

Court File No.:

ONTARIO
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE
(COMMERCIAL LIST)

THE HONOURABLE MR.)

TUESDAY, THE 18TH

JUSTICE HAINEY)

DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2020

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

AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT
OF PIER 1 IMPORTS, INC., PIER 1 ASSETS, INC., PIER 1 LICENSING, INC.,
PIER 1 HOLDINGS, INC., PIER 1 SERVICES COMPANY, PIER 1 IMPORTS
(U.S.), INC., PIR TRADING, INC. AND PIER 1 VALUE SERVICES, LLC

APPLICATION OF PIER 1 IMPORTS, INC. UNDER SECTION 46 OF THE
COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, AS
AMENDED



SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER
(FOREIGN MAIN PROCEEDING)

THIS APPLICATION, made by Pier 1 Imports, Inc. ("**Pier 1**") in its capacity as the foreign representative (the "**Foreign Representative**") of Pier 1, Pier 1 Assets, Inc., Pier 1 Licensing, Inc., Pier 1 Holdings, Inc., Pier 1 Services Company, Pier 1 Imports (U.S.), Inc., PIR Trading, Inc. and Pier 1 Value Services, LLC (collectively, the "**Chapter 11 Debtors**"), pursuant to the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, as amended (the "**CCAA**") for an Order substantially in the form enclosed in the Application Record, was heard this day at 330 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

ON READING the Notice of Application, the affidavit of Robert Riesbeck affirmed February 18, 2020 (the "**Riesbeck Affidavit**") and the affidavit of Graeme Rotrand affirmed February 18, 2020, filed,

AND UPON HEARING the submissions of counsel for the Foreign Representative and counsel for Alvarez & Marsal Canada Inc., in its capacity as proposed information officer (the “**Information Officer**”), and those other parties present, no one else appearing although duly served as appears from the affidavit of service of Waleed Malik affirmed February 18, 2020:

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.
2. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined have the meaning given to them in the Riesbeck Affidavit.

INITIAL RECOGNITION ORDER

3. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the provisions of this Order shall be interpreted in a manner complementary and supplementary to the provisions of the Initial Recognition Order (Foreign Main Proceeding) dated as of February 18, 2020 (the “**Recognition Order**”), provided that in the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Order and the provisions of the Recognition Order, the provisions of the Recognition Order shall govern.

RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN ORDERS

4. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the following order of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (Richmond Division) (the “**U.S. Bankruptcy Court**”) made in the Foreign Proceeding (as defined in the Recognition Order) is hereby recognized and given full force and effect in all provinces and territories of Canada pursuant to section 49 of the CCAA:

- (a) *Order Authorizing Pier 1 Imports, Inc. to Act as Foreign Representative on Behalf of the Debtors’ Estates* (the “**Foreign Representative Order**”, a copy of which is attached as Schedule “A” hereto);

provided, however, that in the event of any conflict between the terms of the Foreign Representative Order 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 Alvarez & Marsal Canada Inc. (the “**Information Officer**”) is hereby appointed as an officer of this Court, with the powers and duties set out herein.

NO PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE CHAPTER 11 DEBTORS OR THE PROPERTY

6. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that from the date of the Recognition Order 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 the Chapter 11 Debtors, or their employees or representatives acting in such capacities, or affecting their business (the “**Business**”) or their current and future assets, undertakings and properties of every nature and kind whatsoever, and wherever situate including all proceeds thereof (the “**Property**”), except with the written consent of the Chapter 11 Debtors or with leave of this Court, and any and all Proceedings currently under way against or in respect of any of the Chapter 11 Debtors 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, without limiting the stay of proceedings provided for in the Recognition Order, during the Stay Period, all rights and remedies of any individual, firm, corporation, governmental body or agency, or any other entities (all of the foregoing, collectively being “**Persons**” and each being a “**Person**”) against or in respect of the Chapter 11 Debtors or their employees and representatives acting in such capacities, or affecting the Business or the Property, are hereby stayed and suspended except with the written consent of the Chapter 11 Debtors or leave of this Court, provided that nothing in this Order shall (a) prevent the assertion of or the exercise of rights and remedies outside of Canada, (b) empower any of the Chapter 11 Debtors to carry on any business in Canada which that Chapter 11 Debtor is not lawfully entitled

to carry on, (c) affect such investigations or Proceedings by a regulatory body as are permitted by section 11.1 of the CCAA, (d) prevent the filing of any registration to preserve or perfect a security interest, or (e) 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 any of the Chapter 11 Debtors 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 the Chapter 11 Debtors 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 of the Chapter 11 Debtors, 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 the Chapter 11 Debtors, and that the Chapter 11 Debtors shall be entitled to the continued use in Canada of their current premises, 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, no Proceeding may be commenced or continued against any of the former, current or future directors or officers of the Chapter 11 Debtors with respect to any claim against the directors or officers that arose before the date of the Recognition Order and that relates to any obligations of the Chapter 11 Debtors 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 periodically 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) in addition to the periodic reports referred to in paragraph 12(b) above, the Information Officer may report to this Court at such other times and intervals as the Information Officer may deem appropriate with respect to any of the matters referred to in paragraph 12(b) above;
- (d) 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 the Chapter 11 Debtors, to the extent that is necessary to perform its duties arising under this Order; and
- (e) 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 the Chapter 11 Debtors and the Foreign Representative shall (a) advise the Information Officer of all material steps taken by the Chapter 11 Debtors or

the Foreign Representative in these proceedings or in the Foreign Proceeding, (b) co-operate fully with the Information Officer in the exercise of its powers and discharge of its obligations, and (c) 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 and shall take no part whatsoever in the management or supervision of the management of the Business and shall not, by fulfilling its obligations hereunder, be deemed to have taken or maintained possession or control of the Business or Property, or any part thereof.

15. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Information Officer (a) shall post on its 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 (b) may post on its website any other materials that the Information Officer deems appropriate.

16. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Information Officer may provide any creditor of a Chapter 11 Debtor with information provided by the Chapter 11 Debtors 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 the Chapter 11 Debtors 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, the Foreign Representative and the relevant Chapter 11 Debtors may agree.

17. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Information Officer and counsel to the Information Officer shall be paid by the Chapter 11 Debtors 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. The Chapter 11 Debtors are hereby authorized and directed to pay the accounts of the Information Officer and counsel for the Information Officer.

18. **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.

19. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that Canadian counsel to the Chapter 11 Debtors, 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 C\$350,000 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 21 hereof.

VALIDITY AND PRIORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATION CHARGE CREATED BY THIS ORDER

20. **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.

21. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that 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.

22. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that except as otherwise expressly provided for herein, or as may be approved by this Court, the Chapter 11 Debtors shall not grant any Encumbrances over any Property in Canada that rank in priority to, or *pari passu* with, the Administration Charge, unless the Chapter 11 Debtors also obtain the prior written consent of the Information Officer.

23. **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 (a) the pendency of these proceedings and the declarations of insolvency made herein; (b) any application(s) for bankruptcy order(s) issued pursuant to the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*, RSC 1985, c B-3 (the “**BIA**”), or any bankruptcy order made pursuant to such applications; (c) the filing of any assignments for the general benefit of creditors made pursuant to the BIA; (d) the provisions of any federal or provincial statutes; or (e) any negative covenants, prohibitions or other similar provisions with respect to borrowings, incurring debt or the creation of Encumbrances, contained in any existing loan documents, lease, sublease, offer to lease or other agreement (collectively, an “**Agreement**”) which binds any Chapter 11 Debtor, and notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in any Agreement:

- (i) the creation of the Administration Charge shall not create or be deemed to constitute a breach by a Chapter 11 Debtor of any Agreement to which it is a party;
- (ii) none of the Chargees shall have any liability to any Person whatsoever as a result of any breach of any Agreement caused by or resulting from the creation of the Administration Charge; and
- (iii) the payments made by the Chapter 11 Debtors 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.

24. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Administration Charge created by this Order over leases of real property in Canada shall only be a Charge in the applicable Chapter 11 Debtors’ interest in such real property leases.

SERVICE AND NOTICE

25. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that any employee of any of the Chapter 11 Debtors who is sent a notice of termination of employment shall be deemed to have received such notice by no later than 8:00 a.m. Eastern Standard/Daylight Time on the fourth day following the date any such notice is sent, if such notice is sent by ordinary mail, expedited parcel or registered mail to

the individual's address as reflected in the Chapter 11 Debtors' books and records; provided, however, that any notice of termination of employment that is provided to an employee of a Chapter 11 Debtor in person at one of the Chapter 11 Debtors' stores shall be deemed to have been received on the date of such delivery notwithstanding the mailing of any notices of termination of employment.

26. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the E-Service Protocol of the Commercial List (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 <http://www.ontariocourts.ca/scj/practice/practice-directions/toronto/e-service-protocol/>) shall be valid and effective service. Subject to Rule 17.05 this Order shall constitute an order for substituted service pursuant to Rule 16.04 of the Rules of Civil Procedure. Subject to Rule 3.01(d) of the Rules of Civil Procedure and paragraph 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/Pier1Canada>.

27. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that if the service or distribution of documents in accordance with the Protocol is not practicable, the Chapter 11 Debtors, 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 the Chapter 11 Debtors' creditors or other interested parties at their respective addresses as last shown on the records of the applicable Chapter 11 Debtor 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.

28. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Chapter 11 Debtors, the Foreign Representative, the Information Officer and their counsel are at liberty to serve or distribute this Order, any other materials and orders as may be reasonably required in these proceedings, including any notices, or other correspondence, by forwarding true copies thereof by electronic message to the Chapter

11 Debtors' creditors or other interested parties and their advisors. For greater certainty, any such distribution or service shall be deemed to be in satisfaction of a legal or judicial obligation, and notice requirements within the meaning of clause 3(c) of the *Electronic Commerce Protection Regulations*, Reg. 81000-2-175 (SOR/DORS).

GENERAL

29. **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.

30. **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 any Chapter 11 Debtor, the Business or the Property.

31. **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 of America, to give effect to this Order and to assist the Chapter 11 Debtors, the Foreign Representative, the Information Officer, and their respective counsel and agents in carrying out the terms of this Order. All courts, tribunals, regulatory and administrative bodies are hereby respectfully requested to make such orders and to provide such assistance to the Chapter 11 Debtors, 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 the Chapter 11 Debtors, the Foreign Representative, the Information Officer, and their respective counsel and agents in carrying out the terms of this Order.

32. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that each of the Chapter 11 Debtors, 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.

33. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Guidelines for Communication and Cooperation between Courts in Cross-Border Insolvency Matters issued by the Judicial Insolvency Network and adopted by this Court and the U.S. Bankruptcy Court and attached as Schedule "B" hereto

(the “**JIN Guidelines**”), are hereby adopted by this Court for the purposes of these recognition proceedings.

34. **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 the Chapter 11 Debtors, 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.

35. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that this Order shall be effective as of 12:01 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on the date of this Order.

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SCHEDULE "A"
FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVE ORDER

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**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
RICHMOND DIVISION**

In re:)	Chapter 11
PIER 1 IMPORTS, INC., <i>et al.</i> , ¹)	Case No. 20-30805 (KRH)
Debtors.)	(Joint Administration Requested)

**ORDER AUTHORIZING PIER 1 IMPORTS, INC. TO
ACT AS FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVE ON BEHALF OF THE DEBTORS' ESTATES**

Upon the motion (the "Motion")² of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") for entry of an order (this "Order"): (a) authorizing Pier 1 Imports, Inc. ("Pier 1") to act as a Foreign Representative on behalf of the Debtors' estates in the Canadian Proceedings; (b) authorizing Pier 1 to seek recognition by the Canadian Court of these chapter 11

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are set forth in the *Debtors' Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Directing Joint Administration of Chapter 11 Cases and (II) Granting Related Relief* filed contemporaneously herewith. The location of the Debtors' service address is 100 Pier 1 Place, Fort Worth, Texas 76102.

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

cases and the orders made by the Court in these chapter 11 cases; (c) requesting that the Canadian Court lend assistance to this Court; (d) granting any other appropriate relief from the Canadian Court that Pier 1 deems just and proper in the furtherance of the protection of the Debtors' estates; and (e) obtaining related relief; all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and upon the First Day Declaration; and this Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the *Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia*, dated August 15, 1984; and this Court having found that it may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and this Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and this Court having found that the Debtors' notice of the Motion and opportunity for a hearing on the Motion were appropriate under the circumstances and that no other notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the Motion and having heard the statements in support of the relief requested therein at a hearing before this Court (the "Hearing"); and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and at the Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion is granted as set forth herein.
2. All objections to the Motion or the relief requested therein, if any, that have not been made, withdrawn, waived, or settled, and all reservations of rights included therein, hereby are overruled on the merits.

3. Notice of the Motion was proper, timely, adequate and sufficient under the particular circumstances.

4. Debtor Pier 1 is hereby authorized to (a) act as the Foreign Representative of the Debtors; (b) seek recognition of these chapter 11 cases in the Canadian Proceeding; (c) request that the Canadian Court lend assistance to this Court in protecting the property of the estates; and (d) seek any other appropriate relief from the Canadian Court that Pier 1 deems just and proper in the furtherance of the protection of the Debtors' estates.

5. This Court requests the aid and assistance of the Canadian Court to recognize these chapter 11 cases as a "foreign main proceeding" and Pier 1 as a "foreign representative" pursuant to the CCAA, and to recognize and give full force and effect in all provinces and territories of Canada to this Order.

6. For the purposes of communicating with the Canadian Court (should it be necessary), this Court may utilize the *Guidelines for Communications and Cooperation between Courts in Cross-Border Insolvency Matters* issued by the Judicial Insolvency Network as this Court determines is just and proper.

7. Notwithstanding the relief granted herein and any actions taken hereunder, nothing contained in the Motion or this Order shall constitute, nor is it intended to constitute, an admission as to the validity or priority of any claim or lien against the Debtors, a waiver of the Debtors' rights to subsequently dispute such claim or lien, or the assumption or adoption of any agreement, contract, or lease under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code.

8. The terms and conditions of this Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

9. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions reasonably necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Order in accordance with the Motion.

10. Notice of the Motion as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of such Motion and the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and the Local Bankruptcy Rules are satisfied by such notice.

11. Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), the terms and conditions of this Order are immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

12. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Order.

13. This Court retains exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.

Dated: Feb 18 2020
Richmond, Virginia

/s/ Kevin R. Huennekens

United States Bankruptcy Judge

Entered on Docket: Feb 18 2020

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CERTIFICATION OF ENDORSEMENT
UNDER LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULE 9022-1(C)

Pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 9022-1(C), I hereby certify that the foregoing proposed order has been endorsed by or served upon all necessary parties.

/s/ Jeremy S. Williams

SCHEDULE “B” – JIN GUIDELINES

GUIDELINES FOR COMMUNICATION AND COOPERATION BETWEEN COURTS IN CROSS-BORDER INSOLVENCY MATTERS

INTRODUCTION

- A. The overarching objective of these Guidelines is to improve in the interests of all stakeholders the efficiency and effectiveness of cross-border proceedings relating to insolvency or adjustment of debt opened in more than one jurisdiction (“Parallel Proceedings”) by enhancing coordination and cooperation amongst courts under whose supervision such proceedings are being conducted. These Guidelines represent best practice for dealing with Parallel Proceedings.
- B. In all Parallel Proceedings, these Guidelines should be considered at the earliest practicable opportunity.
- C. In particular, these Guidelines aim to promote:
- (i) the efficient and timely coordination and administration of Parallel Proceedings;
 - (ii) the administration of Parallel Proceedings with a view to ensuring relevant stakeholders’ interests are respected;
 - (iii) the identification, preservation, and maximisation of the value of the debtor’s assets, including the debtor’s business;
 - (iv) the management of the debtor’s estate in ways that are proportionate to the amount of money involved, the nature of the case, the complexity of the issues, the number of creditors, and the number of jurisdictions involved in Parallel Proceedings;
 - (v) the sharing of information in order to reduce costs; and
 - (vi) the avoidance or minimisation of litigation, costs, and inconvenience to the parties¹ in Parallel Proceedings.
- D. These Guidelines should be implemented in each jurisdiction in such manner as the jurisdiction deems fit.²
- E. These Guidelines are not intended to be exhaustive and in each case consideration ought to be given to the special requirements in that case.
- F. Courts should consider in all cases involving Parallel Proceedings whether and how to implement these Guidelines. Courts should encourage and where necessary direct, if they have the power to do so, the parties to make the necessary applications to the court to facilitate such implementation by a protocol or order derived from these Guidelines, and encourage them to act so as to promote the objectives and aims of these Guidelines wherever possible.

¹ The term “parties” when used in these Guidelines shall be interpreted broadly.

² Possible modalities for the implementation of these Guidelines include practice directions and commercial guides.

ADOPTION & INTERPRETATION

Guideline 1: In furtherance of paragraph F above, the courts should encourage administrators in Parallel Proceedings to cooperate in all aspects of the case, including the necessity of notifying the courts at the earliest practicable opportunity of issues present and potential that may (a) affect those proceedings; and (b) benefit from communication and coordination between the courts. For the purpose of these Guidelines, “administrator” includes a liquidator, trustee, judicial manager, administrator in administration proceedings, debtor-in-possession in a reorganisation or scheme of arrangement, or any fiduciary of the estate or person appointed by the court.

Guideline 2: Where a court intends to apply these Guidelines (whether in whole or in part and with or without modification) in particular Parallel Proceedings, it will need to do so by a protocol or an order,³ following an application by the parties or pursuant to a direction of the court if the court has the power to do so.

Guideline 3: Such protocol or order should promote the efficient and timely administration of Parallel Proceedings. It should address the coordination of requests for court approvals of related decisions and actions when required and communication with creditors and other parties. To the extent possible, it should also provide for timesaving procedures to avoid unnecessary and costly court hearings and other proceedings.

Guideline 4: These Guidelines when implemented are not intended to:

- (i) interfere with or derogate from the jurisdiction or the exercise of jurisdiction by a court in any proceedings including its authority or supervision over an administrator in those proceedings;
- (ii) interfere with or derogate from the rules or ethical principles by which an administrator is bound according to any applicable law and professional rules;
- (iii) prevent a court from refusing to take an action that would be manifestly contrary to the public policy of the jurisdiction; or
- (iv) confer or change jurisdiction, alter substantive rights, interfere with any function or duty arising out of any applicable law, or encroach upon any applicable law.

Guideline 5: For the avoidance of doubt, a protocol or order under these Guidelines is procedural in nature. It should not constitute a limitation on or waiver by the court of any powers, responsibilities, or authority or a substantive determination of any matter in controversy before the court or before the other court or a waiver by any of the parties of any of their substantive rights and claims.

Guideline 6: In the interpretation of these Guidelines or any protocol or order under these Guidelines, due regard shall be given to their international origin and to the need to promote good faith and uniformity in their application.

³ In the normal case, the parties will agree on a protocol derived from these Guidelines and obtain the approval of each court in which the protocol is to apply.

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN COURTS

Guideline 7: A court may receive communications from a foreign court and may respond directly to them. Such communications may occur for the purpose of the orderly making of submissions and rendering of decisions by the courts, and to coordinate and resolve any procedural, administrative or preliminary matters relating to any joint hearing where Annex A is applicable. Such communications may take place through the following methods or such other method as may be agreed by the two courts in a specific case:

- (i) Sending or transmitting copies of formal orders, judgments, opinions, reasons for decision, endorsements, transcripts of proceedings or other documents directly to the other court and providing advance notice to counsel for affected parties in such manner as the court considers appropriate.
- (ii) Directing counsel or other appropriate person to transmit or deliver copies of documents, pleadings, affidavits, briefs or other documents that are filed or to be filed with the court to the other court in such fashion as may be appropriate and providing advance notice to counsel for affected parties in such manner as the court considers appropriate.
- (iii) Participating in two-way communications with the other court, by telephone or video conference call or other electronic means, in which case Guideline 8 should be considered.

Guideline 8: In the event of communications between courts, other than on administrative matters, unless otherwise directed by any court involved in the communications whether on an *ex parte* basis or otherwise, or permitted by a protocol, the following shall apply:

- (i) In the normal case, parties may be present.
- (ii) If the parties are entitled to be present, advance notice of the communications shall be given to all parties in accordance with the rules of procedure applicable in each of the courts to be involved in the communications.
- (iii) The communications between the courts shall be recorded and may be transcribed. A written transcript may be prepared from a recording of the communications that, with the approval of each court involved in the communications, may be treated as the official transcript of the communications.
- (iv) Copies of any recording of the communications, of any transcript of the communications prepared pursuant to any direction of any court involved in the communications, and of any official transcript prepared from a recording may be filed as part of the record in the proceedings and made available to the parties and subject to such directions as to confidentiality as any court may consider appropriate.
- (v) The time and place for communications between the courts shall be as directed by the courts. Personnel other than judges in each court may communicate with each other to establish appropriate arrangements for the communications without the presence of the parties.

Guideline 9: A court may direct that notice of its proceedings be given to parties in proceedings in another jurisdiction. All notices, applications, motions, and other materials served for purposes of the proceedings before the court may be ordered to be provided to such other parties by making such materials available electronically in a publicly accessible system or by facsimile transmission, certified or registered mail or delivery by courier, or in such other manner as may be directed by the court in accordance with the procedures applicable in the court.

APPEARANCE IN COURT

Guideline 10: A court may authorise a party, or an appropriate person, to appear before and be heard by a foreign court, subject to approval of the foreign court to such appearance.

Guideline 11: If permitted by its law and otherwise appropriate, a court may authorise a party to a foreign proceeding, or an appropriate person, to appear and be heard by it without thereby becoming subject to its jurisdiction.

CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS

Guideline 12: A court shall, except on proper objection on valid grounds and then only to the extent of such objection, recognise and accept as authentic the provisions of statutes, statutory or administrative regulations, and rules of court of general application applicable to the proceedings in other jurisdictions without further proof. For the avoidance of doubt, such recognition and acceptance does not constitute recognition or acceptance of their legal effect or implications.

Guideline 13: A court shall, except upon proper objection on valid grounds and then only to the extent of such objection, accept that orders made in the proceedings in other jurisdictions were duly and properly made or entered on their respective dates and accept that such orders require no further proof for purposes of the proceedings before it, subject to its law and all such proper reservations as in the opinion of the court are appropriate regarding proceedings by way of appeal or review that are actually pending in respect of any such orders. Notice of any amendments, modifications, extensions, or appellate decisions with respect to such orders shall be made to the other court(s) involved in Parallel Proceedings, as soon as it is practicable to do so.

Guideline 14: A protocol, order or directions made by a court under these Guidelines is subject to such amendments, modifications, and extensions as may be considered appropriate by the court, and to reflect the changes and developments from time to time in any Parallel Proceedings. Notice of such amendments, modifications, or extensions shall be made to the other court(s) involved in Parallel Proceedings, as soon as it is practicable to do so.

ANNEX A (JOINT HEARINGS)

Annex A to these Guidelines relates to guidelines on the conduct of joint hearings. Annex A shall be applicable to, and shall form a part of these Guidelines, with respect to courts that may signify their assent to Annex A from time to time. Parties are encouraged to address the matters set out in Annex A in a protocol or order.

ANNEX A: JOINT HEARINGS

A court may conduct a joint hearing with another court. In connection with any such joint hearing, the following shall apply, or where relevant, be considered for inclusion in a protocol or order:

- (i) The implementation of this Annex shall not divest nor diminish any court's respective independent jurisdiction over the subject matter of proceedings. By implementing this Annex, neither a court nor any party shall be deemed to have approved or engaged in any infringement on the sovereignty of the other jurisdiction.
- (ii) Each court shall have sole and exclusive jurisdiction and power over the conduct of its own proceedings and the hearing and determination of matters arising in its proceedings.
- (iii) Each court should be able simultaneously to hear the proceedings in the other court. Consideration should be given as to how to provide the best audio-visual access possible.
- (iv) Consideration should be given to coordination of the process and format for submissions and evidence filed or to be filed in each court.
- (v) A court may make an order permitting foreign counsel or any party in another jurisdiction to appear and be heard by it. If such an order is made, consideration needs to be given as to whether foreign counsel or any party would be submitting to the jurisdiction of the relevant court and/or its professional regulations.
- (vi) A court should be entitled to communicate with the other court in advance of a joint hearing, with or without counsel being present, to establish the procedures for the orderly making of submissions and rendering of decisions by the courts, and to coordinate and resolve any procedural, administrative or preliminary matters relating to the joint hearing.
- (vii) A court, subsequent to the joint hearing, should be entitled to communicate with the other court, with or without counsel present, for the purpose of determining outstanding issues. Consideration should be given as to whether the issues include procedural and/or substantive matters. Consideration should also be given as to whether some or all of such communications should be recorded and preserved.

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