Recognition Proceeding (Court File No. CV-22-00683820-00CL) (the "Recognition Proceeding") pursuant to Part IV of the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act (Canada) ("CCAA")**

Dear Ms. Spence:

As you are aware, we are counsel to Alvarez & Marsal Canada Inc. in its capacity as court-appointed information officer in the Recognition Proceeding (in such capacity, the "**Information Officer**"). We write in response to your letter dated July 24, 2022 (the "**Letter**") and email correspondence dated July 29, 2022 requesting (i) details of the intercorporate funding arrangements between Voyager Digital Ltd. ("**VDL**") and its subsidiaries, and (ii) the Information Officer's views regarding increased powers you have proposed be vested in the Information Officer.

With respect to the intercorporate funding arrangements, the Information Officer has requested relevant information from VDL. Once the Information Officer has received and reviewed such information and is in a position to respond to your request, it will do so.

With respect to the increased powers you have proposed be vested in the Information Officer in paragraph 2(b)(ii) of the Letter, the Information Officer is satisfied that its existing authority gives it the ability to attend court hearings in the Chapter 11 Proceeding, which to date have been attended telephonically. The Information Officer either directly or through its counsel intends to attend all such relevant proceedings. With respect to the powers proposed in paragraph 2(b)(i) and (iii) of the Letter, the Information Officer will, in accordance with existing practice and its existing authority, review and report on any reorganization plan filed in the Chapter 11 Proceeding and its impact on Canadian creditors with references to fairness, reasonableness and public policy, as appropriate and relevant under Part IV of the CCAA. Accordingly, the Information Officer is of the view that augmentation of its powers is not required at this time. This matter can, of course, be revisited in the future should the need arise.

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Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the foregoing, we are available to discuss at your convenience.

Yours very truly,

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## **APPENDIX “I”**



SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE

**COUNSEL SLIP/ENDORSEMENT**

COURT FILE NO.: CV-22-00683820-00CL DATE: 8 August 2022

NO. ON LIST: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OF PROCEEDING: **VOYAGER DIGITAL LTD**

BEFORE JUSTICE: **CAVANAGH**

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### **ENDORSEMENT OF JUSTICE CAVANAGH:**

Francine De Sousa moves on behalf of the proposed class action plaintiffs in an action commenced as court file number 22-00683699-00CP for interim relief requiring that Voyager Digital Ltd. ("VDL") and any relevant directors and/or officers of VDL to provide the following information to counsel for De Sousa: (a) copies of any insurance policies that may be responsive to the claims of the putative class members in the class action; and (b) details of the intercorporate funding arrangements between VDL it is relevant subsidiaries, including any debts owed to VDL and the dates and amounts of transfers from VDL to its subsidiaries since May 1, 2022.

The motion is made in proceedings under Part IV of the CCAA. Alvarez & Marsal Inc. has been appointed as Information Officer of VDL in the Canadian CCAA proceedings. The motion is brought on an urgent basis.

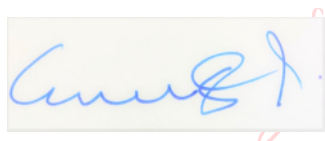
A motion for additional relief including an order appointing counsel to act as representative counsel for all securities claimants and current shareholders of VDL impacted in the CCAA proceedings and the U.S. proceeding, is scheduled to be heard on August 11, 2022.

The background to these proceedings is set out in the Endorsement of Kimmel J. dated August 4, 2022.

The request for interim relief is opposed by VDL.

I am not satisfied that it is proper to grant the requested relief on an urgent basis. If VDL opposes production of any insurance policies, this question should be determined on a motion with proper materials and factums. The IO is engaged in obtaining information with respect to the financial status of VDL and counsel for IO advises that the parties have been cooperative to date in providing information. The IO expects to be able to provide a report before the hearing of the motion on August 11, 2022.

I am not prepared to grant the requested interim relief on this motion.



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Mr. Justice  
Cavanagh

## **APPENDIX “J”**



# Inflation: U.S. spent more than \$5-trillion on economic stimulus during the pandemic

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“The fiscal response was huge, but the delay in reining in monetary stimulus also played a large factor in this as well.”

Like other countries, the U.S. moved quickly to launch pandemic support programs and blunt the financial impact on households.

Government spending played a “positive role” during the crisis, the Fed researchers wrote, by supporting a strong economic recovery and likely preventing “worse outcomes.”

The U.S. response was especially large. It spent more than US\$5-trillion, or roughly 25 per cent of gross domestic product – proportionally more than most countries.

U.S. stimulus was often paid directly to households. Families could receive three rounds of cheques – regardless of whether their employment was affected by the pandemic. An individual with an annual income of less than US\$75,000 could receive US\$3,200.

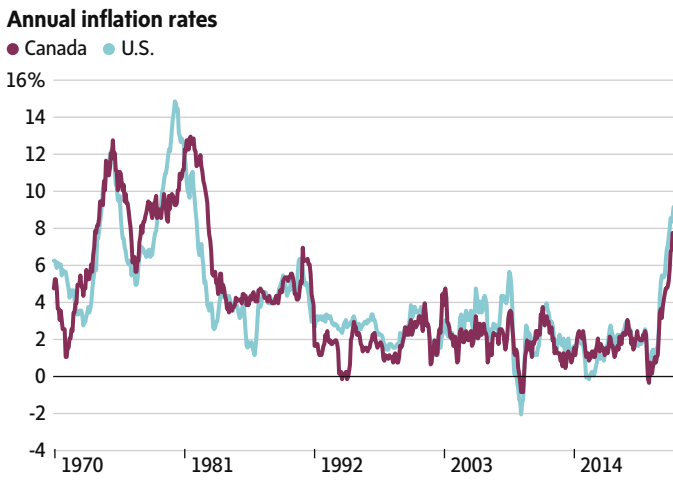
Flush with cash, Americans started loading up on goods, in part because they had fewer options for spending that extra money on services. A speculative mania swept through various asset classes, from stocks to sneakers.

At the same time, businesses couldn’t keep up with demand, with factories and ports often shuttered by public-health measures, leading to supply chain issues that drove up prices.

The Bank of Canada consistently underestimated the inflation threat and said about a fifth of its forecast error was related to global supply chain pressures, in-



Shoppers walk through the Toronto Eaton Centre on Monday. Researchers with the U.S. Federal Reserve say fiscal stimulus affects the prices Canadians pay for U.S. and non-U.S. imports. FRED LUM/THE GLOBE AND MAIL



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cluding the extent to which people bought goods.

“Instead of weakening as in past downturns, U.S. consumer

demand for goods unexpectedly surged well beyond prepandemic levels. Supported by fiscal policy measures, U.S. household in-

comes turned out to be higher than anticipated,” the bank said Wednesday in its monetary policy report.

“Overall, strong foreign demand for tradable goods, such as appliances and furniture, has pushed up prices globally, including for Canadian consumers.”

The Fed researchers outlined three ways fiscal stimulus affects prices. Canadians are paying more for U.S. goods as American companies struggle to keep up with scorching demand. Likewise, Canadians are paying more for products from non-U.S. countries that have seen a boost in American demand. And finally, Americans are ordering more Canadian goods than usual, contributing to the supply-demand imbalance seen at home.

“When we are competing for

goods or some services on the global stage, and we’re competing with an extremely strong U.S. economy, we’ll have to pay up to get our fair share of those goods and services,” Mr. Mendes said.

There are, of course, many explanations for the surge in inflation. Rock-bottom mortgage rates fuelled a homebuying boom in Canada, which led to higher housing costs. Commodity prices have also risen sharply, particularly after Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. And supply issues are inextricably tied to public-health measures in other countries, such as recent shutdowns of major cities in China.

Domestic stimulus is another factor, the Fed researchers said. Canada’s fiscal response to the pandemic amounted to roughly 20 per cent of GDP, based on International Monetary Fund estimates from last fall.

Government transfers to households spiked in 2020, driving up disposable income and supporting consumption. By June of that year, retail sales in Canada were running above prepandemic levels, despite huge job losses.

Inflation can also be self-filling. For instance, companies may raise prices in anticipation of higher costs.

“I really think that the Bank of Canada is going to have to see a lot of things go right that are outside of its control to return inflation to target without causing a recession,” Mr. Mendes said. Those include an easing of supply chain troubles, lower energy prices and the U.S. economy cooling to a more sustainable position, he said.

“It’s an extremely tough spot for them to be in.”

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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 VOYAGER DIGITAL LTD.  
APPLICATION OF VOYAGER DIGITAL LTD. UNDER SECTION  
46 OF *THE COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT,  
R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, AS AMENDED*

NOTICE OF INITIAL RECOGNITION ORDER

PLEASE BE ADVISED that this Notice is being published pursuant to an order of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) (the “**Canadian Court**”), granted on July 12, 2022 (the “**Initial Recognition Order**”).

TAKE NOTICE that on July 5, 2022, Voyager Digital Ltd. (“**VDL**”) filed a voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 11, title 11 of the United States Code (the “**Chapter 11 Proceeding**”) in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the “**U.S. Bankruptcy Court**”). In connection with the Chapter 11 Proceeding, VDL has been appointed as the foreign representative of its estate (the “**Foreign Representative**”). The Foreign Representative’s address is 33 Irving Place, Suite 3060, New York, NY 10003.

AND TAKE NOTICE that the Initial Recognition Order and the Supplemental Order granted by the Canadian Court on July 12, 2022 (together with the Initial Recognition Order, the “**Recognition Orders**”), which were both issued by the Canadian Court under Part IV of the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36* (the “**CCAA Recognition Proceeding**”), among other things:

(i) declared that the Chapter 11 Proceeding is recognized as a foreign proceeding;

(ii) granted a stay of proceedings against VDL and its former, current and future directors and officers;

(iii) recognized certain orders granted by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in the Chapter 11 Proceeding; and

(iv) appointed Alvarez & Marsal Canada Inc. as the information officer (in such capacity, the “**Information Officer**”) with respect to the CCAA Recognition Proceeding.

AND TAKE NOTICE that motions, orders and notices filed with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in the Chapter 11 Proceeding are available at <https://cases.stretto.com/Voyager> and that the Recognition Orders and any other orders that may be granted by the Canadian Court in the CCAA Recognition Proceeding are available at <http://www.alvarezandmarsal.com/VoyagerDigital>.

AND TAKE NOTICE that counsel for the Foreign Representative is:

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# Rogers: CEO says company intends to ‘keep the Shaw cable network as independent’

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Mr. Champagne said he was first informed of the outage in the late afternoon of July 8, Tokyo time. “A few hours later, I received an update indicating that the outage now seemed more serious than originally anticipated. I immediately picked up the phone, not only to contact the CEO of Rogers, but also the CEOs of TELUS and Bell to see how they could possibly help.”

Mr. Staffieri said he regrets not contacting government officials sooner. “We were focused on the solution and getting our customers up and running. But nonetheless, those communications should have happened sooner for an important stakeholder such as the government,” he said.

Mr. Staffieri has vowed to make changes and investments to prevent similar outages in the future, including separating the telecom’s wireless and cable network cores, a measure that he said will cost at least \$250-million.

“To be frank, this added layer of protection will be expensive,” Mr. Staffieri told the committee, “but we know it is the right thing to do.”

Like many of its peers, Rogers currently processes all voice, wireless data, internet and television traffic through one common network core, which is essentially the network’s brain. Separating the wireless and cable networks will ensure that a similar outage won’t knock down all of the company’s services simultaneously, Rogers executives explained.

The company has also pledged to invest more in testing, oversight and artificial intelligence to improve the reliability of its



Rogers Communications CEO Tony Staffieri, left, and CTO Ron McKenzie are seen in Ottawa on Monday. The company pledged to invest more in testing, oversight and artificial intelligence to improve the reliability of its networks.

networks.

Monday’s hearing occurred against the backdrop of a regulatory review of Rogers’s contested \$26-billion takeover of Shaw Communications Inc. The Competition

Bureau is attempting to block the merger, arguing that it will result in poorer service and higher prices for cellphone customers. Rogers has struck a deal to sell Shaw’s Freedom Mobile to Quebecor Inc. for \$2.85-billion in an attempt to address those concerns.

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Consumer advocates and telecom researchers who appeared in front of the committee on Monday urged regulators to reject the merger of Canada’s two largest cable networks, arguing that the outage has demonstrated the pitfalls of having too few competitors in the sector. Liberal MP Nathaniel Erskine-Smith pressed Mr. Staffieri on whether the takeover is dead, while Conservative MP Tracy Gray questioned whether Mr. Staffieri should get to keep his job.

“I’m accountable to ensure this doesn’t happen again,” Mr. Staffieri said in response to Ms. Gray. He also told the committee the merger with Shaw would speed up Rogers’s efforts to separate its network cores.

“Our intent is to keep the Shaw cable network as independent,” Mr. Staffieri said. The Toronto-based telecom would combine its own cable network with Shaw’s, and keep that combined cable network separate from the Rogers wireless network, Mr. Staffieri said.

“In terms of our plan, the Shaw transaction will allow us to execute on that ability to separate those [networks] in half the time than it otherwise would,” he said.

Mr. Champagne’s ministry is one of two regulatory bodies that is still reviewing the takeover. Mr. Champagne has instructed Canada’s wireless carriers to implement a formal framework to assist each other during network outages, provide customers with emergency roaming on their networks and follow a communications protocol to ensure consumers are kept informed.

## TESLA GETS SECOND SEC SUBPOENA OVER MUSK’S 2018 TWEETS ABOUT TAKING COMPANY PRIVATE

Tesla Inc. on Monday disclosed it has received a second subpoena from the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission over its chief executive Elon Musk’s tweets in 2018 about taking the electric automaker private.

Tesla said in a filing that it received the subpoena on June 13. The regulator had initially subpoenaed the company in November related to a settlement that required Mr. Musk’s

tweets on material information to be vetted.

The November subpoena came days after Mr. Musk asked his Twitter followers whether he should sell 10 per cent of his Tesla stake to cover tax bills on stock options.

The company said on Monday it will co-operate with the government authorities. The SEC declined to comment.

Mr. Musk had in 2018 settled a

lawsuit by the regulator over his go-private tweets by agreeing to let the company’s lawyers preapprove tweets with material information about the company.

In June, Mr. Musk appealed a judge’s refusal to end this 2018 agreement with the SEC.

The world’s richest person, who calls himself a “free speech absolutist,” has said his “funding secured” tweet was truthful, likening himself to rapper Emi-

nem in seeking to throw out his 2018 agreement with the SEC.

Mr. Musk is also facing a lawsuit from Twitter for dropping his US\$44-billion offer to buy the social-media company and is now preparing for a legal showdown in a trial set to begin in October.

Separately, Tesla said in the filing it has converted about 75 per cent of its bitcoin holdings into fiat currency and has re-

corded an impairment charge of US\$170-million related to the asset.

As of June 30, the fair market value of its digital assets was worth US\$222-million, it said in the filing.

Tesla shares were down 1.4 per cent at US\$805.30 on Monday. The stock has lost nearly 23 per cent of its value this year until Friday’s close price.

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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 VOYAGER DIGITAL LTD.  
APPLICATION OF VOYAGER DIGITAL LTD. UNDER SECTION 46 OF *THE COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, AS AMENDED**

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PLEASE BE ADVISED that this Notice is being published pursuant to an order of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) (the “**Canadian Court**”), granted on July 12, 2022 (the “**Initial Recognition Order**”).

TAKE NOTICE that on July 5, 2022, Voyager Digital Ltd. (“**VDL**”) filed a voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 11, title 11 of the United States Code (the “**Chapter 11 Proceeding**”) in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the “**U.S. Bankruptcy Court**”). In connection with the Chapter 11 Proceeding, VDL has been appointed as the foreign representative of its estate (the “**Foreign Representative**”). The Foreign Representative’s address is 33 Irving Place, Suite 3060, New York, NY 10003.

AND TAKE NOTICE that the Initial Recognition Order and the Supplemental Order granted by the Canadian Court on July 12, 2022 (together with the Initial Recognition Order, the “**Recognition Orders**”), which were both issued by the Canadian Court under Part IV of the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36 (the “**CCAA Recognition Proceeding**”), among other things:

(i) declared that the Chapter 11 Proceeding is recognized as a foreign proceeding;

(ii) granted a stay of proceedings against VDL and its former, current and future directors and officers;

(iii) recognized certain orders granted by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in the Chapter 11 Proceeding; and

(iv) appointed Alvarez & Marsal Canada Inc. as the information officer (in such capacity, the “**Information Officer**”) with respect to the CCAA Recognition Proceeding.

AND TAKE NOTICE that motions, orders and notices filed with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in the Chapter 11 Proceeding are available at <https://cases.stretto.com/Voyager> and that the Recognition Orders and any other orders that may be granted by the Canadian Court in the CCAA Recognition Proceeding are available at <http://www.alvarezandmarsal.com/VoyagerDigital>.

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**Ismail Ebrahim**, of Toronto, Ontario, has had their membership with the Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario revoked after being found to have committed professional misconduct by the Discipline Committee of CPA Ontario on June 6, 2022.

Ebrahim failed to maintain the good reputation of the profession and serve the public interest in that they accepted and performed an assurance engagement which contravened their signed undertaking to the Professional Conduct Committee, signed or associated themselves with a letter, report, statement or representation which they knew or should have known was false or misleading, and failed to perform their professional services in accordance with generally accepted standards of practice of the profession with respect to the audit of financial statements.

Ebrahim is no longer a Chartered Professional Accountant and is no longer entitled to use the designation “Chartered Professional Accountant”, “Chartered Accountant,” or the initials “CPA” or “CA”. Ebrahim was also fined \$15,000, reprimanded, and ordered to pay costs.

The full decision and reasons are available on the CPA Ontario website at <https://www.cpaontario.ca/protecting-the-public/hearings-appeals/cases/d-22-002>

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