Court File No. CV-23-00711935-00CL

# ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE (COMMERCIAL LIST)

THE HONOURABLE CHIEF	)	FRIDAY, THE 22ND
JUSTICE MORAWETZ	) )	DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023

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 **TREES CORPORATION**, **ONTARIO CANNABIS HOLDINGS CORP.**, **MIRACULO INC.**, 2707461 **ONTARIO LTD.**, **OCH ONTARIO CONSULTING CORP.**, AND 11819496 CANADA INC. (collectively, the "Applicants")

#### **INITIAL ORDER**

**THIS APPLICATION**, made by the Applicants, pursuant to the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, as amended (the "**CCAA**") was heard this day by way of judicial video conference in Toronto, Ontario by Zoom videoconference.

**ON READING** the affidavit of Jeffrey Holmgren sworn December 21, 2023, and the Exhibits thereto (the "Holmgren Affidavit"), the pre-filing report of the proposed monitor, Ernst & Young Inc. (the "Proposed Monitor") dated December 21, 2023 (the "Pre-Filing Report"), and on being advised that the secured creditors who are likely affected by the charges created herein were given notice, and on hearing the submissions of counsel for the Applicants, counsel for the Proposed Monitor and those other parties listed on the Participant Information Form, and on reading the consent of the Proposed Monitor to act as the monitor (the "Monitor");

#### DEFINITIONS

1. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that capitalized terms used herein that are not otherwise defined shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Holmgren Affidavit.

### APPLICATION

2. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that each of the Applicants is a company to which the CCAA applies.

#### POSSESSION OF PROPERTY AND OPERATIONS

3. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Applicants shall remain in possession and control of their current and future assets, undertakings and properties of every nature and kind whatsoever, and wherever situate including all proceeds thereof (the "**Property**"). Subject to further Order of the Court, the Applicants shall continue to carry on business in a manner consistent with the preservation of their business (the "**Business**") and Property. The Applicants are authorized and empowered to continue to retain and employ their employees, consultants, agents, experts, accountants, counsel and such other persons (collectively "**Assistants**") currently retained or employed by them, with liberty to retain such further Assistants as they deem reasonably necessary or desirable in the ordinary course of business or for the carrying out of the terms of this Order.

4. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Applicants shall be entitled to continue to utilize the cash management system currently in place as described in the Holmgren Affidavit or replace it with another substantially similar central cash management system (the "**Cash Management System**"), and that any present or future bank or financial institution providing the Cash Management System: (a) shall not be under any obligation whatsoever to inquire into the propriety, validity or legality of any transfer, payment, collection or other action taken under the Cash Management System, or as to the use or application by the Applicants of funds transferred, paid, collected or otherwise dealt with in the Cash Management System, (b) shall be entitled to provide the Cash Management System without any liability in respect thereof to any Person (as hereinafter defined) other than the Applicants, pursuant to the terms of the documentation applicable to the Cash Management System, and (c) shall be, solely in its capacity as provider of the Cash Management System only, an unaffected creditor under any plan of arrangement filed

by the Applicants under the CCAA with regard to any claims or expenses it may suffer or incur in connection with the provision of the Cash Management System on or after the date of this Order.

5. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Applicants shall be entitled but not required to pay the following expenses whether incurred prior to, on or after the date of this Order:

- (a) all outstanding and future wages, salaries, employee benefits (including, without limitation, employee medical, dental, vision, insurance and similar benefit plans or arrangements), reasonable amounts owing under corporate credit cards issued to management and employees of the Applicants, vacation pay and reasonable employee and director expenses payable on or after the date of this Order, in each case incurred in the ordinary course of business and consistent with existing practices, compensation policies and arrangements;
- (b) the fees and disbursements of any Assistants retained or employed by the Applicants prior to or after the commencement of these proceedings, at their standard rates and charges; and
- (c) with the consent of the Monitor, any taxes, duties or other payments required for goods or services actually provided to the Applicants prior to the date of this Order by third parties up to the maximum amount of \$50,000 if, in the opinion of the Applicants, such third party is critical to the Business and ongoing operations of the Applicants.

6. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, except as otherwise provided to the contrary herein, the Applicants shall be entitled but not required to pay all reasonable expenses incurred by the Applicants in carrying on their Business in the ordinary course after the date of this Order, and in carrying out the provisions of this Order, which expenses shall include, without limitation:

 (a) all expenses and capital expenditures reasonably necessary for the preservation of the Property or the Business including, without limitation, payments on account of insurance (including directors' and officers' insurance), maintenance and security services; and (b) payment for goods or services actually supplied to the Applicants following the date of this Order.

7. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Applicants shall, in accordance with legal requirements, remit or pay:

- (a) any statutory deemed trust amounts in favour of the Crown in right of Canada or of any Province thereof or any other taxation authority that are required to be deducted from employees' wages, including, without limitation, amounts in respect of (i) employment insurance, (ii) Canada Pension Plan, and (iii) income taxes;
- (b) all goods and services or other applicable sales taxes (collectively, "**Sales Taxes**") required to be remitted by the Applicants in connection with the sale of goods and services by the Applicants, but only where such Sales Taxes are accrued or collected after the date of this Order, or where such Sales Taxes were accrued or collected prior to the date of this Order but not required to be remitted until on or after the date of this Order, and
- (c) any amount payable to the Crown in right of Canada or of any Province thereof or any political subdivision thereof or any other taxation authority in respect of municipal realty, municipal business or other taxes, assessments or levies of any nature or kind which are entitled at law to be paid in priority to claims of secured creditors and which are attributable to or in respect of the carrying on of the Business by the Applicants.

8. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that until a real property lease is disclaimed in accordance with the CCAA, the relevant Applicant shall pay all amounts constituting rent or payable as rent under real property leases (including, for greater certainty, common area maintenance charges, utilities and realty taxes and any other amounts payable to the landlord under the lease) or as otherwise may be negotiated between the relevant Applicant and the landlord from time to time ("**Rent**"), for the period commencing from and including the date of this Order, in accordance with the terms of the applicable lease agreement. On the date of the first of such payments, any Rent relating to the period commencing from and including the date of this Order shall also be paid.

9. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, except as specifically permitted herein, the Applicant is hereby directed, until further Order of this Court: (a) to make no payments of principal, interest thereon or otherwise on account of amounts owing by the Applicant to any of its creditors as of this date; (b) to grant no security interests, trust, liens, charges or encumbrances upon or in respect of any of its Property; and (c) to not grant credit or incur liabilities except in the ordinary course of the Business.

# RESTRUCTURING

10. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Applicants shall, subject to such requirements as are imposed by the CCAA, have the right to:

- (a) terminate the employment of their employees or temporarily lay off their employees as the Applicants deem appropriate; and
- (b) pursue all restructuring options for the Applicants including, without limitation, all avenues of refinancing of their Business or Property, in whole or in part, subject to prior approval of this Court being obtained before any material refinancing,

all of the foregoing to permit the Applicants to proceed with an orderly restructuring of the Business (the "**Restructuring**").

11. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the relevant Applicant shall provide each of the relevant landlords with notice of the relevant Applicant's intention to remove any fixtures from any leased premises at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the date of the intended removal. The relevant landlord shall be entitled to have a representative present in the leased premises to observe such removal and, if the landlord disputes the relevant Applicant's entitlement to remove any such fixture under the provisions of the applicable lease agreement, such fixture shall remain on the premises and shall be dealt with as agreed between any applicable secured creditors, such landlord and the relevant Applicant, or by further Order of the Court upon application by the relevant Applicant on at least two (2) calendar days notice to such landlord and any such secured creditors. If the relevant Applicant disclaims the lease governing such leased premises in accordance with section 32 of the CCAA, it shall not be required to pay Rent under such lease pending resolution of any such dispute (other than Rent payable for the notice period provided

for in section 32(5) of the CCAA), and the disclaimer of the lease shall be without prejudice to the relevant Applicant's claim to the fixtures in dispute.

12. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that if a notice of disclaimer is delivered pursuant to section 32 of the CCAA, then: (a) during the notice period prior to the effective time of the disclaimer, the relevant landlord may show the affected leased premises to prospective tenants during normal business hours, on giving the relevant Applicant and the Monitor 24 hours' prior written notice, and (b) at the effective time of the disclaimer, the relevant landlord shall be entitled to take possession of any such leased premises without waiver of or prejudice to any claims or rights such landlord may have against the relevant Applicant in respect of such lease or leased premises, provided that nothing herein shall relieve such landlord of its obligation to mitigate any damages claimed in connection therewith.

### NO PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE APPLICANTS OR THE PROPERTY

13. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that until and including January 2, 2024, or such later date as this Court may order (the "**Stay Period**"), no proceeding or enforcement process in or out of any court or tribunal or other forum (each, a "**Proceeding**") shall be commenced or continued against or in respect of the Applicants or the Monitor, or affecting their Business or their Property, except with the written consent of the Applicants and the Monitor, or with leave of this Court, and any and all Proceedings currently under way against or in respect of the Applicants or their Property are hereby stayed and suspended pending further Order of this Court.

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

14. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that during the Stay Period, all rights and remedies of any individual, firm, corporation, governmental body or agency, or any other entities (all of the foregoing, collectively being "**Persons**" and each being a "**Person**") against or in respect of the Applicants or the Monitor, or affecting their Business or their Property, are hereby stayed and suspended except with the written consent of the Applicants and the Monitor, or leave of this Court, provided that nothing in this Order shall:

(a) empower the Applicants to carry on any business that the Applicants are not lawfully entitled to carry on;

- (b) affect such investigations, actions, suits or proceedings by a regulatory body as are permitted by Section 11.1 of the CCAA;
- (c) prevent the filing of any registration to preserve or perfect a security interest; or
- (d) prevent the registration of a claim for lien.

## **NO INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS**

15. **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, lease, sublease, licence or permit in favour of or held by the Applicants, except with the written consent of the Applicants and the Monitor, or leave of this Court.

# **CONTINUATION OF SERVICES**

16. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that during the Stay Period, all Persons having oral or written agreements with the Applicants or statutory or regulatory mandates for the supply of goods and/or services, including without limitation all computer software, communication and other data services, centralized banking services, payroll services, insurance, transportation services, utility or other services to the Business or the Applicants are hereby restrained until further Order of the Court from discontinuing, altering, interfering with or terminating the supply of such goods or services as may be required by the Applicants, and that the Applicants shall be entitled to the continued use of its current premises, telephone numbers, facsimile numbers, internet addresses and domain names, provided in each case that the normal prices or charges for all such goods or services received after the date of this Order are paid by the Applicants in accordance with normal payment practices of the Applicants or such other practices as may be agreed upon by the supplier or service provider and each of the Applicants and the Monitor, or as may be ordered by this Court.

# **NON-DEROGATION OF RIGHTS**

17. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, notwithstanding anything else in this Order, no Person shall be prohibited from requiring immediate payment for goods, services, use of lease or licensed property or other valuable consideration provided on or after the date of this Order, nor

shall any Person be under any obligation on or after the date of this Order to advance or readvance any monies or otherwise extend any credit to the Applicants. Nothing in this Order shall derogate from the rights conferred and obligations imposed by the CCAA.

### PROCEEDINGS AGAINST DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

18. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that during the Stay Period, and except as permitted by subsection 11.03(2) of the CCAA, no Proceeding may be commenced or continued against any of the former, current or future directors or officers of the Applicants with respect to any claim against the directors or officers that arose before the date hereof and that relates to any obligations of the Applicants whereby the directors or officers are alleged under any law to be liable in their capacity as directors or officers for the payment or performance of such obligations, until a compromise or arrangement in respect of the Applicants, if one is filed, is sanctioned by this Court or is refused by the creditors of the Applicants or this Court.

# DIRECTORS' AND OFFICERS' INDEMNIFICATION AND CHARGE

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

20. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the directors and officers of the Applicants shall be entitled to the benefit of and are hereby granted a charge (the "**Directors' Charge**") on the Property, which charge shall not exceed an aggregate amount of \$251,000, as security for the indemnity provided in paragraph 19 of this Order. The Directors' Charge shall have the priority set out in paragraphs 36 and 38 herein.

21. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, notwithstanding any language in any applicable insurance policy to the contrary, (a) no insurer shall be entitled to be subrogated to or claim the benefit of the Directors' Charge, and (b) the Applicants' directors and officers shall only be entitled to the benefit of the Directors' Charge to the extent that they do not have coverage under any directors' and officers' insurance policy, or to the extent that such coverage is insufficient to pay amounts indemnified in accordance with paragraph 19 of this Order.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF MONITOR**

22. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that Ernst & Young Inc. is hereby appointed pursuant to the CCAA as the Monitor, an officer of this Court, to monitor the business and financial affairs of the Applicants with the powers and obligations set out in the CCAA or set forth herein and that the Applicants and their shareholders, officers, directors, and Assistants shall advise the Monitor of all material steps taken by the Applicants pursuant to this Order, and shall co-operate fully with the Monitor in the exercise of its powers and discharge of its obligations and provide the Monitor with the assistance that is necessary to enable the Monitor to adequately carry out the Monitor's functions.

23. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor, in addition to its prescribed rights and obligations under the CCAA, is hereby directed and empowered to:

- (a) monitor the Applicants' receipts and disbursements;
- (b) report to the Court at such times and intervals as the Monitor may deem appropriate with respect to matters relating to the Property, the Business, and such other matters as may be relevant to the proceedings herein;
- (c) assist the Applicants, to the extent required by the Applicants, in its dissemination to the DIP Lender (defined below) and its counsel on a monthly basis of financial and other information as agreed to between the Applicants and the DIP Lender which may be used in these proceedings including reporting on a basis to be agreed with the DIP Lender;
- (d) 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 Applicants, to the extent that is necessary to adequately assess the Applicants' business and financial affairs or to perform its duties arising under this Order;
- (e) be at liberty to engage independent legal counsel or such other persons as the Monitor deems necessary or advisable respecting the exercise of its powers and performance of its obligations under this Order; and

(f) perform such other duties as are required by this Order or by this Court from time to time.

24. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Monitor shall not occupy or take control, care, charge, possession or management (separately and/or collectively, "Possession") of (or be deemed to take Possession of), or exercise (or be deemed to have exercised) any rights of control over any activities in respect of, the Property, or any assets, properties or undertakings of any of the Applicants, or the direct or indirect subsidiaries or affiliates of any of the Applicants, including but not limited to any activities for which a permit or license is issued or required pursuant to any provision of any federal, provincial or other law respecting, among other things, the manufacturing, possession, processing, retail sale and distributing of cannabis or cannabis products including, without limitation, under the Cannabis Act, S.C. 2018, c. 16, the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, S.C. 1996, c. 19, the Excise Tax Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. E. 15, Excise Act, 2001, S.C. 2002, c.22 the British Columbia Cannabis Control and Licensing Act, S.B.C. 2018, c. 29, the British Columbia Cannabis Distribution Act, S.B.C. 2018, c. 28, the Ontario Cannabis Control Act, 2017 S.O. 2017, c. 26, Sched. 1, Ontario Cannabis Retail Corporation Act, 2017 S.O. 2017, c. 26, the Cannabis License Act, 2018, S.O. 2018, c. 12, or other such applicable federal or provincial legislation, 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, and nothing in this Order shall be construed as resulting in the Monitor being an employer or successor employer within the meaning of any statute, regulation or rule of law or equity, for any purpose whatsoever.

25. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that nothing herein contained shall require the Monitor to occupy or take Possession of any of the Property that might be environmentally contaminated, might be a pollutant or a contaminant, or might cause or contribute to a spill, discharge, release or deposit of a substance contrary to any federal, provincial or other law respecting the protection, conservation, enhancement, remediation or rehabilitation of the environment or relating to the disposal of waste or other contamination including, without limitation, the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, the Ontario *Environmental Protection Act*, the *Ontario Water Resources Act*, or the Ontario *Occupational Health and Safety Act* and regulations thereunder (the "**Environmental Legislation**"), provided however that nothing herein shall

exempt the Monitor from any duty to report or make disclosure imposed by applicable Environmental Legislation. The Monitor shall not, as a result of this Order or anything done in pursuance of the Monitor's duties and powers under this Order, be deemed to be in Possession of any of the Property within the meaning of any Environmental Legislation, unless it is actually in possession.

26. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that that the Monitor shall provide any creditor of the Applicants and the DIP Lender with information provided by the Applicants in response to reasonable requests for information made in writing by such creditor addressed to the Monitor. The Monitor shall not have any responsibility or liability with respect to the information disseminated by it pursuant to this paragraph. In the case of information that the Monitor has been advised by the Applicants is confidential, the Monitor shall not provide such information to creditors unless otherwise directed by this Court or on such terms as the Monitor and the Applicants may agree.

27. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, in addition to the rights and protections afforded the Monitor under the CCAA or as an officer of the Court, the Monitor 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. Nothing in this Order shall derogate from the protections afforded the Monitor by the CCAA or any applicable legislation.

28. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor, counsel to the Monitor and counsel to the Applicants shall be paid their reasonable fees and disbursements (including pre-filing fees and disbursements), in each case at their standard rates and charges, by the Applicants as part of the costs of these proceedings. The Applicants are hereby authorized and directed to pay the accounts of the Monitor, counsel for the Monitor and counsel for the Applicants on a bi-weekly basis after January 2, 2024.

29. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor and its legal counsel shall pass their accounts from time to time, and for this purpose the accounts of the Monitor and its legal counsel are hereby referred to a judge of the Commercial List of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.

30. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor, counsel to the Monitor, and the Applicants' counsel shall be entitled to the benefit of and are hereby granted a charge (the "**Administration** 

**Charge**") on the Property, which charge shall not exceed an aggregate amount of \$100,000, as security for their professional fees and disbursements incurred at the standard rates and charges of the Monitor and such counsel, both before and after the making of this Order in respect of these proceedings. The Administration Charge shall have the priority set out in paragraphs 36 and 38 hereof.

31. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor, counsel to the Monitor, and the Applicants' counsel shall be entitled to the benefit of and are hereby granted a further charge (the "**Subsequent Administration Charge**") on the Property, which charge shall not exceed an aggregate amount of \$350,000, as security for their professional fees and disbursements incurred at the standard rates and charges of the Monitor and such counsel, both before and after the making of this Order in respect of these proceedings.

### **DIP FINANCING**

32. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, subject to further Order of this Court, Trees Corporation, OCH Ontario Consulting Corp., 2707461 Ontario Ltd., 11819496 Canada Inc., Ontario Cannabis Holdings Corp. and Miraculo Inc. (collectively, the "**Borrowers**") are hereby authorized and empowered to obtain and borrow under a credit facility from One Plant Retail Corp. (the "**DIP Lender**") in order to finance the Borrowers' working capital requirements and other general corporate purposes and capital expenditures, provided that borrowings under such credit facility shall not exceed \$60,000 (the "**DIP Facility**"), unless permitted by further Order of this Court. Interest on any such borrowings shall be at the rate of 15% per annum.

33. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the DIP Lender shall be entitled to the benefit of and is hereby granted a charge (the "**DIP Lender's Charge**") on the Property, which DIP Lender's Charge shall not secure an obligation that exists before this Order is made. The DIP Lender's Charge shall have the priority set out in paragraphs 36 and 38 hereof.

34. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, notwithstanding any other provision of this Order, the DIP Lender may take such steps from time to time as it may deem necessary or appropriate to file, register, record or perfect the DIP Lender's Charge.

35. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the DIP Lender shall be treated as unaffected in any plan of arrangement or compromise filed by the Applicants under the CCAA, or any proposal filed by

the Applicants under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* (Canada) (the "**BIA**"), with respect to any advances made under the DIP Facility.

# VALIDITY AND PRIORITY OF CHARGES CREATED BY THIS ORDER

36. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the priorities of the Directors' Charge, the Administration Charge, the DIP Lender's Charge and the Subsequent Administration Charge (collectively, the "**Charges**"), as among them, shall be as follows:

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

Second – DIP Lender's Charge (to the maximum amount of \$60,000);

Third – Directors' Charge (to the maximum amount of \$251,000); and

Fourth – Subsequent Administration Charge (to the maximum amount of \$350,000).

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

38. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that each of the Charges shall constitute a charge on the Property and the Charges 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, provided that the Directors' Charge and the Subsequent Administration Charge shall rank subsequent to the security interests of 606093 Saskatchewan Ltd., Minerva Investments Ltd., Echo Capital Growth Corporation, PMH Investco Ltd., Tweed Inc., CJ Marketing Ltd. and Arthur Minh Tri Nguyen-Cao and that the Charges shall rank behind the Encumbrances in favour of any Persons that have not been served with notice of this application. The Applicants and beneficiaries of the Charges shall be entitled to seek priority ahead of such Encumbrances on notice to those parties.

39. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Applicants shall be entitled, on a subsequent attendance on notice to those Persons likely to be affected thereby, to seek an increase to the amounts, to seek additional charges and to seek priority of the Charges ahead of any Encumbrance over which the Charges have not obtained priority under this Order.

40. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that except as otherwise expressly provided for herein, or as may be approved by this Court, the Applicants shall not grant any Encumbrances over any Property that rank in priority to, or *pari passu* with, any of the Charges, unless the Applicants also obtain the prior written consent of the Monitor and the beneficiaries of the Charges affected thereby (collectively, the "**Chargees**"), or further Order of this Court.

41. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Charges shall not be rendered invalid or unenforceable and the rights and remedies of the Chargees, including the DIP Lender, 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 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**") that binds the Applicants, and notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in any Agreement:

- (a) the creation of the Charges shall not create or be deemed to constitute a breach by the Applicants 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 Charges; and
- (c) the payments made by the Applicants pursuant to this Order, and the granting of the Charges, do not and will not constitute preferences, fraudulent conveyances, transfers at undervalue, oppressive conduct, or other challengeable or voidable transactions under any applicable law.

42. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that any charge created by this Order over leases of real property in Canada shall only be a charge in the Applicants' interest in such real property leases.

#### SERVICE AND NOTICE

43. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor shall: (i) without delay, publish in the Globe & Mail (National Edition) a notice containing the information prescribed under the CCAA, (ii) within five days after the date of this Order, (A) make this Order publicly available in the manner prescribed under the CCAA, (B) send, in the prescribed manner, a notice to every known creditor who has a claim against the Applicants of more than \$1,000, and (C) prepare a list showing the names and addresses of those creditors and the estimated amounts of those claims, and make it publicly available in the prescribed manner, all in accordance with Section 23(1)(a) of the CCAA and the regulations made thereunder.

44. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the E-Service Guide of the Commercial List (the "Guide") is approved and adopted by reference herein and, in this proceeding, the service of documents made in accordance with the Guide (which can be found on the Commercial List website at: <u>https://www.ontariocourts.ca/scj/practice/regional-practice-directions/eservice-commercial/</u>) shall be valid and effective service. Subject to Rule 17.05 of the *Rules of Civil Procedure* and paragraph 7 of the Guide, this Order shall constitute an order for substituted service pursuant to Rule 16.04 of the *Rules of Civil Procedure*. Subject to Rule 3.01(d) of the *Rules of Civil Procedure* and paragraph 13 of the Guide, service of documents in accordance with the Guide will be effective on transmission. This Court further orders that a Case Website shall be established in accordance with the Guide with the following URL: www.ey.com/ca/trees.

45. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that if the service or distribution of documents in accordance with the Protocol is not practicable, the Applicants and the Monitor are at liberty to serve or distribute this Order, any other materials and orders in these proceedings, any notices or other correspondence, by forwarding true copies thereof by prepaid ordinary mail, courier, personal delivery or facsimile transmission to the Applicants' creditors or other interested parties at their respective addresses as last shown on the records of the Applicants 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.

46. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor shall create, maintain and update as necessary a list of all Persons appearing in person or by counsel in this proceeding (the "**Service List**"). The Monitor shall post the Service List, as may be updated from time to time, on the case website as part of the public materials in relation to this proceeding. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Monitor shall have no liability in respect of the accuracy of or the timeliness of making any changes to the Service List.

47. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Applicants and the Monitor and their respective counsel are at liberty to serve or distribute this Order, and 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 Applicants' 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).

### **COMEBACK HEARING**

48. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the comeback hearing shall be heard on January 2, 2024. The onus will remain on the Applicants at the comeback hearing to justify that the relief set out herein is both necessary and appropriate.

#### GENERAL

49. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Applicants or the Monitor may from time to time apply to this Court for advice and directions in the discharge of its powers and duties hereunder.

50. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that nothing in this Order shall prevent the Monitor from acting as an interim receiver, a receiver, a receiver and manager, or a trustee in bankruptcy of the Applicants, the Business or the Property.

51. **THIS COURT HEREBY REQUESTS** the aid and recognition of any court, tribunal, regulatory or administrative body having jurisdiction in Canada or in the United States, to give

effect to this Order and to assist the Applicants, the Monitor and their respective agents in carrying out the terms of this Order. All courts, tribunals, regulatory and administrative bodies are hereby respectfully requested to make such orders and to provide such assistance to the Applicants and to the Monitor, as an officer of this Court, as may be necessary or desirable to give effect to this Order, to grant representative status to the Monitor in any foreign proceeding, or to assist the Applicants and the Monitor and their respective agents in carrying out the terms of this Order.

52. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that each of the Applicants and the Monitor be at liberty and is hereby authorized and empowered to apply to any court, tribunal, regulatory or administrative body, wherever located, for the recognition of this Order and for assistance in carrying out the terms of this Order, and that the Monitor is authorized and empowered to act as a representative in respect of the within proceedings for the purpose of having these proceedings recognized in a jurisdiction outside Canada.

53. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that any interested party (including the Applicants and the Monitor) may apply to this Court to vary or amend this Order on not less than seven (7) days notice 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.

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

Chief Justice Geoffrey B. Morawetz

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 **TREES CORPORATION, ONTARIO CANNABIS HOLDINGS CORP., MIRACULO INC., 2707461 ONTARIO LTD., OCH ONTARIO CONSULTING CORP., AND 11819496 CANADA INC.** 

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