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# MOTION RECORD OF THE COURT-APPOINTED MONITOR, FTI CONSULTING CANADA INC.

(Motion returnable October 22, 2020)

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# NOTICE OF MOTION (Meetings Order) (Returnable October 22, 2020)

FTI Consulting Canada Inc., in its capacity as Court-appointed monitor (the "**Monitor**") in the proceedings of the Applicants pursuant to the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. c-36, as amended (the "**CCAA**") will make a motion to a Judge of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List), on October 22, 2020 at 9:30 am (Toronto time), or as soon after that time as the motion can be heard, by Zoom videoconference. Please refer to the conference details attached as Schedule "A" hereto in order to attend the motion and advise if you intend to join the motion by emailing Peter Choi at <u>peter.choi@nortonrosefulbright.com</u>.

**PROPOSED METHOD OF HEARING:** The motion is to be heard orally.

### THE MOTION IS FOR:

1 An Order substantially in the form attached at Tab 4 of the Motion Record, *inter alia*:

- (a) if necessary, abridging the time for service of this Notice of Motion and the Second Supplement to the Twenty-Ninth Report of the Monitor dated October 16, 2020 (the "Second Supplement");
- (b) accepting the filing of the amended and restated joint plan of compromise and arrangement of the Sears Canada Entities (as it may be further amended, supplemented, or restated or further amended and restated, the "A&R Plan");
- (c) approving the partial consolidation of the Sears Canada Entities (as defined below), other than 9370-2751 Québec Inc. ("Former Corbeil"), into two estates for the limited purposes of the A&R Plan;
- (d) authorizing the establishment of two classes of Affected Unsecured Creditors (as defined in the A&R Plan) for the purpose of considering and voting upon a resolution to approve the A&R Plan;
- (e) authorizing the Monitor to call, hold and conduct a meeting of each of the two classes of Affected Unsecured Creditors (each, a "Meeting", collectively, the "Meetings") to consider and vote on the approval of the A&R Plan, and approving the procedures to be followed with respect to the Meetings, including the Virtual Meeting Protocol (as defined below);
- (f) appointing Employee Representative Counsel and Pension Representative Counsel (each as defined in the A&R Plan) as deemed proxy holder for the creditors they represent (being the ERC Employees and PRC Retirees (as defined in the A&R Plan), respectively); and

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(g) setting the date for the Monitor's motion seeking an order sanctioning the A&R Plan should the A&R Plan be approved by the required majority of each class of Affected Unsecured Creditors at the Meetings; and 3

2 Such further and other relief as this Court may deem just.

### THE GROUNDS FOR THE MOTION ARE:

1 The Applicants and SearsConnect (together, the "**Sears Canada Entities**") were granted protection from their creditors under the CCAA pursuant to the Initial Order of this Court dated June 22, 2017 (as amended and restated, the "**Initial Order**");<sup>1</sup>

2 FTI Consulting Canada Inc. was appointed in the Initial Order to act as the Monitor in these proceedings;

3 On December 3, 2018, this Court granted an Order establishing a governance protocol pursuant to which the Monitor has taken over supervision of the Sears Canada Entities' participation in the remaining matters to be completed in these proceedings, including the facilitation of distributions to creditors of the Sears Canada Entities by way of a plan of compromise or arrangement;

#### The February 2019 Meetings Order

4 On February 6, 2019, the Monitor filed its Twenty-Ninth Report to the Court (the "**Twenty-Ninth Report**") in these CCAA Proceedings in relation to, among other things, the Monitor's motion for an Order (the "**Meetings Order**"), *inter alia*, accepting the filing of the Sears

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All capitalized terms that are not otherwise defined herein have the meaning given to them in the A&R Plan or, where not so defined, in the draft A&R Meetings Order.

Canada Entities' proposed Joint Plan of Compromise and Arrangement (the "**Plan**") and scheduling the Meetings;

5 On February 15, 2019, the Court issued the Meetings Order;

6 The Meetings Order established procedures for the calling and conduct of the Meetings to approve the Plan;

7 Pursuant to the Meetings Order, the date for the Meetings was set for March 28, 2019;

# Adjournment of the Meeting

8 On March 25, 2019, the Monitor determined that an adjournment of the Meetings to a date to be communicated later by the Monitor was required;

9 At that time certain matters were unresolved that could have affected the ability of the Sears Canada Entities to satisfy the distributable asset and claim value thresholds that are conditions to implementation of the Plan;

10 In accordance with the Meetings Order, a notice of the adjournment (the "Adjournment **Notice**") was served on the Service List and posted on the Monitor's Website.

11 The Monitor sent a copy of the Adjournment Notice by email to all Affected Unsecured Creditors for whom the Monitor had email addresses;

# Overview of the A&R Meetings Order<sup>2</sup>

12 The Monitor believes that the Meetings can now proceed;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This summary is provided for general information only. In the case of any conflict or inconsistency between this summary and the A&R Meetings Order, the A&R Meetings Order shall govern.

13 The Monitor has considered the impact that COVID-19 related issues may have on the Meetings and is seeking the Court's approval to hold the Meetings on a virtual meeting platform pursuant to an Amended and Restated Meetings Order (the "**A&R Meetings Order**"), a draft copy of which is attached to the Motion Record at Tab 4;

14 The A&R Meetings Order contains substantially the same terms as the original Meetings Order, with limited modifications. The A&R Meetings Order would:

- (a) accept the filing of the proposed A&R Plan;
- (b) approve updated materials to be delivered in connection with the Meetings;
- (c) authorize the convening of meetings of creditors to consider and vote on the A&R
  Plan in accordance with a protocol for the proposed virtual meetings (the "Virtual Meeting Protocol"); and
- (d) direct that any proxies validly delivered in connection with the original adjourned Meetings shall be accepted as proxies for the re-scheduled Meetings if, and only if, such proxies have named Mr. Paul Bishop of FTI Consulting Canada Inc., as Monitor, or such other person as Mr. Bishop in his sole discretion may designate, as proxy;

15 The Monitor, on behalf of the Sears Canada Entities, seeks the A&R Meetings Order at this time to move ahead with the A&R Plan;

### General

16 The provisions of the CCAA;

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17 Rules 1.04, 1.05, 2.03, 16 and 37 of the Ontario Rules of Civil Procedure, R.R.O. 1990,

Reg. 194, as amended, and

18 Such further and other grounds as counsel may advise and this Court may permit.

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE will be used at the hearing of the motion:

- 1 The Twenty-Ninth Report and the Second Supplement thereto; and
- 2 Such further and other evidence as counsel may advise and this Court may permit.

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# SCHEDULE "A"

#### **Zoom Conference Details**

#### Join Zoom Meeting:

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Meeting ID: 994 9347 9087 Password: 575292 One tap mobile +16465588656,,99493479087#,,1#,575292# US (New York)

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# **TAB 2**

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SEARS CANADA INC., AND RELATED APPLICANTS

SECOND SUPPLEMENT TO TWENTY-NINTH REPORT OF FTI CONSULTING CANADA INC., AS MONITOR

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# SECOND SUPPLEMENT TO TWENTY-NINTH REPORT TO THE COURT SUBMITTED BY FTI CONSULTING CANADA INC., IN ITS CAPACITY AS MONITOR

- On February 6, 2019, FTI Consulting Canada Inc., in its capacity as Monitor of the Sears Canada Entities (the "Monitor") filed its Twenty-Ninth Report to the Court (the "Twenty-Ninth Report") in these CCAA Proceedings in relation to, among other things, the Monitor's motion for an Order (the "Meetings Order"), *inter alia*, accepting the filing of the Sears Canada Entities' proposed Joint Plan of Compromise and Arrangement (the "Plan") and scheduling meetings of Affected Unsecured Creditors of the Sears Canada Entities (collectively, the "Meetings").
- 2. On February 14, 2019, the Monitor filed its Supplement to the Twenty-Ninth Report to the Court (the "**First Supplement**") to provide an update regarding the Monitor's discussions with stakeholders regarding the Plan and a summary of modifications made to the Plan.

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- 3. The Monitor provides this Second Supplement to the Twenty-Ninth Report to the Court (the "Second Supplement") to provide a further update regarding the Plan, including the amendment and restatement thereof, and the proposed re-scheduling of the Meetings.
- Capitalized terms used in this Second Supplement and not otherwise defined have the meanings given to them in the Twenty-Ninth Report, the First Supplement or the A&R Plan (as defined below).

# A. ADJOURNMENT ISSUES RESOLVED

- 5. On February 15, 2019, the Court issued the Meetings Order authorizing the Monitor to file the Plan and to convene the Meetings for the purpose of considering and voting on the Plan.
- 6. Pursuant to the Meetings Order, the date for the Meetings was set for March 28, 2019.
- 7. On March 25, 2019, the Monitor determined that an adjournment of the Meetings to a date to be communicated later by the Monitor was required. That same day, and in accordance with the Meetings Order, a notice of the adjournment (the "Adjournment Notice") was served on the Service List and posted on the Monitor's Website. In addition, the Monitor sent a copy of the Adjournment Notice by email to all Affected Unsecured Creditors and employees represented by Employee Representative Counsel for whom the Monitor had email addresses.
- 8. The primary impediments to moving forward with Meetings at the time of the Adjournment Notice were: (i) questions regarding the quantum and priority of claims filed by various parties in respect of Sears Canada's former full-line store located at the North Hill Centre shopping mall in Calgary (the "Calgary North Hill Claims"); and (ii) uncertainty on the quantum of a limited number of other material unresolved claims. These matters could have affected the ability of Sears Canada to satisfy the distributable asset and claim value thresholds that are conditions to implementation of the Plan.
- 9. The Monitor believes that the above issues are sufficiently resolved such that the Meetings can now proceed. In particular, significant steps have been taken toward a

resolution of material unresolved claims and a settlement has been entered into regarding the Calgary North Hill Claims between Sears Canada, Suncor Energy Inc. and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Alberta, as represented by the Director, Regional compliance, South Saskatchewan Region, Alberta Environment and Parks, as described in the Thirty-Seventh Report of the Monitor.

# **B.** OVERVIEW OF THE A&R MEETINGS ORDER<sup>1</sup>

- Since the Twenty-Ninth Report and First Supplement, the Monitor has made certain modifications to the Plan, which are reflected in the Amended and Restated Joint Plan of Compromise and Arrangement (the "A&R Plan").
- 11. The Monitor has considered the impact that COVID-19 related issues may have on the Meetings and is seeking the Court's approval to hold the Meetings on a virtual meeting platform pursuant to an Amended and Restated Meetings Order (the "A&R Meetings Order").

## A&R Meetings Order

- 12. The Monitor, on behalf of the Sears Canada Entities, is seeking the A&R Meetings Order on substantially the same terms as the original Meetings Order, with limited modifications. As modified, the A&R Meetings Order would:
  - (a) accept the filing of the proposed A&R Plan;
  - (b) approve updated materials to be delivered in connection with the Meetings; and
  - (c) authorize the convening of meetings of creditors to consider and vote on the A&RPlan in accordance with a protocol for the proposed virtual meetings.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This summary is provided for general information only. In the case of any conflict or inconsistency between this summary and the A&R Meetings Order, the A&R Meetings Order shall govern.

- 13. A comparison version of the proposed A&R Meetings Order against the original Meetings Order is attached hereto as Appendix "A". The proposed modifications to the Meetings Order are limited to the following procedural matters:
  - (a) the Meetings would be held on a virtual meeting platform in accordance with the virtual meeting protocol attached as Schedule "D" to the A&R Meetings Order (the "Virtual Meeting Protocol") and described in greater detail below at paragraphs 46 to 49;
  - (b) the inability of any Person to access a Meeting on the virtual meeting platform will not invalidate any resolution passed or proceedings taken at the Meetings;
  - (c) any proxies validly delivered in connection with the original adjourned Meetings shall be acceptable as proxies for the re-scheduled Meetings if, and only if, such proxies have named Mr. Paul Bishop of FTI Consulting Canada Inc., as Monitor, or such other person as Mr. Bishop in his sole discretion may designate, as proxy; and
  - (d) the date for the publication of the Notice of Meetings and Sanction Hearing has been updated to reflect the adjournment of the Meetings.

# C. OVERVIEW OF THE A&R PLAN<sup>2</sup>

14. Capitalized terms used in this section and not otherwise defined have the meanings given to them in the A&R Plan. A copy of the A&R Plan is attached hereto as **Appendix "B"** and a comparison version of the A&R Plan against the original version of the Plan is attached hereto as **Appendix "C"**.

# **Overview** of Amendments

15. The A&R Plan includes the following amendments to the original version of the Plan:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This summary is provided for general information only. In the case of any conflict or inconsistency between this summary and the A&R Plan, the A&R Plan shall govern.

- Litigation Cost Recovery Amount: As described in the Thirty-Fifth Report, the (a) Thirty-Eighth Report and the Thirty-Ninth Report of the Monitor, the litigation commenced by the Monitor, the Litigation Trustee, the Pension Plan Administrator and the Dealer Representative Plaintiff related to the dividend declared by Sears Canada in November 2013 (the "Dividend Litigation") has now been settled. As a result of these settlements, the A&R Plan no longer requires a mechanism to provide for ongoing funding of this litigation. The A&R Plan now provides that Sears Canada shall be reimbursed from the proceeds of the settlement of the Monitor's and the Litigation Trustee's claims for the costs of this litigation funded by Sears Canada. This reimbursed amount will be available for distribution to creditors of Sears Canada with Proven Affected Unsecured Claims, regardless of whether such creditors are Sears Opt-In Creditors. The recoveries received by Sears Canada from the settlement of the Dividend Litigation (net of the Litigation Cost Recovery Amount) will be distributed in accordance with the A&R Plan to the Sears Opt-In Creditors holding Proven Affected Unsecured Claims.
- (b) <u>D&O Claims, Director Indemnities and Claims for Contribution from the ESL</u> <u>Parties</u>: The A&R Plan no longer requires a mechanism for distributions to be made on account of indemnity claims asserted by any Director, Officer or ESL Party in connection with the Dividend Litigation. Those indemnity claims have been released as part of the settlement of the Dividend Litigation.
- (c) <u>Releases:</u> The A&R Plan now provides for releases in favour of the Settling Defendants, being Edward Lampert, ESL Investments, Inc., and those former directors and officers and affiliates of ESL Investments, Inc. who were defendants in the Dividend Litigation. These releases are consistent with the releases to be received by all other Sears Released Parties (as defined below). Sears Canada is required to seek approval of these releases as a term of the settlements of the Dividend Litigation that was previously approved by the Court. In addition, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP, as counsel to certain former directors and

officers of Sears Canada, is now an additional beneficiary of the proposed release in the A&R Plan.

- (d) <u>Warranty Reimbursement Pool</u>: As a result of additional asset sale proceeds and cash inflows, the cash attributable to the Warranty Reimbursement Pool has increased from \$8,000,000 to \$9,000,000.
- (e) <u>Revised Dates</u>: The following dates have been revised to reflect the adjournment of the Meetings: the Meetings Order, the motion seeking an order of the Court approving the A&R Plan (the "Sanction Order") and the Plan Implementation Date. The Plan Implementation Date must have occurred by December 31, 2020 or such later date as agreed by the Pension Parties and the Monitor.

# Purpose of the A&R Plan

- 16. The Monitor proposes the A&R Plan on behalf of all of the Applicants jointly and for the primary purposes of:
  - (a) implementing a distribution of the Applicants' remaining funds to their creditors in accordance with such creditors' legal entitlements and settlements agreed to;
  - (b) implementing the terms of the settlements agreed to under the Mediation described in the Twenty-Ninth Report, including an agreement on the terms of a resolution of the priority and quantum of the claim (the "Pension Claim") for the wind-up deficiency under the defined benefit component of the Pension Plan of Sears Canada (the "Pension Resolution"); and
  - (c) providing a mechanism for the distribution of Sears Canada's share of the proceeds of settlement of the Dividend Litigation for the benefit of unsecured creditors of Sears Canada who have not opted out of sharing the costs of and the benefit of any recoveries from such Dividend Litigation.
- 17. The A&R Plan provides for interim distributions to be made from time to time on account of Proven Affected Unsecured Claims. No distributions in respect of an Affected Unsecured Claim will be made until it is a Proven Claim.

# Classification of Creditors and Substantive Consolidation

- 18. Consistent with the original version of the Meetings Order and the original version of the Plan, the A&R Meetings Order and A&R Plan contemplate a partial consolidation of creditors of the Sears Canada Entities, both for voting and distribution purposes.
- 19. For the purposes of voting on the A&R Plan and receiving distributions thereunder, the A&R Plan provides for two classes of Affected Unsecured Creditors (each an "Unsecured Creditor Class" and together the "Unsecured Creditor Classes"), which are:
  - (a) the "Sears Creditor Class", being all Affected Unsecured Creditors of any of the Sears Canada Entities other than 9370-2751 Québec Inc. ("Former Corbeil"), 191020 Canada Inc. ("Former SLH") and 168886 Canada Inc. ("168886") (collectively, the "Sears Parties"); and
  - (b) the "SLH Creditor Class", being all Affected Unsecured Creditors of Former SLH and 168886 (collectively, the "SLH Parties").
- 20. This voting structure is proposed to match the distribution structure under the A&R Plan through which members of the Sears Creditor Class would be paid out of the assets of the Sears Parties, who would be partially substantively consolidated under the A&R Plan, while the members of the SLH Creditor Class would be paid out of the assets of the SLH Parties, who would be similarly substantively consolidated.
- 21. Creditors of Former Corbeil will be fully repaid under the A&R Plan from its assets and they will not be entitled to vote on the A&R Plan.
- 22. For the reasons set out in the Twenty-Ninth Report, the Monitor continues to believe the substantive consolidation of the Sears Parties remains appropriate and that the limited substantive consolidation of Former SLH and 168886 also remains appropriate.
- 23. The proposed structure recognizes that the Sears Parties all ultimately functioned to support the Sears Canada business and their respective creditors should share in the value derived from the Sears Canada business and assets. Similarly, the proposed structure

recognizes that 168886 existed to support the business of Former SLH and its creditors should share in the value of that business.

24. The proposed structure also recognizes that Former SLH and Former Corbeil carried on businesses that were independent from Sears Canada, had separate and unrelated creditor groups, and should provide recoveries to those separate creditor groups that reflect the value of the respective businesses of Former Corbeil and Former SLH, each on a standalone basis.

### Pension Resolution

- 25. As described in the Twenty-Eighth Report of the Monitor, the Monitor and the Pension Parties reached an agreement on the terms of a resolution settling the priority and quantum of the Pension Claim for the purposes of the A&R Plan.
- 26. The terms of the Pension Resolution are reflected in the A&R Plan. The Pension Claim will be allowed as a single general unsecured claim for voting purposes in the amount of \$260.2 million (allocated 96% against Sears Canada and 4% against Former SLH) and allowed for distribution purposes at 2.5 times the value of such claim as filed, resulting in a claim for distribution purposes of approximately \$26 million against Former SLH and approximately \$624.5 million against Sears Canada. No portion of the Pension Claim will be entitled to priority recovery and there would be no joint and several liability among any of the Sears Canada Entities for the Pension Claim. Certain adjustments will be made to reduce the Pension Claim for the purposes of the A&R Plan as a result of payments to be received by the Pension Plan through the settlement of the Dividend Litigation.
- 27. The Monitor, the Pension Plan Administrator, the Superintendent (now Financial Services Regulatory Authority of Ontario) and Pension Representative Counsel, entered into a Pension Support Agreement (the "**PSA**") on October 18, 2018 in which the parties agreed to the Pension Resolution. The PSA now contemplates an outside date of December 31, 2020 for the implementation of the A&R Plan.

# Distributions to Affected Unsecured Creditors and Litigation Recoveries

28. Affected Unsecured Creditors with proven claims will receive a pro-rata share of the cash pool available to unsecured creditors in the applicable substantively consolidated debtor group, after all costs of the CCAA Proceedings, priority payment amounts, reserves and intercompany distributions are accounted for. There are two exceptions to this *pro rata* treatment of Affected Unsecured Creditors under the A&R Plan, which are described below.

# (a) Litigation Recoveries

- 29. The first exception to the *pro rata* treatment of all Affected Unsecured Creditors within a debtor group arises in connection with the Dividend Litigation. These claims were pursued by the Monitor and the Litigation Trustee for the benefit of creditors of the Sears Parties (other than creditors who have opted out of such participation in accordance with the TUV Proceeding Approval Order granted by the Court on December 3, 2018). The Dividend Litigation does not directly benefit the creditors of the SLH Parties or Former Corbeil.
- 30. In accordance with the TUV Proceeding Approval Order, Affected Unsecured Creditors of Sears Canada were entitled to opt out of bearing the costs of and sharing in any recoveries from the Dividend Litigation. To do so, Affected Unsecured Creditors of Sears Canada were required to return a completed Opt-Out Notice (as defined below) so that it was received by the Monitor within 60 days after delivery of such Opt-Out Notice form by the Monitor to such creditor. Any creditor who did opt out will not be required to share *pro rata* in Sears Canada's costs of pursuing the Dividend Litigation under the A&R Plan, but consequently will also not be entitled to share *pro rata* in the litigation recoveries. The period for delivery of an Opt-Out Notice expired in early 2019. Approximately 2.4% of eligible creditors delivered an Opt-Out Notice.
- 31. Information regarding the resolution of the Dividend Litigation is provided in the Thirty-Eighth Report and Thirty-Ninth Report of the Monitor. The net recovery to Sears Canada

from the Dividend Litigation, after deducting the costs of pursuing the Dividend Litigation, is approximately \$27 million.

# (b) Warranty Claims

- 32. Claims arising from customer warranties issued by the Sears Canada Entities are the second exception to the *pro rata* treatment of Affected Unsecured Claims. Under the A&R Plan, potential Warranty Claims arising from Warranties purchased prior to the Filing Date will be addressed as follows:
  - (a) the Monitor will establish a pool of funds (referred to in the A&R Plan as the "Warranty Reimbursement Pool") in an amount equivalent to the amounts which would otherwise be distributable under the A&R Plan on account of all Affected Unsecured Claims arising from Warranties purchased prior to the Filing Date ("Pre-Filing Warranty Claims"). For this purpose, these Pre-Filing Warranty Claims will be valued at the remaining unamortized value of their purchase price;
  - (b) the Monitor will provide public notice (by way of publication in *The Globe and Mail* and *La Presse*) of the treatment of Warranty Claims and of the right of a Warranty holder to submit a Reimbursable Warranty Claim (as defined below);
  - (c) a third party claims administrator selected by the Monitor will, subject to Sears Canada and Monitor oversight, administer the Warranty reimbursement process, including the evaluation of claims and the administration of the Warranty Reimbursement Pool itself;
  - (d) holders of such Warranties will have 180 days from the date of implementation of the A&R Plan to submit an application for reimbursement of any expenses that would otherwise have been covered by the Warranty they hold (referred to in the A&R Plan as a "**Reimbursable Warranty Claim**"). Following closure of the application period, applicants will no longer be permitted to submit an application for a Reimbursable Warranty Claim;

- (e) once all Reimbursable Warranty Claims have been determined, and all costs associated with administration of the warranty reimbursement process are paid, creditors who are determined to have proven Reimbursable Warranty Claims will receive payment in an amount equal to the lesser of (i) their Reimbursable Warranty Claim; or, (ii) their *pro rata* share of the Warranty Reimbursement Pool, net of costs associated with the administration of the warranty reimbursement process, based upon the value of their Reimbursable Warranty Claim relative to the aggregate of all Reimbursable Warranty Claims;
- (f) holders of claims arising under Warranties purchased on or after the Filing Date will, to the extent not previously refunded, receive payment equal to the remaining unamortized value (as at October 19, 2017)<sup>3</sup> of the original purchase price of the Warranty underlying their claim.

# Unaffected Claims and Payments Other than General Unsecured Creditor Distributions

- 33. As described in the Twenty-Ninth Report, the A&R Plan does not affect: (a) post-filing claims; (b) secured claims; and (c) claims referred to in Sections 6(3) and 6(5) of the CCAA, if any. These amounts, if any, will be paid in full. With respect to the claims referred to in Section 6(6) of the CCAA, no such claims exist in this case.
- 34. The A&R Plan does not affect insured claims to the extent of the Sears Canada Entities' available insurance, which claims will be paid from such available insurance if such insurance is finally determined to cover such claims.
- 35. The A&R Plan also provides for a payment of \$2,272.72 per leased store location (the "Landlord Cost Payment") to each landlord that entered into a settlement agreement with the Sears Canada Entities as soon as practicable after implementation of the A&R Plan as a reimbursement of such landlords' costs incurred as part of the negotiation of the global landlord claim settlement entered into in connection with the Mediation. The

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> On October 16, 2017, the Sears Canada Entities publicly announced by way of press release that from and after October 18, 2017, they would cease honouring Warranties.

landlord claim settlement was integral to ensuring the viability of this A&R Plan as it provides certainty on landlord claim values, subject to limited exceptions. The aggregate value of all Landlord Cost Payment amounts is expected to be approximately \$218,181.

36. The Dealer Representative Plaintiff will receive a payment of \$334,495 as soon as practicable following implementation of the A&R Plan. The Dealer Representative Plaintiff will also share *pro rata* (based upon a claim valued at \$80,000,000) in any recoveries of Sears Canada, net of costs, from the Dividend Litigation over \$10 million. The Dealer Representative Plaintiff will receive no other recoveries under the A&R Plan. The Dealer Representative Plaintiff has also agreed to return the first \$334,495 received by the Dealer Representative Plaintiff from Sears Canada's Dividend Litigation recoveries for redistribution among the Affected Unsecured Creditors generally. The Dealer Representative Plaintiff will not vote its claims at the Meetings.

# De Minimis Claims

37. The Monitor estimates recoveries for Affected Unsecured Creditors under the A&R Plan to be less than 10% before any recoveries from the Dividend Litigation. In light of such estimated recoveries as well as the anticipated cost of making each individual distribution payment on Affected Unsecured Claims, it is uneconomical to make distributions on Affected Unsecured Claims of \$80 or less. For this reason, the A&R Plan provides that no holder of an Affected Unsecured Claim that is proven at \$80 or less (except Pre-Filing Warranty Claims, which are entitled solely to the recoveries described above) shall be entitled to any distributions under the A&R Plan, and all such *de minimis* claims shall be cancelled and barred.

### Releases

38. The A&R Plan provides for releases in favour of, among others, (i) current and former directors, officers and employees, as well as certain counsel and advisors who have assisted in these CCAA Proceedings, and defendants in the Dividend Litigation who are identified in the A&R Plan as the Settling Defendants (the "Sears Released Parties"), (ii) the Monitor, FTI Consulting Canada Inc., in its capacity as Receiver (pursuant to the

Order granted on October 16, 2018) and their respective current and former affiliates, directors, officers and employees and each of their respective advisors, legal counsel and agents; (iii) Employee Representative Counsel, Pension Representative Counsel, and the Court-appointed pension and employee representatives, in each case from claims based in whole or in part on any act, omission, transaction, duty, responsibility, indebtedness, liability, obligation, dealing or other occurrence existing or taking place on or prior to A&R Plan implementation that are in any way relating to, arising out of or in connection with the business and affairs of the Sears Canada Entities whenever or however conducted, the A&R Plan, the CCAA Proceedings, or any matter or transaction involving any of the Sears Canada Entities occurring in or in connection with the CCAA Proceedings.

39. Unless otherwise previously released by Order of the Court in connection with the approval of the settlement of the Dividend Litigation, the releases do not apply to Non-Released Claims, being claims that are finally determined to have arisen from fraud or wilful misconduct, any claims defined as Unaffected Claims under the A&R Plan, any claims secured by the court-ordered charges granted in these proceedings, certain claims against employees of the Sears Canada Entities to the extent of available insurance, and claims against directors or former directors of the Sears Canada Entities that cannot be released pursuant to Section 5.1(2) of the CCAA.

# Undeliverable Distributions

- 40. Where any creditor's distribution cheque in respect of a claim under the A&R Plan is not cashed and becomes stale dated or is returned as undeliverable, or where a social insurance number required to deliver payments to an employee or retiree has not been provided (each, an "Undeliverable Distribution"), the Monitor would hold such payment in reserve until the issues preventing payment are resolved.
- 41. Once the Monitor is ready to complete the final distribution under the A&R Plan, it will serve notice on the Service List and post a notice on the Monitor's Website advising that it is ready to make such final distribution. Creditors would then have sixty (60) days from the date that such notice is posted to write to the Monitor to claim their Undeliverable

Distribution, after which: (a) any claims underlying any Undeliverable Distribution will be forever barred, and (b) the funds being held in reserve on account of all remaining and unclaimed Undeliverable Distributions would be returned to the applicable Cash Pools for distribution to Affected Unsecured Creditors on the final distribution.

# Conditions Precedent to Plan Implementation

- 42. The implementation of the A&R Plan, including distributions thereunder, shall be conditional upon the fulfilment or waiver, to the extent permitted by the CCAA, of the following conditions precedent by the date specified therefor:
  - (a) each of the Unsecured Creditor Classes shall have approved the A&R Plan in the Required Majority;
  - (b) each of the Meetings Order and the Sanction Order shall have been granted;
  - (c) each of the Meetings Order and the Sanction Order shall have become final orders;
  - (d) the Monitor shall have received such clearance certificates, or comfort letters in lieu thereof from the Canada Revenue Agency or any other applicable taxing authority, as the Monitor considers necessary or advisable, to make any A&R Plan distributions;
  - (e) the A&R Plan implementation shall have occurred before December 31, 2020, or such later date as agreed to by the Pension Parties and the Monitor; and
  - (f) the Pension Parties shall be satisfied that:
    - (i) the A&R Plan provides no less than \$155,000,000 available for distribution to Affected Unsecured Creditors under the A&R Plan, excluding the net recoveries of Sears Canada from the Dividend Litigation; and

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(ii) such amounts would be distributable on proven Affected Unsecured Claims (other than those of Sears Canada Entities themselves) of not more than \$1,550,000,000 excluding the Pension Claims and indemnification or contribution claims from directors, officers and the ESL Parties.

# D. RECOVERIES UNDER THE A&R PLAN

- 43. In the Twenty-Ninth Report, the Monitor provided certain information regarding the estimated recoveries to unsecured creditors of the SLH Parties, Former Corbeil and the Sears Parties. Recoveries to creditors of Former Corbeil are still estimated to be 100% of the value of their claims. Based upon updated information related to additional asset recoveries and the settlement of the Dividend Litigation, the Monitor currently estimates:<sup>4</sup>
  - (a) recoveries to unsecured creditors of Sears Canada to be in the range of 8% to 10% for those unsecured creditors who did not opt out of participation in the Dividend Litigation. Unsecured creditors of Sears Canada who opted out of participation in the Dividend Litigation will not share in the proceeds of that litigation and will receive lower recoveries; and
  - (b) recoveries to unsecured creditors of the SLH Parties to be in the range of 20% to 24%.

# E. REQUEST FOR MEETINGS ORDER

- 44. Capitalized terms used in this section and not otherwise defined have the meanings given to them in the A&R Plan, or where not so defined, in the draft A&R Meetings Order, a copy of which is enclosed in the Monitor's Motion Record.
- 45. The proposed A&R Meetings Order is substantially the same as the original Meetings Order other than the modifications as described above at paragraph 13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The estimated recoveries are based on certain forward-looking assumptions relating to each debtor group's cash realizations and claims pool, and include claims that are currently in dispute and subject to final determination. The estimated recovery figures may be subject to change.

# Virtual Meeting Protocol

- 46. Due to public meeting restrictions declared under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020*, caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Monitor proposes to hold the Meetings on a virtual meeting platform and in accordance with the Virtual Meeting Protocol.
- 47. The virtual meeting platform is a live online presentation hosted by a webinar services provider. To access the virtual meeting platform, attendees will need a device with internet access. A telephone dial-in is not available. Attendees will also need to register for the Meetings in advance by following the steps outlined in the Virtual Meeting Protocol.
- 48. Only representatives of the Monitor, the Monitor's counsel, Employee Representative Counsel, Pension Representative Counsel and counsel to the Pension Plan Administrator will have the ability to speak at the Meetings. The virtual meeting platform will accept written questions submitted in real-time by all other attendees using the "Q&A" feature on the platform.
- 49. If the A&R Meetings Order is granted:
  - (a) Affected Unsecured Creditors wishing to vote at a Meeting must appoint as his or her proxy Mr. Paul Bishop, of FTI Consulting Canada Inc., as Monitor, to attend, act and vote for and on behalf of such Affected Unsecured Creditor at the applicable Meeting. Affected Unsecured Creditors will not be permitted to appoint other parties as their proxies or to vote in person at the Meetings. However, each Affected Unsecured Creditor's proxy will be voted for or against the A&R Plan in accordance with the instructions included in a duly completed and submitted proxy.
  - (b) Any proxies validly delivered in connection with the original adjourned Meetings shall be acceptable as proxies for the re-scheduled Meetings if, and only if, such proxies have named Mr. Paul Bishop of FTI Consulting Canada Inc., as Monitor, or such other person as Mr. Bishop in his sole discretion may designate, as proxy.

For greater certainty, such proxies validly delivered in connection with the original adjourned Meetings, if not validly revoked, shall be deemed accepted as proxies in respect of the Meetings.

- (c) Affected Unsecured Creditors must return their proxy to the Monitor such that it is received by 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) five Business Days before the Meetings (i.e. by November 9, 2020) (the "**Proxy Deadline**"). Delivery by email is strongly recommended to ensure the proxy is received by the Monitor prior to the deadline. Those who send their proxies by mail should take into account potential delays and allow for substantial additional delivery time.
- (d) No votes on the A&R Plan will be collected at the Meetings.
- (e) Any Affected Unsecured Creditor (or its respective authorized representative if such Affected Voting Creditor is not an individual) who would like to attend the applicable Meeting must register on the virtual meeting platform in accordance with the Virtual Meeting Protocol.
- (f) Affected Unsecured Creditors holding Voting Claims or Unresolved Voting Claims (collectively, "Eligible Voting Claims") (or such Affected Unsecured Creditors' proxy holders) will be allowed to vote on the A&R Plan by proxy as described above. However, the votes of Affected Unsecured Creditors holding Unresolved Voting Claims will be separately tabulated and reported to the Court, provided that the vote cast in respect of any Unresolved Voting Claim shall not be considered for A&R Plan approval purposes unless and until it is finally determined to be a Proven Claim.
- 50. In respect of the Eligible Voting Claims of ERC Employees and PRC Retirees:
  - (a) Employee Representative Counsel shall be deemed to be a proxy holder in respect of each Eligible Voting Claim of ERC Employees in connection with their Employee Claims; and

- (b) Pension Representative Counsel shall be deemed to be a proxy holder in respect of each Eligible Voting Claim of PRC Retirees (other than in connection with any Employee Claims or the Pension Claims filed in respect of the wind-up deficiency of the Pension Plan).
- Only the Pension Plan Administrator or its designated proxy holder may vote the Pension Claims.
- 52. The Monitor will file a report to the Court by no later than two Business Days after the Meetings with respect to the results of the vote, including whether:
  - (a) the Required Majority in each Unsecured Creditor Class has approved the A&R Plan; and
  - (b) the votes cast in respect of Unresolved Voting Claims, if applicable, would affect the result of the vote.
- 53. If the A&R Plan is accepted by the Required Majority of each Unsecured Creditor Class, the Monitor anticipates bringing a motion seeking the Sanction Order on November 23, 2020. Materials must be filed by anyone opposing the Sanction Order by no later than 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) three Business Days before the Sanction Hearing (i.e. by November 18, 2020).

# F. THE MONITOR'S RECOMMENDATION

- 54. The Monitor's view continues to be that the A&R Plan is a compromise that is reasonable and appropriate and is the best available alternative in the circumstances for the reasons set out in the Twenty-Ninth Report. Among other things, it:
  - (a) resolves the priority and quantum of the Pension Claim without the significant time and expense that would otherwise be incurred to litigate such matters;
  - (b) resolves significant further claims against the Sears Canada Entities, including that of the Dealer Representative Plaintiff, without the significant time and

expense that would otherwise be incurred to further investigate and adjudicate such claims;

- (c) preserves the Affected Unsecured Creditors' decisions to opt-in or opt-out of participating in the sharing of Sears Canada's costs and benefits of the Dividend Litigation, which in the Monitor's view is unlikely to be possible to implement in a bankruptcy context without significant legal and administrative complexity and expense;
- (d) permits post-filing and Pre-Filing Warranty Claims to be addressed in an efficient manner;
- (e) respects the relative rights, priorities and entitlements of creditors of the Sears
  Canada Entities generally;
- (f) provides an appropriate distribution mechanism for Sears Canada's share of the proceeds of the settlement of the Dividend Litigation; and
- (g) avoids unnecessary intercompany allocation disputes.
- 55. The Monitor also believes that the Virtual Meeting Protocol is a practical and appropriate solution to the current impediments to holding an in-person meeting and that all Affected Unsecured Creditors' positions and votes can be sufficiently considered in the context of the virtual meeting platform. The Monitor notes that the alternative of further delaying the Meetings until such time as in-person Meetings may be possible would result in indeterminate delay to distributions to Affected Unsecured Creditors.
- 56. The Monitor has been informed that Pension Representative Counsel, Employee Representative Counsel and the Pension Plan Administrator all support the A&R Meetings Order and the A&R Plan.
- 57. The Monitor's view remains that the A&R Plan is fair, equitable and reasonable to affected parties, and recommends that Affected Unsecured Creditors vote in favour of the A&R Plan.

The Monitor respectfully submits to the Court this, its Second Supplement to the Twenty-Ninth Report.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

FTI Consulting Canada Inc. in its capacity as Monitor of the Sears Canada Entities

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Paul Bishop Senior Managing Director

Greg Watson Senior Managing Director

# APPENDIX "A" A&R MEETINGS ORDER COMPARISON VERSION

Court File No. CV-17-11846-00CL

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

THE HONOURABLE MR.

) FRIDAY<u>THURSDAY</u>, THE 15TH 22ND ) ) DAY OF FEBRUARYOCTOBER, 20192020

JUSTICE HAINEY

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 SEARS CANADA INC., 9370-2751 QUÉBEC INC., 191020 CANADA INC., THE CUT INC., SEARS CONTACT SERVICES INC., INITIUM LOGISTICS SERVICES INC., INITIUM COMMERCE LABS<u>9845488</u> CANADA INC., INITIUM TRADING AND SOURCING CORP., SEARS FLOOR COVERING CENTRES INC., 173470 CANADA INC., 2497089 ONTARIO INC., 6988741 CANADA INC., 10011711 CANADA INC., 1592580 ONTARIO LIMITED, 955041 ALBERTA LTD., 4201531 CANADA INC., 168886 CANADA INC., AND 3339611 CANADA INC.

Applicants

# AMENDED AND RESTATED MEETINGS ORDER

THIS MOTION made by FTI Consulting Canada Inc., in its capacity as Court-appointed

monitor (the "Monitor") pursuant to the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act, R.S.C. 1985, c.

C-36, as amended (the "CCAA"), for an Order, inter alia:

- (a) accepting the filing of the <u>A&R</u> Plan (as defined below);
- (b) authorizing the classification of creditors for purposes of voting on the <u>A&R</u> Plan and the substantive consolidation of the Sears Parties and the SLH Parties (each as defined below) for the purposes of the <u>A&R</u> Plan;

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- (c) authorizing and directing the Monitor to call, hold and conduct the Meetings (as defined below) of two classes of affected creditors to consider and vote upon a resolution to approve the <u>A&R</u> Plan;
- (d) approving the procedures to be followed for the calling, holding and conduct of the Meetings; and
- (e) setting a date for the hearing of the motion to this Court for approval of the <u>A&R</u>.
  Plan,

was heard this day at 330 University Avenue, proceeded by way of videoconference via Zoom at Toronto, Ontario, due to the COVID-19 crisis.

**ON READING** the Notice of Motion, the Twenty-Ninth Report of the Monitor dated February 6, 2019 (the "**Plan Report**") and the <u>Second</u> Supplement to the Plan Report dated February 14, 2019October 16, 2020 (the "<u>Second</u> Supplementary Plan Report"), and on hearing the submissions of counsel for the Monitor, Employee Representative Counsel, each of the Pension Parties and those other parties present, no one else appearing for any other person although duly served as appears from the affidavitsaffidavit of service of Catherine Ma sworn February 7, 2019 and February 14, 2019, •:

# SERVICE

1. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the time for service of the Notice of Motion and the Motion Record is hereby abridged and validated so that this Motion is properly returnable today and further service thereof is hereby dispensed with.

### DEFINITIONS

2. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, in addition to the capitalized terms defined in the Joint <u>Amended and Restated</u> Plan of Compromise and Arrangement of the Sears Canada Entities attached as Appendix "AB" to the <u>Second</u> Supplementary Plan Report (as it may be amended, supplemented, or restated or amended and restated in accordance with its terms and the terms hereof, the "<u>A&R</u> **Plan**"), the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

- (a) <u>**"A&R Plan**" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2 hereof:</u>
- (b) (a) "Additional Information" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 7 hereof;
- (c) (b) "Adjourned Meeting" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 23 hereof;
- <u>"Below-Threshold Creditors</u>" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 10 hereof;
- (c) "Chair" has the meaning given to it in paragraph <u>3233</u> hereof;
- (f) (d)-"Creditor Letter" means the letter to be sent from the Monitor to certain Affected Unsecured Creditors substantially in the form attached as Schedule "C" hereto;
- (g) (e)—"**Creditor Proxy**" means the form of proxy for all Affected Unsecured Creditors substantially in the form attached as Schedule "B" hereto;
- (h) (f) "ERC Information Package" means, together, the ERC Letter and the Notice of Meetings and Sanction Hearing;
- (i) (g) "ERC Letter" means the letter to be sent by Employee Representative Counsel to all ERC Employees providing notice of the <u>A&R</u> Plan and Meetings,

such ERC Letter to be prepared by Employee Representative Counsel, in consultation with the Monitor;

- (h)-"General Creditor Information Package" means, collectively, the Creditor Letter, the Notice of Meetings and Sanction Hearing, the <u>A&R</u> Plan, the <u>Plan-</u> <u>Report, theSecond</u> Supplementary Plan Report, and the Creditor Proxy;
- (k) (i)-"Governance Protocol Order" means the Order made by the Court on December 3, 2018, among other things, establishing a governance protocol for the Sears Canada Entities;

# ()) "Meeting Materials" means:

- (i) the Creditor Letter;
- (ii) the <u>A&R</u> Plan;
- (iii) the Notice of Meetings and Sanction Hearing;
- (iv) the Creditor Proxy;
- (v) the ERC Letter;
- (vi) the PRC Letter;
- (vii) the Plan Report;
- (viii) the <u>Second</u> Supplementary Plan Report:
- (ix) the Virtual Meeting Protocol; and
- (x) (ix) any Plan Modifications;

- (m) (k) "Meetings" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 19 hereof;
- (n) (I) "Monitor's Website" means http://cfcanada.fticonsulting.com/searscanada/
- (o) (m)-"Notice of Meetings and Sanction Hearing" means the notice of the Meetings for Affected Unsecured Creditors and Sanction Hearing substantially in the form attached as Schedule "A" hereto;
- (n) "Plan" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2 hereof;
- (p) (o) "Plan Modification" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 4 hereof;
- (q) (p)-"**PRC Information Package**" means, together, the PRC Letter and the Notice of Meetings and Sanction Hearing;
- (r) (q) "PRC Letter" means the letter to be sent by Pension Representative Counsel to PRC Retirees providing notice of the <u>A&R</u> Plan and Meetings, such PRC Letter to be prepared by Pension Representative Counsel, in consultation with the Monitor;
- (s) (r) "Proxy Deadline" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2223 hereof;
- (t) (s) "Sanction Hearing" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 4445 hereof;
- (<u>u</u>) (<del>t)</del> "**Scrutineers**" has the meaning given to it in paragraph <u>3334</u> hereof;
- $(\underline{v})$  ( $\underline{u}$ ) "Sears Parties" has the meaning given to it in subparagraph 16(a) hereof;
- (w) (v) "Secretary" has the meaning given to it in paragraph  $\frac{3334}{334}$  hereof;
- (x) (w) "SLH Parties" has the meaning given to it in subparagraph 16(b) hereof; and

- (y) (x)-"Unsecured Creditor Class" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 17 hereof; and
- (z) <u>"Virtual Meeting Protocol" means the protocol establishing the process for the holding of the Meetings on a virtual meeting platform substantially in the form attached as Schedule "D" hereto.</u>

# PLAN OF COMPROMISE AND ARRANGEMENT

3. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the <u>A&R</u> Plan is hereby accepted for filing with the Court, and that the Monitor is authorized to seek approval of the <u>A&R</u> Plan by the Affected Unsecured Creditors holding Eligible Voting Claims at the Meetings in the manner set forth herein.

4. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor is hereby authorized to file, in accordance with its terms, any amendment, restatement, modification of or supplement to the <u>A&R</u> Plan (each a **"Plan Modification"**), in which case any such Plan Modification shall, for all purposes, be and be deemed to form part of and be incorporated into the <u>A&R</u> Plan. If the Monitor files a Plan Modification prior to the Meetings, the Monitor shall give notice of any such Plan Modification by service upon the Service List, posting on the Monitor's Website, and distribution to all parties in attendance at the Meetings.

5. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that after the Meetings and both prior to and subsequent to the obtaining of the Sanction Order, the Monitor may effect a Plan Modification in accordance with the terms of the <u>A&R</u> Plan. The Monitor shall forthwith serve on the Service List and post on the Monitor's Website any such Plan Modification.

# NOTICE OF MEETINGS

6. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the following documents are approved <u>and replace the</u> <u>materials that were provided for the Adjourned Meetings (as defined below)</u>:

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- (a) the Notice of Meetings and Sanction Hearing substantially in the form attached as Schedule "A" hereto;
- (b) the Creditor Proxy substantially in the form attached as Schedule "**B**" hereto; and
- (c) the Creditor Letter substantially in the form attached as Schedule "C" hereto; and
- (d) the Virtual Meeting Protocol substantially in the form attached as Schedule "**D**" hereto.

7. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor is hereby authorized to make such amendments, restatements, modifications and/or supplements of or to the Meeting Materials (other than the <u>A&R</u> Plan, which may only be amended in accordance with its terms and the terms of this Order), as the Monitor may consider necessary or desirable to conform the content thereof to the terms of the <u>A&R</u> Plan or this Order or any further Order of the Court ("**Additional Information**"), provided that notice of such Additional Information shall be distributed by the Monitor using the method most reasonably practicable in the circumstances, as the Monitor may determine.

8. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that on or before February 25, 2019, October 30, 2020 the Monitor shall cause the Notice of Meetings and Sanction Hearing to be published for a period of two (2) Business Daysdays in *The Globe and Mail* (National Edition) and the electronic edition of *La Presse* and in such other publications and with such frequency as the Monitor may deem appropriate.

9. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, as soon as practicable after the granting of this Order, the Monitor shall cause the Meeting Materials, any Additional Information and this Order to be posted on the Monitor's Website, which shall replace the meeting materials previously posted on the Monitor's Website in connection with the Adjourned Meetings. The Monitor shall ensure CAN\_DMS: \124128656\14132912857

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that the Meeting Materials and any Additional Information remain posted on the Monitor's Website until at least one (1) Business Day after the Plan Implementation Date.

10. THIS COURT ORDERS that, as soon as practicable after the granting of this Order, the Monitor shall cause the General Creditor Information Package to be sent in English and in French (with the exception of the Plan Report and the Second Supplementary Plan Report, which shall bothall only be in English) to (a) Employee Representative Counsel, (b) Pension Representative Counsel and (c) all Affected Unsecured Creditors with Eligible Voting Claims, except for (w) ERC Employees, (x) PRC Retirees, (y) any Creditors in respect of their Warranty Claims, and (z) holders of Affected Unsecured Claims of less than \$5,000 (the "Below Threshold Creditors"). Subject to the last sentence of this paragraph, the Monitor shall send the General Creditor Information Package by regular mail, facsimile, courier or e-mail: (a) subject to subparagraph (b) below, if the Affected Unsecured Creditor duly filed a Proof of Claim that set out an address for such Affected Unsecured Creditor, to the address set out in such Proof of Claim; (b) if any address was subsequently provided to the Monitor in accordance with the applicable Claims Procedure Order, to such address; and (c) in all other cases, to the address on file for such Affected Unsecured Creditor in the books and records of the Sears Canada Entities. In the case of a Valid Transferee, the General Creditor Information Package shall be sent by regular mail, facsimile, courier or e-mail to the address set out in such Valid Transferee's Notice of Transfer or Assignment.

11. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, as soon as practicable after the granting of this Order: (a) the ERC Information Package shall be sent by Employee Representative Counsel to all ERC Employees; and (b) the PRC Information Package shall be sent by Pension Representative Counsel to all PRC Retirees. The ERC Information Package and the PRC Information Package shall be sent in English and in French to ERC Employees and PRC Retirees respectively by regular mail, facsimile, courier or e-mail: (a) subject to subparagraph (b), if the addressee duly

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filed a Proof of Claim that set out an address for such Creditor, to the address set out in such Proof of Claim; (b) if any address was subsequently provided to the Monitor in accordance with the applicable Claims Procedure Order, to such address; (c) if no address was provided to the Monitor under subparagraphs (a) and (b), and such addressee is a ERC Employee or PRC Retiree in respect of whom Employee Representative Counsel or Pension Representative Counsel, as applicable, has provided an address, to such address; and (d) in all other cases, to the address on file in the books and records of the Sears Canada Entities. In the case of a Valid Transferee of an Eligible Voting Claim of an ERC Employee or PRC Retiree, the ERC Information Package or the PRC Information Package, as applicable, should be sent by regular mail, facsimile, courier or e-mail to the address set out in such Valid Transferee's Notice of Transfer or Assignment.

12. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that upon request by any Affected Unsecured Creditor with an Eligible Voting Claim, received not less than <u>seventen</u> (7<u>10</u>) <u>business</u> days before the Meetings, the Monitor shall provide <u>hardelectronic</u> copies of the applicable Meeting Materials to such Affected Unsecured Creditor.

13. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the sending of the applicable Meeting Materials to Affected Unsecured Creditors in accordance with paragraphs 10 to 12 above, the posting of the Meeting Materials on the Monitor's Website and the publication of the Notice of Meetings and Sanction Hearing in accordance with paragraphs 8 and 9 above shall constitute good and sufficient notice of the Meeting Materials on all Persons who may be entitled to receive notice thereof, or who may wish to <u>be present in person or by proxy at the Meetings or in these</u> <u>proceedingsattend a virtual Meeting</u>, and no other form of notice need be made on such Persons and no other document or material need be delivered to such Persons in respect of the Meetings or these proceedings. Notice shall be effective, in the case of mailing, three (3) Business Days after the date of mailing, in the case of delivery by courier, on the day after the courier was sent, and in the case of delivery by fax or e-mail, on the day the fax or e-mail was transmitted, unless such day is not a Business Day, or the fax or e-mail transmission was made after 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time), in which case, on the next Business Day.

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14. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the <u>(a)</u> non-receipt by any Person of a copy of any of the Meeting Materials, or (b) inability of any Person to access a Meeting on the virtual meeting <u>platform</u>, shall not invalidate any resolution passed or proceedings taken at the Meetings.

### EMPLOYEE ADDRESSES AND INFORMATION

15. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor is hereby authorized to deliver to Employee Representative Counsel and Pension Representative Counsel, for distribution to ERC Employees and PRC Retirees with Eligible Voting Claims, and directly to Non-ERC Employees and Non-PRC Retirees with Eligible Voting Claims, in each case for whom the Monitor does not have a social insurance number, a notice that such Employees and Retirees must provide their respective social insurance numbers to the Monitor as a condition to receiving any distribution under the <u>A&R</u> Plan.

### SUBSTANTIVE CONSOLIDATION

16. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Sears Canada Entities except for Former Corbeil shall be partially substantively consolidated into two Debtor Group estates in the manner set out below for voting and distribution purposes under the <u>A&R</u> Plan:

 (a) Sears Canada, The Cut Inc, Sears Contact Services Inc., Initium Logistics Services Inc., 9845488 Canada Inc., Initium Trading and Sourcing Corp., Sears Floor Covering Centres Inc., 173470 Canada Inc., 2497089 Ontario Inc., 6988741 Canada Inc., 10011711 Canada Inc., 1592580 Ontario Limited, 955041 Alberta Ltd., 4201531 Canada Inc., 3339611 Canada Inc. and SearsConnect (collectively, the "Sears Parties"); and

(b) Former SLH and 168886 (together, the "SLH Parties").

# AFFECTED UNSECURED CREDITORS CLASSES

17. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that for the purposes of considering and voting on the <u>A&R</u> Plan, the Affected Unsecured Creditors shall be grouped into the following classes (in respect of their Eligible Voting Claims) (each an "**Unsecured Creditor Class**", and collectively, the "**Unsecured Creditor Classes**"):

(a) Sears Creditor Class: Affected Unsecured Creditors of any Sears Parties; and

(b) **SLH Creditor Class**: Affected Unsecured Creditors of any SLH Parties.

18. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that for the purposes of voting at the Meetings, each Affected Unsecured Creditor with an Eligible Voting Claim shall be entitled to one vote equal to the dollar value of its Eligible Voting Claim as a member of its Unsecured Creditor Class.

# THE MEETINGS

19. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor is hereby authorized and directed to call, hold and conduct the following Meetings <u>on a virtual meeting platform</u> for the purpose of considering and voting on the resolution to approve the <u>PlanA&R Plan in accordance with the Virtual</u> <u>Meeting Protocol</u>, and transacting such other business as may be properly brought before the Meetings:

(a) Meeting of the SLH Creditor Class: March 28, 2019<u>November 16, 2020</u> at 10:00 a.m. (Toronto time) at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Room 602,

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255 Front Street West, Toronto, Ontario, M5V 2W6on a virtual meeting platform held in accordance with the Virtual Meeting Protocol; and

(b) Meeting of the Sears Creditor Class: March 28, 2019November 16, 2020 at 1011:3000 a.m. (Toronto time) at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Room 602, 255 Front Street West, Toronto, Ontario, M5V 2W6on a virtual meeting platform held in accordance with the Virtual Meeting Protocol

(together, the "Meetings" and each such meeting, a "Meeting").

20. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that <u>in the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the</u> provisions of the Virtual Meeting Protocol and this Order, the provisions of the Virtual Meeting <u>Protocol shall govern and be paramount.</u>

<u>21.</u> <u>THIS COURT ORDERS that</u> the only Persons entitled to notice of, <u>or</u> to attend <del>or to speak</del> at the <u>virtual</u> Meetings are the Eligible Voting Creditors (or their respective duly-appointed proxyholders), representatives of the Monitor, the Sears Canada Entities, Employee Representative Counsel, the Pension Parties, the Pension Representatives, the Employee Representatives, all such parties' financial and legal advisors, and the Chair, the Secretary and Scrutineers. Any other person may be admitted to the <u>virtual</u> Meeting only by invitation of the Monitor or the Chair.

22. 21.-THIS COURT ORDERS that, due to the public meeting restrictions declared under the *Reopening Ontario* (*A Flexible Response to COVID-19*) *Act, 2020* caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Meetings will only be held on a virtual meeting platform and only those Eligible Voting Creditors who submit proxies in accordance with paragraph 2223 below and those Eligible Voting Creditors who attend at a Meeting shall be entitled to vote their Eligible Voting Claims at such the applicable Meeting.

### **VOTING BY PROXIES**

23. 22. THIS COURT ORDERS that all proxies submitted in respect of a Meeting (or any adjournment thereof) must be: (a) submitted to the Monitor so that they are received by the Monitor at the email address provided in the form of proxy on or before 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) five (5) Business Days before the Meeting (the "Proxy Deadline"); and (b) in substantially the form attached to this Order as Schedule "B" or in such other form acceptable to the Monitor or the Chair. The Monitor is hereby authorized to accept and rely upon any proxy or such other forms as may be acceptable to the Monitor and to use reasonable discretion as to the adequacy of compliance with respect to the manner in which any proxy is completed and executed, and may waive strict compliance with the requirements in connection with the deadlines imposed in connection therewith. Any proxies validly delivered in connection with an adjourned Meeting (including the Meetings as adjourned on March 25, 2019 (the "Adjourned Meetings")) shall be acceptable as proxies in respect of any Meeting held after an adjournment if, and only if, such proxies have named Mr. Paul Bishop, of FTI Consulting Canada Inc. as Monitor, or such person as he in his sole discretion may designate, as proxy. For greater certainty, such proxies validly delivered in connection with the Adjourned Meetings, if not validly revoked, shall be deemed accepted as proxies in respect of the Meetings.

**24. 23. THIS COURT ORDERS** that in respect of Eligible Voting Claims of ERC Employees and PRC Employees:

(a) Employee Representative Counsel shall be deemed to be the proxy holder in respect of each Eligible Voting Claim of an ERC Employee that is an Employee Claim and shall be entitled to vote such Claims at the Meetingsby proxy on the ERC Employee's behalf, without the requirement for any ERC Employee to submit a Creditor Proxy to the Monitor; and (b) Pension Representative Counsel shall be deemed to be the proxy holder in respect of each Eligible Voting Claim of a PRC Retiree (other than relating to the Pension Claims or Employee Claims) and shall be entitled to vote such Claims at the Meetingsby proxy on the PRC Retiree's behalf, without the requirement for any PRC Retiree to submit a Creditor Proxy to the Monitor. For greater certainty, only the Pension Plan Administrator or its designated Proxy may vote the Pension Claims.

25. 24.-THIS COURT ORDERS that, for the purposes of tabulating the votes cast on any matter that may come before the Meetings, the Chair shall be entitled to rely on any vote cast by holders of all proxies that have been duly submitted to the Monitor in the manner set forth in this Order without independent investigation.

<u>26.</u> **25. THIS COURT ORDERS** that paragraph <u>2223</u> hereof, and the instructions contained in the Creditor  $Proxy_{\star}$  shall govern the submission of such documents and any deficiencies in respect of the form or substance of such documents filed with the Monitor.

<u>27.</u> <u>26.</u>**THIS COURT ORDERS** that in the absence of instruction to vote for or against the approval of the resolution to approve the <u>A&R</u> Plan, any duly signed and returned proxy shall be deemed to include instructions to vote for the approval of the resolution to approve the <u>A&R</u> Plan, provided the proxy holder does not otherwise exercise its right to vote at the Meeting.

### TRANSFERS OR ASSIGNMENTS OF CLAIMS

28. 27. THIS COURT ORDERS that a Creditor may transfer or assign the whole of its Claim prior to the Meeting, in accordance with the applicable Claims Procedure Order. If a Creditor transfers or assigns the whole of a Claim to another Person, such transferee or assignee shall not be entitled to attend and vote the transferred or assigned Claim at the applicable Meeting

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unless (a) the assigned Claim is a Voting Claim or an Unresolved Voting Claim, or a combination thereof, and (b) satisfactory notice of and proof of transfer or assignment has been delivered to the Monitor in accordance with the applicable Claims Procedure Order so that it is received by the Monitor no later than the Proxy Deadline.

## UNRESOLVED VOTING CLAIMS

29. 28. THIS COURT ORDERS that notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, in the event that an Eligible Voting Creditor holds an Eligible Voting Claim that is an Unresolved Voting Claim as at the date of a Meeting, such Eligible Voting Creditor may attend the Meeting and such Unresolved Voting Claim may be voted at such Meeting by such Eligible Voting Creditor (or its duly appointed proxy holder) in accordance with the provisions of this Order, without prejudice to the rights of the Monitor or the holder of the Unresolved Voting Claim with respect to the final determination of the Claim for distribution purposes, and such vote shall be separately tabulated from votes in respect of Voting Claims at (a) the dollar value of such Unresolved Voting Claim, to the extent a dollar value was ascribed to such claim in the corresponding Proof of Claim, or (b) at a value of \$10, if no value was ascribed to such claim in the corresponding Proof of Claim, provided that, other than as set out herein, the vote cast in respect of any Unresolved Voting Claim shall not be considered for any other purpose, unless, until and only to the extent that such Unresolved Claim is finally determined to be a Proven Claim.

### ENTITLEMENT TO VOTE AT THE MEETINGS

<u>30.</u> **29. THIS COURT ORDERS** that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, any Person with an Equity Claim shall have no right to, and shall not, vote at the Meetings.

<u>30.</u> **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, in accordance with the CCAA, the Sears Canada Entities, as related parties and as Affected Unsecured Creditors, shall only be permitted to vote their Eligible Voting Claims, if any, against, but not for, the <u>A&R</u> Plan.

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<u>32.</u> **31. THIS COURT ORDERS** that no holder of an Affected Unsecured Claim against Former Corbeil shall be entitled to vote on the <u>A&R</u> Plan or attend at any Meeting in respect of such Affected Unsecured Claim.

# **PROCEDURE AT THE MEETINGS**

<u>33.</u> **32. THIS COURT ORDERS** that a representative of the Monitor shall preside as the chair of each of the Meetings (the "**Chair**") and, subject to this Order or any further Order of the Court, shall decide all matters relating to the conduct of the Meetings.

**34. 33. THIS COURT ORDERS** that a person designated by the Monitor shall act as secretary at each of the Meetings (the "**Secretary**") and the Monitor may appoint scrutineers for the supervision and tabulation of the attendance, quorum and votes cast at the Meetings (the "**Scrutineers**"). The Scrutineers shall tabulate the votes in respect of all Eligible Voting Claims at the Meetings.

<u>34.</u> **THIS COURT ORDERS** that an Eligible Voting Creditor that is not an individual may only attend and vote at a Meeting if it has appointed a proxy holder to attend and act on its behalf at such Meeting.

<u>36.</u> **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the quorum required at each Meeting shall be one Affected Unsecured Creditor with a Voting Claim present at such Meeting in person or by proxy.

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<u>37.</u> <u>36.</u> **THIS COURT ORDERS** that a Meeting shall be adjourned on one or more occasions to such date, time and place as may be designated by the Chair or the Monitor as the Chair or the Monitor deems necessary or advisable, if:

- (a) the requisite quorum is not present at such Meeting;
- (b) such Meeting is postponed by a vote of the majority in value of the Affected Unsecured Creditors with Eligible Voting Claims for such Unsecured Creditor Class present in person or by proxy at the Meeting; or
- (c) prior to or during such Meeting, the Chair or the Monitor otherwise decides to adjourn such Meeting.

The announcement of the adjournment by the Chair at such Meeting (if the adjournment is during the Meeting), the posting of a notice of such adjournment on the Monitor's Website and the service of notice on the Service List shall constitute sufficient notice of the adjournment and neither the Applicants nor the Monitor shall have any obligation to give any other or further notice to any Person of the adjourned Meeting. Any proxies validly delivered in connection with the adjourned Meeting shall be acceptable as proxies in respect of any Meeting held after an adjournment.

<u>38.</u> **37. THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Chair be and is hereby authorized to direct a vote at the Meetings, by confidential written ballot or by such other means as the Chair may consider appropriate, with respect to: (i) a resolution to approve the <u>A&R</u> Plan and any amendments thereto; and (ii) any other resolutions as the Monitor may consider appropriate.

<u>39.</u> **38. THIS COURT ORDERS** that in order to be approved, the <u>A&R</u> Plan must receive the affirmative vote by the Required Majority from each Unsecured Creditor Class.

<u>40.</u> <u>39.</u> **THIS COURT ORDERS** that following the votes at the Meetings, the Scrutineers shall tabulate the votes and the Monitor shall determine whether the <u>A&R</u> Plan has been approved by the Required Majority from each Unsecured Creditor Class.

<u>41.</u> 40. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor shall file a report to this Court by no later than two (2) Business Days after the Meetings or any adjournment thereof, as applicable, with respect to the results of the vote, including whether:

- the <u>A&R</u> Plan has been approved by the Required Majority in each Unsecured Creditor Class; and
- (b) the votes cast in respect of Unresolved Voting Claims, if applicable, would affect the result of the vote.

<u>42.</u> **HIS COURT ORDERS** that a copy of the Monitor's report regarding the Meetings and the <u>A&R</u> Plan shall be posted on the Monitor's Website prior to the Sanction Hearing.

43. 42.-THIS COURT ORDERS that if the votes cast by the holders of Unresolved Voting Claims would affect whether the <u>A&R</u> Plan has been approved by the Required Majority, the Monitor shall report this to the Court in accordance with paragraph 4041 of this Order, in which case the Monitor may: (a) request this Court to direct an expedited determination of any material Unresolved Voting Claims, (b) request that this Court defer the date of the Sanction Hearing, (c) request that this Court defer or extend any other time periods in this Order or the <u>A&R</u> Plan, and/or (d) seek such further advice and direction as may be considered appropriate.

### **TREATMENT OF CREDITORS**

43. THIS COURT ORDERS that the result of any vote conducted at a Meeting shall be binding upon all Affected Unsecured Creditors of each Unsecured Creditor Class, whether or not any such Affected Unsecured Creditor was present or voted at such Meeting. ۸ð

# SANCTION HEARING AND ORDER

<u>45.</u> <u>44.</u>-**THIS COURT ORDERS** that if the <u>A&R</u> Plan has been accepted by the Required Majority of each Unsecured Creditor Class, the Monitor may bring a motion seeking the Sanction Order on <u>April 8, 2019,November 23, 2020</u>, or such later date as the Monitor may advise the Service List (the "**Sanction Hearing**").

**46. 45. THIS COURT ORDERS** that service of the Notice of Meetings and Sanction Hearing to the parties on the Service List, the delivery of the applicable Meeting Materials in accordance with paragraphs 10 to 12 above and publication of the Notice of Meetings and Sanction Hearings and posting of the Meeting Materials and this Order to the Monitor's Website pursuant to paragraphs 8 and 9 hereof shall constitute good and sufficient service and notice of the Sanction Hearing upon all Persons who may be entitled to receive such service and notice and no other form of service or notice need be made on such Persons and no other materials need be served on such Persons in respect of the Sanction Hearing.

**47. 46. THIS COURT ORDERS** that any Person wishing to receive materials in connection with the Sanction Hearing shall, if they have not already done so, serve upon the lawyers for the Monitor and all other parties on the Service List and file with this Court a Notice of Appearance by no later than 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on the date that is seven (7) days prior to the Sanction Hearing.

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**48. 47. THIS COURT ORDERS** that any Person who wishes to oppose the motion for the Sanction Order shall serve upon the lawyers for the Monitor and upon all other parties on the Service List, and file with this Court, a copy of the materials to be used to oppose the motion for the Sanction Order by no later than 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on the date that is <u>fourthree</u> (4<u>3</u>) Business Days prior to the Sanction Hearing.

<u>49.</u> <u>48.</u> **THIS COURT ORDERS** that if the Sanction Hearing is adjourned, only those Persons who are listed on the Service List (including those Persons who have complied with paragraph <u>4647</u> of this Order) shall be served with notice of the adjourned date of the Sanction Hearing.

# **MONITOR'S ROLE**

<u>49.</u> **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor, in addition to its prescribed rights and obligations under (a) the CCAA; (b) the Initial Order; (c) the Claims Procedure Orders, and (d) the Governance Protocol Order, is hereby directed and empowered to take such other actions and fulfill such other roles as are authorized by this Order.

51. 50.-THIS COURT ORDERS that: (a) in carrying out the terms of this Order, the Monitor shall have all the protections given to it by the CCAA, the Initial Order, the Claims Procedure Orders, and the Governance Protocol Order, or as an officer of the Court, including the stay of proceedings in its favour; (b) the Monitor may, if it deems it advisable to do so, waive strict compliance with the requirements of this Order, including by waiver of any time limit imposed on any Creditor under this Order; (c) the Monitor and any Authorized Representative (as defined in the Governance Protocol Order) shall incur no liability or obligation as a result of carrying out the provisions of this Order, save and except for any gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its or their parts; (d) the Monitor shall be entitled to rely on the books and records of the Applicants and any information provided by the Applicants without independent investigation;

and (e) the Monitor shall not be liable for any claims or damages resulting from any errors or

omissions in such books, records or information.

# AMENDMENT TO STYLE OF CAUSE

52. 51. THIS COURT ORDERS that the <u>change of the</u> title of these proceedings <u>as follows</u>

is hereby changed to approved:

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 Sears Canada Inc., 9370-2751 Québec Inc., 191020 Canada Inc., The Cut Inc., Sears Contact Services Inc., Initium Logistics Services Inc., 9845488 Canada Inc., Initium Trading and Sourcing Corp., Sears Floor Covering Centres Inc., 173470 Canada Inc., 2497089 Ontario Inc., 6988741 Canada Inc., 10011711 Canada Inc., 1592580 Ontario Limited, 955041 Alberta Ltd., 4201531 Canada Inc., 168886 Canada Inc., and 3339611 Canada Inc.

### GENERAL

53. 52. THIS COURT ORDERS that any notice or other communication to be given pursuant to this Order by or on behalf of any Person to the Monitor shall be in writing and will be sufficiently given only if by mail, courier, e-mail, facsimile or hand-delivery or email addressed

to:

FTI Consulting Canada Inc., Court-appointed Monitor of the Sears Canada Entities

TD South Tower 79 Wellington Street West, Suite 2010, P.O. Box 104 Toronto, Ontario M5K 1G8

Attention: Elizabeth PearsonHrvoje Muhek

E-mail: <u>searscanada@fticonsulting.com</u> Fax: 416 649 8101 1

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54. 53. THIS COURT ORDERS that notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, the Monitor shall be entitled to rely upon any communication given pursuant to this Order (including any delivery of Creditor Proxies) by e-mail.

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**55. 54. THIS COURT ORDERS** that if any deadline set out in this Order falls on a day other than a Business Day, the deadline shall be extended to the next Business Day.

56. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that all references to time herein shall mean local time in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and any reference to an event occurring on a Business Day shall mean prior to 5:00 P.M. (Toronto time) on such Business Day unless otherwise indicated herein.

57. 56. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Monitor may from time to time apply to this Court to amend, vary, supplement or replace this Order or for advice and directions concerning the discharge of its powers and duties under this Order or the interpretation or application of this Order.

58. 57. THIS COURT ORDERS that subject to any further Order of this Court, in the event of any conflict, inconsistency or ambiguity between the provisions of the <u>A&R</u> Plan and this Order, the provisions of the <u>A&R</u> Plan, if sanctioned by the Court and implemented, shall govern and be paramount.

#### EFFECT, RECOGNITION AND ASSISTANCE

59. **58. THIS COURT ORDERS** that this Order shall have full force and effect in all provinces and territories in Canada, outside Canada and against all Persons against whom it may be enforceable.

<u>59.</u> THIS COURT REQUESTS the aid and recognition of any court, tribunal, regulatory or administrative body having jurisdiction in Canada or elsewhere to give effect to this Order and to assist 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 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 Monitor and their respective agents in carrying out the terms of this Order.

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61. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Meetings Order granted by this Court on February 15, 2019 is hereby amended and restated on the terms set out in this Order.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, AS AMENDED	Court File No: CV-17-11846-00CL
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# APPENDIX "B" A&R PLAN

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### ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE COMMERCIAL LIST

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Applicants

# JOINT PLAN OF COMPROMISE AND ARRANGEMENT

# PURSUANT TO THE COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT

**OCTOBER 22, 2020** 

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### JOINT PLAN OF COMPROMISE AND ARRANGEMENT

#### WHEREAS:

- (A) On June 22, 2017, the Court issued an Order (as amended and restated on July 13, 2017, and as further amended, restated or supplemented from time to time, the "Initial Order") commencing proceedings (the "CCAA Proceedings") pursuant to the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, as amended (the "CCAA") in respect of the applicants (collectively, the "Applicants"), being Sears Canada Inc. ("Sears Canada"), The Cut Inc., Sears Contact Services Inc., Initium Logistics Services Inc., 9845488 Canada Inc. (formerly "Initium Commerce Labs Inc."), Initium Trading and Sourcing Corp., Sears Floor Covering Centres Inc., 173470 Canada Inc., 2497089 Ontario Inc. ("2497089"), 6988741 Canada Inc., 10011711 Canada Inc., 9370-2571 Québec Inc. ("Former Corbeil"), 191020 Canada Inc. ("Former SLH"), and 168886 Canada Inc. ("168886");
- (B) The Initial Order declared that, although not an Applicant, the general partnership SearsConnect shall enjoy the protections and authorizations provided by the Initial Order (together with the Applicants, the "Sears Canada Entities");
- (C) Pursuant to the Initial Order, FTI Consulting Canada Inc. was appointed Monitor (in such capacity and not in its personal or corporate capacity, the "**Monitor**") in the CCAA Proceedings;
- (D) As of the date hereof, substantially all material assets of the Sears Canada Entities have been realized upon. With the exception of certain sale proceeds distributed to parties with Proven Secured Claims or other Proven Priority Claims, amounts expended on operating costs and the fees and expenses incurred by the Sears Canada Entities in connection with the CCAA Proceedings, the Monitor and Sears Canada together currently hold the net sale proceeds from these transactions and other amounts received in these CCAA Proceedings, together with any cash on hand at the commencement of these CCAA Proceedings that has not been expended during the CCAA Proceedings and all interest on the foregoing;
- (E) There are certain material outstanding matters that remain to be completed in the CCAA Proceedings, including implementation of the settlement of the Pension Claims that are the subject of the Deemed Trust Motions, as well as the implementation of settlements of the LT Claims by the Litigation Trustee and the TUV Claim by the Monitor;
- (F) By Minutes of Settlement dated July 16, 2020 and a Settlement and Release Agreement dated July 27, 2020, the plaintiffs in the Dividend Actions fully settled the Dividend Actions as against the Settling Defendants (the "Director Settlement") and in connection with such settlement, Sears Canada agreed to amend the Plan to include certain additional releases;
- (G) By a Settlement and Release Agreement dated September 17, 2020, the plaintiffs in the Dividend Actions fully settled the Dividend Actions against some of the ESL Parties (the "ESL Parties Settlement") and released the Released Claims as against all of the ESL Parties in connection with such settlement, Sears Canada agreed to amend the Plan to include certain additional releases;
- (H) Pursuant to the ESL Parties Settlement, the plaintiffs in the Dividend Actions may be required to transfer the Allowed SHC Unsecured Claim (as defined in the Thirty-Ninth Report of the Monitor) to ESL Investments, Inc., or release the Allowed SHC Unsecured Claim in accordance with the terms of the ESL Parties Settlement.

- (I) Certain Creditors of Sears Canada have opted not to have their recoveries, if any, as unsecured creditors of Sears Canada reduced by their pro rata share of the costs of pursuing the LT Claims and the TUV Claim, and as a consequence will not receive a distribution of any portion of any recoveries of or proceeds from the LT Claims and the TUV Claim including the proceeds of the Settled Litigation Claims;
- (J) Further to a mediation process commenced before Regional Senior Justice Morawetz, the Sears Canada Entities have obtained the support of and have reached settlements with various Affected Unsecured Creditors with respect to their Claims, including the Pension Parties pursuant to the Pension Support Agreement, as well as the Dealer Representative Plaintiff, and a substantial majority of Landlords, the terms and conditions of which settlement are reflected in this Plan; and
- (K) To implement the Pension Claim Settlement and other settlements of material Claims noted above (collectively, and including the Pension Claim Settlement, the Director Settlement and the ESL Parties Settlement, the "Mediated Claim Settlements"), and to provide (a) a method of distribution of their available cash to Affected Unsecured Creditors with Proven Affected Unsecured Claims, (b) a mechanism by which Sears Opt-In Creditors will benefit from the additional value derived from the pursuit of the LT Claims and the TUV Claim, and (c) a framework for the completion of the orderly wind-down of the Sears Canada Entities, the Applicants, at the direction of the Monitor, hereby propose this Plan to the Affected Creditors under and pursuant to the CCAA.

# Article 1 Interpretation

# 1.1 Definitions

In the Plan, including the Recitals herein, unless otherwise stated or unless the subject matter otherwise requires, all capitalized terms used shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in **Schedule A**.

# 1.2 Certain Rules of Interpretation

For the purposes of the Plan:

- (a) any reference in the Plan to a contract, instrument, release, indenture, or other agreement or document being in a particular form or on particular terms and conditions means that such document shall be substantially in such form or substantially on such terms and conditions;
- (b) any reference in the Plan to an Order of the Court or an existing document or exhibit filed or to be filed means such Order of the Court, document or exhibit as it may have been or may be amended, restated or varied from time to time;
- (c) unless otherwise specified, all references to currency and to "\$" or "Cdn\$" are to Canadian dollars and references to "US\$" are to United States dollars;
- (d) the division of the Plan into "Articles" and "Sections" and the insertion of a Table of Contents are for convenience of reference only and do not affect the construction or interpretation of the Plan, nor are the descriptive headings of "Articles" and "Sections" otherwise intended as complete or accurate descriptions of the content thereof;
- (e) references in the Plan to "Articles", "Sections", "Subsections" and "Schedules" are references to Articles, Sections, Subsections and Schedules of or to the Plan;
- (f) the use of words in the singular or plural, or with a particular gender, including a definition, shall not limit the scope or exclude the application of any provision of the Plan or a

Schedule hereto to such Person (or Persons) or circumstances as the context otherwise permits;

- (g) the words "includes" and "including" and similar terms of inclusion shall not, unless expressly modified by the words "only" or "solely", be construed as terms of limitation, but rather shall mean "includes but is not limited to" and "including but not limited to", so that references to included matters shall be regarded as illustrative without being either characterizing or exhaustive;
- (h) unless otherwise provided, any reference to a statute or other enactment of parliament or a legislature includes all regulations made thereunder, all amendments to or re-enactments of such statute or regulations in force from time to time, and, if applicable, any statute or regulation that supplements or supersedes such statute or regulation;
- (i) the terms "the Plan", "hereof", "herein", "hereto", "hereunder" and similar expressions shall be deemed to refer generally to this Plan and the Schedules hereto and not to any particular "Article", "Section" or other portion of the Plan and include any documents supplemental hereto; and
- (j) the word "or" is not exclusive.

### 1.3 Time

For purposes of the Plan, unless otherwise specified, all references to time herein and in any document issued pursuant hereto mean prevailing local time in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

### 1.4 Date and Time for any Action

For purposes of the Plan:

- (a) in the event that any date on which any action is required to be taken under the Plan by any Person is not a Business Day, that action shall be required to be taken on the next succeeding day which is a Business Day, and any reference to an event occurring on a Business Day shall mean prior to 5:00 p.m. on such Business Day; and
- (b) unless otherwise specified, time periods within or following which any payment is to be made or act is to be done shall be calculated by excluding the day on which the period commences and including the day on which the period ends and by extending the period to the next succeeding Business Day if the last day of the period is not a Business Day.

### 1.5 Successors and Assigns

The Plan shall be binding upon and shall enure to the benefit of the heirs, administrators, executors, legal personal representatives, liquidators, receivers, trustees in bankruptcy, and successors and assigns of any Person or party named or referred to in the Plan.

# 1.6 Governing Law

The Plan shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein. All questions as to the interpretation of or application of the Plan and all proceedings taken in connection with the Plan and its provisions shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Court.

# 1.7 Currency

Unless specifically provided for in the Plan or the Sanction Order, for the purposes of voting or distribution under the Plan, a Claim shall be denominated in Canadian dollars and all payments and distributions to Affected Unsecured Creditors on account of their Proven Claims shall be made in Canadian dollars. In accordance with paragraph 6 of the Claims Procedure Order (General) and paragraph 7 of the Claims Procedure Order (E&R), any Claim in a currency other than Canadian dollars is to be converted to Canadian dollars, and any such amount shall be regarded as having been converted at the noon spot rate of exchange quoted by the Bank of Canada for exchanging such currency to Canadian dollars as at the Filing Date, which rate in the case of United States dollars is US\$1:Cdn\$1.3241.

# 1.8 Actions of the Sears Canada Entities

For greater certainty, any reference to an action of any one or more of the Sears Canada Entities in this Plan or any document contemplated hereunder shall be subject to, and read together with, the Governance Protocol Order, which provides among other things that the Monitor will: (a) cause the Sears Canada Entities to perform such functions as the Monitor considers necessary or desirable in order to facilitate or assist the Sears Canada Entities in dealing with their operations, winding down their estates or performing other activities; and (b) cause the Sears Canada Entities to administer their remaining property for the purposes of facilitating distributions to creditors of the Sears Canada Entities, including by way of a Plan. Accordingly, any steps to be performed hereunder by any one or more of the Sears Canada Entities may be performed by the Monitor, on behalf of the Sears Canada Entities, subject to the terms of and the protections provided under the Governance Protocol Order.

# 1.9 Schedules

The following are the Schedules to the Plan, which are incorporated by reference into the Plan and form a part of it:

Schedule A – Definitions Schedule B – Pre-Filing Interco Claims Schedule C – Pension Claims

# Article 2 Purpose and Effect of the Plan

# 2.1 Purpose of Plan

The purpose of the Plan is to:

- (a) effect a compromise and settlement of all Affected Claims, in exchange for the distributions to Affected Unsecured Creditors with Proven Affected Unsecured Claims as contemplated by the Plan; provided, however, and for greater certainty that none of the compromises, settlements, releases and discharges contemplated herein shall release, affect or prejudice Non-Released Claims;
- (b) facilitate the distribution of the consideration provided for herein in respect of Proven Affected Unsecured Claims, Proven Priority Claims and Proven Secured Claims, if any;
- (c) implement the Pension Claim Settlement and other Mediated Claim Settlements; and

 (d) allow Sears Opt-In Creditors to benefit from the value derived from the pursuit of the LT Claims by the Litigation Trustee and the TUV Claim by the Monitor and from the Director Settlement and the ESL Parties Settlement;

all in the expectation that Persons with an economic interest in the Property will, collectively, derive a greater benefit from the implementation of the Plan than would result from any alternative distribution and claims resolution processes for the Sears Canada Entities, including bankruptcy.

# 2.2 Persons Affected

The Plan provides for a compromise and/or settlement of the Affected Claims. The Plan will become effective at the Effective Time on the Plan Implementation Date. The Plan shall be binding on and shall enure to the benefit of the Sears Canada Entities, the Affected Creditors, the Released Parties and all other Persons named or referred to herein, receiving the benefit of, or subject to, the Plan. On, from and after the Plan Implementation Date, all Affected Claims will be fully and finally compromised and settled (and in the case of the Released Parties, De Minimis Claims and Equity Claims, released and discharged) to the extent provided for under the Plan.

# 2.3 Persons Not Affected

The Plan does not affect Unaffected Creditors with respect to and to the extent of their Unaffected Claims. Nothing in the Plan shall affect any of the Sears Canada Entities' rights and defenses, both legal and equitable, with respect to any Unaffected Claims, including all rights with respect to entitlements to set-offs or recoupment against any and all such Unaffected Claims.

# 2.4 Claims Against the Sears Canada Entities

Without limiting the effect of the releases, discharges, compromises and settlements herein in favour of the Released Parties:

- (a) any Affected Claim against the Sears Canada Entities that is not, or does not become, a Proven Claim, including Affected Claims that have not been filed by the claims bar date provided under the Claims Procedure Orders, shall be deemed fully and finally released, discharged, barred and extinguished; and
- (b) any Affected Claim against the Sears Canada Entities that is a Proven Claim shall not be released but shall be entitled to recoveries against the assets of the Sears Canada Entities solely in accordance with distributions provided by this Plan and any further rights in respect of such Affected Claims against the Sears Canada Entities or their assets are compromised and settled in accordance with this Plan.

# Article 3 Substantive Consolidation and Claims Valuation

# 3.1 Substantive Consolidation

The Sears Canada Entities, except for Former Corbeil, shall be partially substantively consolidated, into two Debtor Group estates, in the manner set out herein as follows:

 (a) Sears Canada, The Cut Inc., Sears Contact Services Inc., Initium Logistics Services Inc., 9845488 Canada Inc., Initium Trading and Sourcing Corp., Sears Floor Covering Centres Inc., 173470 Canada Inc., 2497089, 6988741 Canada Inc., 10011711 Canada Inc., 1592580 Ontario Limited, 955041 Alberta Ltd., 4201531 Canada Inc., 3339611 Canada Inc. and SearsConnect (collectively, the "Sears Parties"); and (b) Former SLH and 168886 (together, the "SLH Parties"),

such that the Affected Unsecured Creditors of each set of consolidated Sears Canada Entities shall (i) as provided in Article 4 below, be members of the same Unsecured Creditor Class for purposes of voting on the Plan, and (ii) as provided in Sections 5.2 and 7.1 below, receive Plan Distributions as if each of the individual members of such set of consolidated Sears Canada Entities comprised one Sears Canada Entity.

### 3.2 Claims Procedure and Adjustment of Pension Claims

- (a) The procedure for determining the validity and quantum of Affected Unsecured Claims for voting and distribution purposes under the Plan shall be governed by the Claims Procedure Orders, subject to the following:
  - Pre-Filing Interco Claims shall, subject to Section 4.2(b), be allowed for voting and distribution purposes in the amounts set out on **Schedule B** hereto and shall be treated as Proven Affected Unsecured Claims for the purposes of the Plan;
  - (ii) solely for the purpose of determining the quantum of the Warranty Reimbursement Pool pursuant to Section 5.3(a)(ii), each Pre-Filing Warranty Claim shall be allowed in the amount of the remaining unamortized value (as at October 19, 2017) of the underlying Warranty Payment Amount, as calculated by the Monitor based upon the records of Sears Canada; and
  - (iii) subject to Section 3.2(b) below and solely for the purposes of the Plan, the Pension Claims shall be allowed for voting and distribution purposes in the amounts and as against the applicable Sears Canada Entities as set out on Schedule C hereto and shall be treated as Proven Affected Unsecured Claims for the purposes of the Plan.
- (b) The Pension Claims for distribution purposes shall be subject to reduction immediately prior to each distribution by Cdn\$2.50 for every Cdn\$1 of recovery (if any) that any Pension Party has received at the time of such distribution (such reductions to be allocated between the Sears Parties and the SLH Parties in the proportions set out on Schedule C hereto) directly as a result of the Pension 2013 Dividend Claim or any litigation commenced by any Pension Parties against any other third party for payment to the Pension Plan or any of the Pension Parties on account of the Pension Claims, net of all fees, costs and disbursements incurred by the Pension Parties and not recovered by them (the "Pension Litigation Recovery Adjustment").

# Article 4 Classification of Creditors, Voting Claims and Related Matters

### 4.1 Classification

For the purposes of considering, voting on and receiving distributions under the Plan, the Affected Unsecured Creditors shall be grouped into the following classes (each an "**Unsecured Creditor Class**", and collectively, the "**Unsecured Creditor Classes**"):

- (a) **Sears Creditor Class**: Affected Unsecured Creditors of any of the Sears Parties; and
- (b) **SLH Creditor Class:** Affected Unsecured Creditors of any of the SLH Parties.

As the Proven Affected Unsecured Claims of Creditors of Former Corbeil are to be paid in full under the Plan, no holder of an Affected Unsecured Claim against Former Corbeil shall be a member of either

Unsecured Creditor Class, be entitled to vote on or approve the Plan or attend at any Meeting in respect of such Affected Unsecured Claim.

# 4.2 Voting

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in the Meetings Order, and subject to the provisions of the Plan, Affected Unsecured Creditors shall be entitled to vote their Eligible Voting Claims at the applicable Meeting in respect of the Plan.
- (b) In accordance with the CCAA, the Sears Canada Entities (through the Monitor), as related parties, will only be permitted to vote their Eligible Voting Claims, if any, against, but not for, the Plan.
- (c) Employee Representative Counsel shall be deemed to be a proxy holder in respect of each Eligible Voting Claim of an ERC Employee that is an Employee Claim and shall vote such Claims at the applicable Meeting on all ERC Employees' behalf, without the requirement for any ERC Employee to submit a proxy form to the Monitor or any other Person.
- (d) Pension Representative Counsel shall be deemed to be a proxy holder in respect of each Eligible Voting Claim of a PRC Retiree (other than relating to the Pension Claims or Employee Claims) and shall vote such Claims at the applicable Meeting on such PRC Retirees' behalf, without the requirement for any PRC Retiree to submit a proxy form to the Monitor or any other Person.
- (e) For greater certainty, only the Pension Plan Administrator or its designated proxy may vote the Pension Claims.

### 4.3 Unaffected Claims

Unaffected Claims shall not be compromised under the Plan. No holder of an Unaffected Claim shall be:

- (a) entitled to vote on or approve the Plan or attend at any Meeting in respect of such Unaffected Claim; or
- (b) entitled to or receive any distributions pursuant to the Plan in respect of such Unaffected Claim, unless specifically provided for under and pursuant to the Plan.

# 4.4 Meetings

- (a) The Meetings shall be held in accordance with the Plan, the Meetings Order and any further Order of the Court. The only Persons entitled to notice of or to attend at the Meetings are the Eligible Voting Creditors (or their respective duly-appointed proxyholders), representatives of the Monitor, the Sears Canada Entities, Employee Representative Counsel, the Pension Parties, the Settling Defendants, all such parties' financial and legal advisors, the chair, and secretary and scrutineers thereof. Any other Person may be admitted to the Meetings only by invitation of the Monitor or as permitted under the Meetings Order or any further Order of the Court.
- (b) If the Plan is approved by the Required Majority in each Unsecured Creditor Class, then the Plan shall be deemed to have been agreed to, accepted and approved by the Affected Unsecured Creditors and, if sanctioned by the Court, shall be binding upon all Affected Creditors immediately upon the delivery of the Plan Implementation Date Certificate in accordance with Section 10.4.

#### 4.5 No Double Proof or Recovery

In respect of any Claim which is compromised under the Plan (a) which is subject to a Guarantee or (b) in respect of which a Person has any right to or claim over in respect of or to be subrogated to the rights of any Person (such compromised Claim being the "**Principal Claim**"), no Person shall:

- (a) be entitled to any greater rights against the Sears Canada Entity in respect of which the Principal Claim relates than the Person holding the Principal Claim;
- (b) be entitled to vote on the Plan to the extent that the Person holding the Principal Claim votes on the Plan; or
- (c) be entitled to receive any distribution under the Plan to the extent that the Person holding the Principal Claim is receiving a distribution.

# Article 5 Treatment of Claims

#### 5.1 Treatment of Pre-Filing Interco Claims and Tax Loss Utilization Structure

- (a) In accordance with Section 7.1(a), each Debtor Group holding a Pre-Filing Interco Claim against:
  - (i) another Debtor Group (other than Former Corbeil) shall be entitled to receive an amount equal to its Pre-Filing Interco Pro Rata Share of the Debtor Cash Pool for the Debtor Group against which such Pre-Filing Interco Claim is made; and
  - (ii) Former Corbeil shall be entitled to receive an amount equal to its Pre-Filing Interco Claim.
- (b) For greater certainty with respect to the Tax Loss Utilization Structure and as a result of the substantive consolidation effected pursuant to Section 3.1 above:
  - the Pre-Filing Interco Claim of 2497089 resulting from the 249 SCI Loan made by 2497089 to Sears Canada as part of the Sears Canada Entities' Tax Loss Utilization Structure shall receive no distribution under the Plan;
  - (ii) no value shall be distributable under the Plan from 2497089 to Former SLH in respect of its preferred equity interest in 2497089 as such interest only gives rise to an Equity Claim; and
  - (iii) no value shall be distributable under the Plan from Former SLH to Sears Canada on account of the Pre-Filing Interco Claim that arises as a result of its Sears Canada Subordinated Transport Loan from Sears Canada, which loan was agreed to be treated as subordinated to all other indebtedness of Former SLH, which will not be paid in full.

#### 5.2 Treatment of Affected Third Party Unsecured Claims, Pension Litigation Recovery Adjustment and Dealer Matters

- (a) In accordance with Section 7.1(c), each:
  - (i) Affected Third Party Unsecured Creditor with a Proven Affected Unsecured Claim against Former Corbeil shall be entitled to receive a distribution from the Corbeil Cash Pool in an amount equal to its Proven Affected Unsecured Claim;

- Affected Third Party Unsecured Creditor with a Proven Affected Unsecured Claim against an SLH Party shall be entitled to receive a distribution in an amount equal to its Third Party Pro Rata Share of the SLH Cash Pool, as adjusted by the applicable Cash Pool/Holdback Adjustments;
- (iii) Affected Third Party Unsecured Creditor with a Proven Affected Unsecured Claim against a Sears Party shall be entitled to receive a distribution in an amount equal to its Third Party Pro Rata Share of the Sears Cash Pool, as adjusted by the applicable Cash Pool/Holdback Adjustments; and
- (iv) Sears Opt-In Creditor with a Proven Affected Unsecured Claim shall be further entitled to receive a distribution in an amount equal to its Third Party Pro Rata Share of the Litigation Recoveries Pool, subject to adjustment under any applicable Cash Pool/Holdback Adjustments.
- (b) The Pension Parties shall reimburse the Monitor, in trust for Affected Unsecured Creditors other than the Pension Parties, in the amount by which any Plan Distributions the Pension Parties have received in respect of the Pension Claims as determined pursuant to Section 3.2(a)(iii) exceed the Plan Distributions that would have been received if, at the time of such distribution, the Pension Claims for distribution purposes were equal to: (X) the value of the Pension Claims pursuant to Section 3.2(a)(iii); less (Y) the Pension Litigation Recovery Adjustment described in Section 3.2(b). For greater certainty, this section does not cause or require the Pension Parties to reimburse the Monitor in respect of any amounts received as a result of the Pension 2013 Dividend Claim.
- (c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Plan, the treatment of all Dealer Claims shall be as follows:
  - (i) as soon as practicable following the Plan Implementation Date, the Monitor, on behalf of Sears Canada, will pay to the Dealer Representative Plaintiff, on behalf of all Dealers, out of the Sears Cash Pool, \$334,495 (the "Upfront Dealer Payment");
  - (ii) the Dealers will not be entitled to receive any other amounts from any Debtor Cash Pool on account of or in respect of any Dealer Claims;
  - (iii) the Dealer Representative Plaintiff shall be further entitled to receive, on behalf of all Dealers, a distribution in an amount equal to its Third Party Pro Rata Share (based upon a Proven Affected Unsecured Claim against Sears Canada valued solely for the purposes of the Plan at \$80,000,000) of any amount in the Litigation Recoveries Pool in excess of \$10,000,000, subject to adjustment under any applicable Cash Pool/Holdback Adjustments; and
  - (iv) the first \$334,495 of distributions that may be received by the Dealer Representative Plaintiff, on behalf of the Dealers, pursuant to Section 5.2(c)(iii) shall be deemed re-contributed by the Dealer Representative Plaintiff, on behalf of the Dealers, to the Sears Cash Pool for distribution in accordance with this Plan.

Except as set out above, no Dealer shall have an entitlement to any distributions under the Plan.

#### 5.3 Treatment of Warranty Claims

(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Plan, the treatment of all Pre-Filing Warranty Claims shall be solely as follows:

- (i) forthwith following the Plan Implementation Date, the Monitor shall publish for two days in *The Globe and Mail* (National Edition) and the electronic edition of *La Presse* (and in such other publications and with such frequency as the Monitor may deem appropriate) notice of the establishment of the Warranty Reimbursement Pool and the opportunity to submit an application for recovery on a Reimbursable Warranty Claim from the Warranty Reimbursement Pool;
- (ii) on the Initial Distribution Date, the Warranty Claims Administrator shall establish and maintain, on behalf of the Sears Parties, a Warranty Reimbursement Pool in an amount equal to the funds that would otherwise be distributable under the Plan on account of all Pre-Filing Warranty Claims (as valued for such purpose in accordance with Section 3.2(a)(ii)) if such Pre-Filing Warranty Claims were treated as Proven Affected Unsecured Claims and received distributions pursuant to Section 7.1(c)(ii), without accounting for Litigation Recoveries; provided however that the amount of the Warranty Reimbursement Pool shall in no event exceed \$9,000,000;
- (iii) in order to receive a distribution from the Warranty Reimbursement Pool, a holder's Pre-Filing Warranty Claim must be a Reimbursable Warranty Claim and such holder must submit, on or before 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) on the date that is 180 days following the Plan Implementation Date (the "Warranty Claims Bar Date") and in the manner and using the documentation contemplated by the Warranty Claims Protocol, an application establishing to the satisfaction of the Warranty Claims Administrator, in consultation with the Monitor, that they have a valid Reimbursable Warranty Claim;
- (iv) any Pre-Filing Warranty Claim for which a claimant has not submitted the application required by the Warranty Claims Protocol on or before the Warranty Claims Bar Date or that has been Finally Determined not to be a Reimbursable Warranty Claim shall be forever barred as against the Sears Canada Entities without any compensation therefor; and
- (v) on or following the Initial Distribution Date, and once (i) all Reimbursable Warranty Claims have been Finally Determined to be or not to be Proven Claims in accordance with the Warranty Claims Protocol, and (ii) all Warranty Administration Costs have been paid from the Warranty Reimbursement Pool, the Monitor, on behalf of the Sears Parties, shall forthwith distribute from the Warranty Reimbursement Pool to each holder of a Proven Reimbursable Warranty Claim an amount equal to the lesser of such holder's (A) Third Party Pro Rata Share of the Warranty Reimbursement Pool; and (B) Proven Reimbursable Warranty Claim. If Proven Reimbursable Warranty Claims have been paid in full, the Monitor shall transfer the remaining balance in the Warranty Reimbursement Pool, if any, to the Sears Cash Pool for further distribution to Affected Unsecured Creditors of the Sears Parties.

Except as set out above, no Person holding a Pre-Filing Warranty Claim shall have an entitlement to any distributions under the Plan with respect to such Pre-Filing Warranty Claim.

(b) For greater certainty, any Warranty Claim that arises under a Warranty purchased from a Sears Canada Entity on or after the Filing Date shall constitute a Post-Filing Claim. Creditors holding such Warranty Claims shall be unaffected by the Plan and to the extent not previously paid, shall receive payment out of the Administrative Reserve as soon as reasonably practicable after the Plan Implementation Date on account of such Warranty Claims, such payment to be at the remaining unamortized value (as at October 19, 2017) of the underlying Warranty Payment Amount as determined by the Sears Canada Entities, in consultation with Monitor.

#### 5.4 Treatment of De Minimis Claims

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan, no holder of an Affected Unsecured Claim (other than a Pre-Filing Warranty Claim, which shall be entitled solely to the recoveries expressly provided for Pre-Filing Warranty Claims pursuant to Section 5.3(a)) that has been Finally Determined to be less than \$80 (a "**De Minimis Claim**") shall be entitled to or receive any distributions pursuant to the Plan in respect of such De Minimis Claim, and all such De Minimis Claims shall be fully, finally, irrevocably and forever compromised, released, discharged, cancelled and barred, and shall be treated as such in the calculation of any Third Party Pro Rata Share under this Plan.

#### 5.5 Unresolved Claims

- (a) No Affected Unsecured Creditors or holders of Priority Claims shall be entitled to receive any distributions or any payments under or pursuant to the Plan with respect to an Affected Unsecured Claim, or Priority Claim, or in each case, any portion thereof, unless and until, and then only to the extent that (i) such Claim is Finally Determined to be a Proven Claim, or (ii) is treated as a Proven Claim in accordance with the terms of the Plan, such that, in each case, the Claim is a Proven Affected Unsecured Claim or Proven Priority Claim and is entitled to the treatment described in the Plan. Except with respect to Reimbursable Warranty Claims, potential maximum distributions in respect of Unresolved Affected Unsecured Claims or potential maximum payments to Unresolved Priority Claims for each Debtor Group will be maintained by the Monitor in the Unresolved Claims Reserve for such Debtor Group until such Claims are Finally Determined.
- (b) An Unresolved Claims Reserve may be reduced by the Monitor from time to time to the extent the amount of such Unresolved Claims Reserve exceeds the maximum amounts distributable or payable for remaining Unresolved Affected Unsecured Claims, or Unresolved Priority Claims in respect of the applicable Debtor Group.

# 5.6 Equity Claims

On the Plan Implementation Date, all Equity Claims (other than those in respect of Former Corbeil), if any, shall be fully, finally, irrevocably and forever compromised, released, discharged, cancelled and barred. Holders of Equity Claims shall not be entitled to vote on the Plan.

#### 5.7 Employee Priority Claims and Government Priority Claims

- (a) All Employee Priority Claims and Government Priority Claims which are Proven Claims, if any, to the extent unpaid prior to the Plan Implementation Date, shall be paid in accordance with Sections 6(3) and 6(5) of the CCAA from the applicable Debtor Cash Pool for the Debtor Group(s) such Proven Claims are made against.
- (b) There are no amounts payable pursuant to Section 6(6) of the CCAA.

#### 5.8 WEPP

Without limiting the subrogation rights available to the Government of Canada, any Employee who receives a payment from the Wage Earner Protection Program shall not receive a distribution under the Plan in respect of the portion of such Employee's Affected Unsecured Claim satisfied by such payment

#### 5.9 Landlord Cost Payments

Every Landlord whose Affected Unsecured Claim was settled pursuant to a Landlord Settlement Agreement shall be paid the amount of \$2,272.72 (each, a "Landlord Cost Payment") per location that such Landlord leased as of the Filing Date to the Sears Canada Entities as soon as reasonably practicable after the Plan Implementation Date, such amounts to be paid (a) from the Debtor Cash Pool for the applicable Sears Canada Entity that was tenant under the lease arrangements for such location; and (b) on account of the legal costs of such Landlords incurred in connection with their negotiation of, and entrance into, the Landlord Settlement Agreements.

#### 5.10 Duplicate Claims

Where (a) an Affected Unsecured Creditor has or would have had a Duplicate Claim, arising from a Guarantee, where the principal debtor is a Sears Canada Entity and the guarantor is a Sears Canada Entity in a different Debtor Group, or (b) there is joint and several liability of two or more Sears Canada Entities in different Debtor Groups in respect of an Affected Unsecured Claim or portion thereof, such Affected Unsecured Creditor (to the extent its Affected Unsecured Claim is found to be a Proven Claim against each applicable Sears Canada Entity) shall be entitled to receive distributions under and vote on the Plan on account of its Proven Affected Unsecured Creditor shall not receive Plan Distributions in an aggregate amount more than the total amount of its Proven Affected Unsecured Claim.

#### 5.11 Extinguishment of Affected Claims

On the Plan Implementation Date, in accordance with the provisions of the Plan and Sanction Order, the treatment of Affected Claims (including Proven Claims and Unresolved Affected Unsecured Claims) and all Released Claims, in each case as set forth herein, shall be final and binding on all Sears Canada Entities, all Affected Creditors (and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal personal representatives, successors and assigns) and any Person holding a Released Claim. All Affected Claims shall be compromised, settled, barred and shall be entitled to no further recovery from the assets of the Sears Canada Entities other than as set out herein, and all Released Claims shall be fully, finally, irrevocably and forever released, discharged, cancelled, and barred, and the Released Parties and the Sears Canada Entities shall thereupon have no further obligations whatsoever in respect of the Affected Claims and the Released Claims, as applicable; provided that:

- (a) nothing herein releases any of the Sears Canada Entities (including through the Monitor) or any other Person from their obligations to make distributions in the manner and to the extent provided for in the Plan; and
- (b) such compromise, settlement and bar in favour of the Sears Canada Entities shall be without prejudice to the right of an Affected Creditor in respect of an Unresolved Affected Unsecured Claim to prove such Unresolved Affected Unsecured Claim in accordance with the applicable Claims Procedure Order so that such Unresolved Affected Unsecured Claim may become a Proven Claim entitled to receive consideration under Section 5.2.

#### 5.12 Section 19(2) Claims

Claims listed under Section 19(2) of the CCAA ("**Section 19(2) Claims**") shall be Affected Claims for the purposes of this Plan; provided, however, that Section 19(2) Claims shall be deemed Unaffected Claims to the extent held by any Creditors who have not voted in favour of the Plan.

#### 5.13 Settling Defendant Released Indemnity Claims

On the Plan Implementation Date, all Settling Defendants Released Indemnity Claims shall be fully, finally, irrevocably and forever compromised, released, discharged, cancelled and barred.

# Article 6 Establishment and Maintenance of Reserves, Cash Pools and Litigation Costs Recovery Fund

#### 6.1 Establishment and Maintenance on Accounting Basis

The Monitor shall establish and maintain each of the Reserves and Cash Pools required under the Plan as well as the Litigation Costs Recovery Fund, and may do so in each case on an accounting basis only. The Monitor, may, but is not required, to establish separate bank accounts for any of the Reserves, or in connection with any of the Cash Pools, the Litigation Costs Recovery Fund or the Warranty Reimbursement Pool. The Monitor is authorized to delegate authority to the Warranty Claims Administrator to administer any separate bank account established for the Warranty Reimbursement Pool.

#### 6.2 Administrative Reserve

- (a) An Administrative Reserve shall be established by the Monitor, on behalf of the Sears Canada Entities, from the SLH Cash, the Corbeil Cash, and the Sears Cash in an aggregate amount sufficient to fund the Administrative Reserve Amounts, from time to time, all as allocated among the Debtor Groups in accordance with the Cost Allocation Methodology.
- (b) The Monitor shall hold and maintain the Administrative Reserve for the purposes of paying the Administrative Reserve Amounts, from time to time, in accordance with the Plan and in accordance with the Cost Allocation Methodology. The Monitor shall be entitled from time to time to transfer amounts held in the Administrative Reserve that the Monitor in its sole discretion determines are no longer needed to fund Administrative Reserve Amounts to the Debtor Cash Pools for further distribution to Affected Unsecured Creditors. After the Final Distribution and all remaining Administrative Reserve Amounts have been paid, the Monitor shall distribute the remaining balance in the Administrative Reserve, if any, in accordance with Section 7.8.

#### 6.3 Unresolved Claims Reserves

- (a) **General:** The Monitor shall establish a separate Unresolved Claims Reserve for and on behalf of each Debtor Group from the applicable Available Cash for such Debtor Group, in an aggregate amount sufficient to fund, without duplication:
  - (i) Plan Distributions of such Debtor Group should all Unresolved Affected Unsecured Claims in respect of such Debtor Group be Finally Determined to be Proven Affected Unsecured Claims; and
  - (ii) payments on account of Unresolved Priority Claims in respect of such Debtor Group should all such Unresolved Claims be Finally Determined to be Proven Priority Claims,

and the Monitor shall hold and maintain each Unresolved Claims Reserve for the purposes of paying all such aforesaid claims if such claims are Finally Determined to be Proven Claims in accordance with Section 6.3(b).

- (b) **Unresolved Claims:** As Unresolved Affected Unsecured Claims and Unresolved Priority Claims are Finally Determined, the Monitor shall:
  - (i) if an Unresolved Affected Unsecured Claim is Finally Determined to be :

- (A) a Proven Affected Unsecured Claim against a Sears Party or SLH Party, distribute to the Affected Unsecured Creditor holding such Claim, an amount equal to its Third Party Pro Rata Share of the applicable Cash Pool plus or minus, if such Affected Unsecured Creditor is a Sears Opt-In Creditor, such further amounts which it is entitled to receive pursuant to Section 7.1(d); or
- (B) a Proven Affected Unsecured Claim against Former Corbeil, distribute to the Affected Unsecured Creditor holding such Claim, an amount equal to such Proven Affected Unsecured Claim;
- (ii) if the Unresolved Priority Claim is Finally Determined to be a Proven Priority Claim, pay the holder of such Proven Priority Claim in accordance with Section 5.7; or
- (iii) if the Unresolved Claim is Finally Determined not to be a Proven Claim, transfer cash, on an accounting basis, from the applicable Unresolved Claim Reserve to the applicable Cash Pool for distribution to Affected Unsecured Creditors thereof with Proven Affected Unsecured Claims, including Pre-Filing Interco Claims.

#### 6.4 Creation of the Debtor Cash Pools and Litigation Recoveries Pool

- (a) On the Plan Implementation Date, the Monitor shall establish and maintain:
  - the SLH Cash Pool from the SLH Cash, after first deducting or adding, as applicable, the Landlord Cost Payments, the Cost Allocation Amount and Ordinary Course Post-Filing Intercompany Position for the SLH Parties, and reserving for the SLH Reserves;
  - the Corbeil Cash Pool from the Corbeil Cash, after first deducting or adding, as applicable, the Landlord Cost Payments, the Cost Allocation Amount and Ordinary Course Post-Filing Intercompany Position for Former Corbeil and reserving for the Corbeil Reserves; and
  - (iii) the Sears Cash Pool from the Sears Cash, after first deducting or adding, as applicable, the Landlord Cost Payments, the Upfront Dealer Payment, the Cost Allocation Amount, the Ordinary Course Post-Filing Intercompany Position for the Sears Parties, that portion of the Litigation Cost Recovery Amount required to reimburse Litigation Costs funded by Sears Canada, and reserving for the Sears Reserves.
- (b) From and after the Plan Implementation Date, the Monitor shall further establish and maintain a Litigation Recoveries Pool from any Litigation Recoveries (net of the Litigation Cost Recovery Amount, which shall be returned to the Sears Cash Pool as a reimbursement for Litigation Costs already paid by Sears Canada), and all such Litigation Recoveries received by or on behalf of Sears Canada shall be transferred by the Monitor to the Litigation Recoveries Pool, net of the Litigation Cost Recovery Amount.
- (c) The Monitor, on behalf of the Sears Canada Entities, shall distribute the cash in the Cash Pools and make the Cash Pool/Holdback Adjustments, in each case in accordance with Section 7.1, and shall distribute any remaining balance in the Sears Cash Pool or SLH Cash Pool after the Final Distribution in accordance with Section 7.8. When all Proven Claims existing from time to time against Former Corbeil have been paid any remaining balance in the Corbeil Cash Pool, net of the Unresolved Claims Reserve for Former Corbeil shall be distributed by the Monitor in accordance with Section 7.1(b).

# Article 7

# Provisions Regarding Distributions, Payments, Disbursements and Contributions

# 7.1 Distributions, Payments and Disbursements Generally; Order and Sequencing of Distributions and Payments

Each and every Plan Distribution, payment and disbursement by or on behalf of the Sears Canada Entities, made on or after the Plan Implementation Date pursuant to or in accordance with the Plan shall, in each case, be made (A) in the manner, order and sequencing set out in Sections 7.1(a) to (d) below, (B) subject to and in accordance with Sections 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, and 7.7, and (C) shall be reflected by accounting entries and adjustments in the applicable Cash Pools:

- (a) the Monitor, on behalf of the Sears Canada Entities, shall distribute from the applicable Debtor Cash Pool to each holder of a Pre-Filing Interco Claim an amount equal to (X) their Pre-Filing Interco Pro Rata Share, or (Y) in the case of a Pre-Filing Interco Claim against Former Corbeil, an amount equal to such holder's Pre-Filing Interco Claim, as set out below:
  - (i) **Corbeil Cash Pool**: each holder of a Pre-Filing Interco Claim against Former Corbeil shall receive from the Corbeil Cash Pool an amount equal to such holder's Pre-Filing Interco Claim; and
  - Sears Cash Pool: each holder of a Pre-Filing Interco Claim against the Sears Parties shall receive an amount equal to such holder's Pre-Filing Interco Pro Rata Share of the Sears Cash Pool;
- (b) the Monitor, on behalf of Former Corbeil, shall distribute from the Corbeil Cash Pool to each Affected Third Party Unsecured Creditor with a Proven Affected Unsecured Claim against Former Corbeil, an amount equal to such Proven Affected Unsecured Claim, and upon the payment in full of all Proven Affected Unsecured Claims against Former Corbeil, shall transfer on behalf of Former Corbeil any balance in the Corbeil Cash Pool remaining from time to time over to the Sears Cash Pool as a corporate dividend paid to Sears Canada, which dividend shall first be subject to distribution in accordance with Section 7.1(a)(ii) above before any further distribution of the remaining portion of such dividend to Affected Third Party Unsecured Creditors in accordance with Section 7.1(c) below;
- (c) the Monitor, on behalf of the Sears Canada Entities, shall distribute to each Affected Third Party Unsecured Creditor with a Proven Affected Unsecured Claim its Third Party Pro Rata Share of the applicable Debtor Cash Pools, after adjustments for the distributions described in Sections 7.1(a) and 7.1(b) above, as set out below:
  - (i) SLH Cash Pool: Each Affected Third Party Unsecured Creditor of the SLH Parties with a Proven Affected Unsecured Claim against the SLH Parties shall receive an amount equal to its Third Party Pro Rata Share of the SLH Cash Pool. In the case of an Unresolved Affected Unsecured Claim that has become a Proven Affected Unsecured Claim, this distribution will include any amounts that would have been distributed on account of such Affected Unsecured Claim on prior distributions had it been a Proven Affected Unsecured Claim at the Initial Distribution Date; and
  - (ii) Sears Cash Pool: Each Affected Third Party Unsecured Creditor of the Sears Parties with a Proven Affected Unsecured Claim against the Sears Parties shall receive an amount equal to its Third Party Pro Rata Share of the Sears Cash Pool. In the case of an Unresolved Affected Unsecured Claim that has become a Proven Affected Unsecured Claim, this distribution will include any amounts that would have been distributed on account of such Affected Unsecured Claim on prior

distributions had it been a Proven Affected Unsecured Claim at the Initial Distribution Date;

(d) once (i) all applicable Litigation Recoveries have been received by or on behalf of Sears Canada Entities, (ii) the Litigation Cost Recovery Amount has been returned to the Sears Cash Pool as a reimbursement of Litigation Costs already paid by Sears Canada, and (iii) all Unresolved Affected Unsecured Claims have been Finally Determined to be or not be Proven Claims, the Monitor, on behalf of the Sears Parties, shall distribute to each Sears Opt-In Creditor with a Proven Affected Third Party Unsecured Claim its Third Party Pro Rata Share of the Litigation Recoveries Pool. Notwithstanding the foregoing, interim distributions from the Litigation Recoveries Pool shall be permitted as the Monitor deems appropriate or as approved by the Court.

#### 7.2 Tax Matters

- (a) Subject to Section 7.2(b), notwithstanding any provisions of the Plan, each Person that receives a distribution, disbursement or other payment pursuant to the Plan shall have sole and exclusive responsibility for the satisfaction and payment of any Tax obligations imposed on such Person by any Taxing Authority on account of such distribution, disbursement or payment.
- (b) Any payor shall be entitled to deduct and withhold and remit from any distribution, payment or consideration otherwise payable to any Person pursuant to the Plan such amounts as are required to be deducted and withheld with respect to such payment under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), or any provision of federal, provincial, territorial, state, local or foreign tax law, in each case, as amended or restated (a "Withholding Obligation"). For greater certainty, no distribution, payment or other consideration shall be made to or on behalf of a Person until such Person has delivered to the Monitor such documentation prescribed by Applicable Law or otherwise reasonably required by the Monitor as will enable it to determine whether or not, and to what extent, such distribution, payment or consideration to such Person is subject to any Withholding Obligation imposed by any Taxing Authority.
- (c) To the extent that amounts are withheld or deducted from an amount payable to any Person and paid over to the applicable Taxing Authority, such withheld or deducted amounts shall be treated for all purposes of the Plan as having been paid to such Person, together with the remainder of the payment in respect of which such withholding and deduction were made.
- (d) For the avoidance of doubt, it is expressly acknowledged and agreed that all distributions, payments and disbursements made hereunder shall be made by, or on behalf of, the Sears Canada Entities, and no provision hereof shall be construed to have effect to the contrary.

#### 7.3 Priority of Payments

The aggregate amount payable (the "**Payment Amount**") under this Plan to a particular Creditor (the "**Payee Party**") in respect of a particular Plan Distribution from a particular Sears Canada Entity (the "**Payor Party**") shall be applied as follows in respect of the particular Claims giving rise to the applicable distribution or payment:

- (a) first, to the repayment of the principal amount of any loans or cash advances made by the Payee Party to the Payor Party up to the total principal amount;
- (b) second, to the extent that the applicable Payment Amount exceeds the aggregate of the amounts described in paragraph (a), to interest payable on any such loans or cash advances;

- (c) third, to the extent that the applicable Payment Amount exceeds the aggregate of the amounts described in paragraphs (a) and (b), to unpaid fees in respect of services provided by or on behalf of the Payee Party to the Payor Party, other than any such unpaid fees in respect of services rendered in Canada; and
- (d) finally, to the extent that the applicable Payment Amount exceeds the aggregate of the amounts described in paragraphs (a) through (c), to any remaining Claims not described in such paragraphs.

For greater certainty, any terms or conditions of any Affected Claim that purport to deal with the ordering or granting of priority of payment of principal, interest, payments or other amounts shall be deemed void and ineffective to the extent inconsistent with the ordering provided for in this Section 7.3.

#### 7.4 Method of Payment

All Plan Distributions to Affected Unsecured Creditors with Proven Affected Unsecured Claims (other than to Sears Canada Entities, which shall be made as set out in Sections 5.1 and 7.1, and other than Plan Distributions effected by set-off) to be made by the Monitor, on the Sears Canada Entities' behalf, under the Plan shall be made:

- (a) in the case of an Affected Unsecured Creditor that has not assigned its Affected Unsecured Claim:
  - subject to subsection (ii) below, if the Affected Unsecured Creditor duly filed a Proof of Claim that set out an address for such Creditor or its agent, to the address set out in such Proof of Claim;
  - (ii) if any address was subsequently provided to the Monitor in accordance with the applicable Claims Procedure Order, to such address;
  - (iii) if no address was provided to the Monitor under subsections (i) and (ii) above, and the Affected Unsecured Creditor is an Employee in respect of whom Employee Representative Counsel has provided an address, to such address;
  - (iv) if no address was provided to the Monitor under subsections (i) and (ii) above, and the Affected Unsecured Creditor is a Retiree in respect of whom Pension Representative Counsel has provided an address, to such address; and
  - (v) in all other cases, to the address on file in the books and records of the Sears Canada Entities; and
- (b) in the case of an Affected Unsecured Creditor that is a Valid Transferee, to the address set out in such Valid Transferee's Notice of Transfer or Assignment.

#### 7.5 Treatment of Uncashed Distributions or Payments

(a) If any Creditor's distribution in respect of its Affected Unsecured Claim, Priority Claim or Secured Claim is not cashed and becomes stale-dated or is returned as undeliverable or a social insurance number, which is required to deliver distributions to an Employee or Retiree, is not provided by or on behalf of such Employee or Retiree to the Monitor in accordance with the terms of any Order of the Court (an "Undeliverable Distribution"), no distributions shall be made to such Creditor unless and until the Monitor is notified in writing by such Creditor of such Creditor's current address and (if applicable) social insurance number, at which time all such distributions shall be made to such Creditor. The Monitor (or the Warranty Claims Administrator, as applicable) shall reserve from the applicable Cash Pool (or the Warranty Reimbursement Pool, if applicable) the amount of cash equal to the Undeliverable Distribution. The Monitor shall advise Employee Representative Counsel in writing of any Undeliverable Distributions that are payable to Employees within a reasonable time after becoming aware of same. The Monitor shall advise Pension Representative Counsel in writing of any Undeliverable Distributions that are payable to Employee Representative Counsel within a reasonable time after becoming aware of same.

- (b) All notices from Creditors seeking to recover an Undeliverable Distribution existing prior to the Final Distribution must be made in writing to the Monitor (in the manner contemplated by Section 11.8 hereof) on or before the date that is sixty (60) days following the date on which the Monitor serves on the Service List and posts a copy of the Final Distribution Certificate on the Website (the "Final Distribution Bar Date"), after which date any Affected Unsecured Claims, Priority Claims or Secured Claims underlying any Undeliverable Distributions shall be forever barred as against the Sears Canada Entities without any compensation therefor, notwithstanding any Applicable Law to the contrary.
- (c) The amount of any Undeliverable Distributions that remain unclaimed, undeliverable or uncashed and stale-dated sixty (60) days following the Final Distribution Bar Date shall be returned to the applicable Cash Pools for distribution to Affected Unsecured Creditors on the Final Distribution. Any Undeliverable Distributions that may arise from the Final Distribution shall be delivered to the Pension Plan Administrator for distribution to the Pension Plan if not cashed by the date that is six (6) months following the Final Distribution Bar Date.
- (d) Nothing in the Plan or Sanction Order shall (i) require the Monitor or the Sears Canada Entities to attempt to locate any Affected Unsecured Creditor, Employee, Retiree, Governmental Authority or Secured Creditor with respect to an Undeliverable Distribution, nor (ii) require the Monitor or the Sears Canada Entities to make any further distribution to any Creditor while a prior distribution in respect of such Creditor's Affected Unsecured Claim, Priority Claim or Secured Claim constitutes an Undeliverable Distribution. No interest shall be payable in respect of an Undeliverable Distribution.

#### 7.6 Payment and Treatment of Certain Unaffected Claims, Including Litigation Costs

- (a) The following Unaffected Claims shall be paid from the Administrative Reserve, and allocated in each case to such Debtor Group's share of the Administrative Reserve in accordance with the Cost Allocation Methodology, all in accordance with this Article 7 and pursuant to the Sanction Order and the CCAA:
  - all fees and disbursements of counsel to the Sears Canada Entities, the Monitor and counsel to the Monitor, Employee Representative Counsel, and Pension Representative Counsel (x) accrued but not yet paid prior to the Plan Implementation Date, and (y) accruing after the Plan Implementation Date; and
  - (ii) ordinary course expenses of the Sears Canada Entities.
- (b) All Litigation Costs shall be reimbursed to Sears Canada from the Litigation Cost Recovery Amount prior to the establishment of the Litigation Recoveries Pool.
- (c) From and after the Plan Implementation Date, the Administration Charge and Litigation Trustee's Charge shall continue against the Cash Pools, the Reserves, all remaining Property of the Sears Canada Entities and any additional proceeds realized by the Sears Canada Entities (including Tax Refunds and Litigation Recoveries) until such monies are disbursed or distributed by the Monitor, on behalf of the applicable Sears Canada Entity. The Administration Charge shall be in the same amounts and priority as set out in the Initial

Order (as amended by the Litigation Approval Orders) pursuant to and in accordance with the Sanction Order, as such amounts may be reduced from time to time in the determination of the Monitor or by further Order of the Court.

- (d) On the Plan Implementation Date, the CCAA Charges (other than the Administration Charge and the Litigation Trustee's Charge) shall be terminated in accordance with the Sanction Order.
- (e) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, Insured Claims shall not be compromised, released, discharged, cancelled and barred by this Plan, provided that from and after the Plan Implementation Date, any Person having an Insured Claim shall be irrevocably limited to recovery in respect of such Insured Claim solely from the applicable Insurance Policies. This Section 7.6(e) may be relied upon and raised or pleaded by the Sears Canada Entities in defence or estoppel of or to enjoin any claim, action or proceeding brought in contravention of this Section. Nothing in this Plan shall prejudice, compromise, release or otherwise affect any right or defence of any insured or insurer in respect of an Insured Claim.

#### 7.7 Timing of Distributions

The Monitor may from time to time make Plan Distributions on account of Proven Affected Unsecured Claims and will make no distribution in respect of a Claim until it is a Proven Claim.

#### 7.8 Remaining Cash

If the final amount in the applicable Cash Pool is an amount for which the Monitor determines the cost of such distribution relative to the amount to be distributed is not justified, no Plan Distribution of such final amount shall occur and instead such amount shall be paid to the Pension Plan Administrator for distribution to the Pension Plan.

# Article 8 Plan Implementation

#### 8.1 Corporate Authorizations

The adoption, execution, delivery, implementation and consummation of all matters contemplated under the Plan involving any corporate or other action of any of the Sears Canada Entities will occur and be effective as of the Effective Time, and will be authorized and approved under the Plan and by the Court, where appropriate, as part of the Sanction Order, in all respects and for all purposes without any requirement of further action by shareholders, partners, Directors or Officers of such Sears Canada Entity. All necessary approvals to take actions shall be deemed to have been obtained from the Directors or shareholders or partners of the Sears Canada Entities, as applicable.

# Article 9 Releases

#### 9.1 Plan Releases

(a) To the extent not already released and discharged by the Settlement Approval Orders or any release given by any plaintiff in the Settled Litigation Claims, as at the Effective Time, each of the Directors, Officers, Employees, and Settling Defendants, as well as the Specified Advisors (being referred to individually as a "Sears Released Party") shall be released and discharged from any and all demands, claims, actions, applications, causes of action, counterclaims, suits, debts, sums of money, accounts, covenants, damages, judgments, orders (including for priority, injunctive relief or specific performance and

compliance orders), expenses, executions, encumbrances and other recoveries on account of any Liability, obligation, demand or cause of action of whatever nature, which any Affected Creditor, Unaffected Creditor (except to the extent of its Unaffected Claim) or other Person may be entitled to assert, whether known or unknown, matured or unmatured, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereafter arising, based in whole or in part on any act, omission, transaction, duty, responsibility, indebtedness, Liability, obligation, dealing or other occurrence existing or taking place on or prior to the Plan Implementation Date that are in any way relating to, arising out of or in connection with the Claims, the Business and affairs of the Sears Canada Entities whenever or however conducted, the Plan, the CCAA Proceedings or any matter or transaction involving any of the Sears Canada Entities occurring in or in connection with the CCAA Proceedings (including the Plan or the development thereof, the Deemed Trust Motions, any Claim that has been barred or extinguished by the Claims Procedure Orders, or any distributions, payments, disbursements, actions, steps or transactions, taken to implement the Plan), and in each case all claims arising out of such aforesaid matters shall be forever waived and released all to the full extent permitted by Applicable Law; with the following exceptions:

- (i) nothing herein shall release, affect, prejudice or discharge Non-Released Claims and nothing herein shall provide any defence to any Non-Released Claims; and
- (ii) any claim that has been commenced as of the Plan Implementation Date against an Employee personally solely as a result of performing their duties as an Employee of a Sears Canada Entity shall not be released but shall be limited to recovery from any insurance proceeds payable in respect of such claim under any insurance policy of a Sears Canada Entity, and any Persons with any such claim shall have no right to, and shall not, make any claim or seek any recoveries from any Person (including any such Employee) other than enforcing such Person's rights to be paid from such insurance proceeds by the applicable insurer(s); provided further that nothing in this Plan shall prejudice, compromise, release or otherwise affect any right or defence of any insured or insurer in respect of any such claim.
- (b) As at the Effective Time, the Monitor, FTI (including in its capacity as receiver further to the Receivership Order) and their respective current and former affiliates, directors, officers and employees and all of their respective advisors, legal counsel and agents, as well as Employee Representative Counsel, Pension Representative Counsel, the Employee Representatives, and the Pension Representatives (being referred to individually as a "Third Party Released Party") shall be released and discharged from any and all demands, claims, actions, applications, causes of action, counterclaims, suits, debts, sums of money, accounts, covenants, damages, judgments, orders (including for priority, injunctive relief or specific performance and compliance orders), expenses, executions, encumbrances and other recoveries on account of any Liability, obligation, demand or cause of action of whatever nature, which any Affected Creditor, Unaffected Creditor or other Person may be entitled to assert, whether known or unknown, matured or unmatured, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereafter arising, based in whole or in part on any act, omission, transaction, duty, responsibility, indebtedness, Liability, obligation, dealing or other occurrence existing or taking place on or prior to the Plan Implementation Date that are in any way relating to, arising out of or in connection with the Claims, the Business and affairs of the Sears Canada Entities whenever or however conducted, the Plan, the CCAA Proceedings or any matter or transaction involving any of the Sears Canada Entities occurring in or in connection with the CCAA Proceedings (including the Plan or the development thereof, the Deemed Trust Motions, any Claim that has been barred or extinguished by the Claims Procedure Orders, or any distributions, payments, disbursements, actions, steps or transactions, taken to implement the Plan), and in each case all claims arising out of such aforesaid matters shall be forever waived and released

all to the full extent permitted by Applicable Law, provided that nothing herein shall release or discharge any Non-Released Claims.

- (c) As of the Effective Time, and notwithstanding any other terms of this Plan, all Settled Litigation Claims shall be fully and finally released, discharged, barred, and extinguished to the extent not already released, discharged, barred or extinguished by (i) the Settlement Approval Orders or (ii) any release given by any plaintiff in the Settled Litigation Claims.
- (d) Without limiting the foregoing releases and discharges in favour of the Released Parties, as against any Sears Canada Entity, any
  - (i) De Minimis Claim;
  - (ii) Equity Claim; and
  - (iii) other Affected Claim that is not, or does not become, a Proven Claim, including Affected Claims that have not been filed by the claims bar date provided under the Claims Procedure Orders,

shall be deemed fully and finally released, discharged, barred and extinguished.

(e) Any Affected Claim against the Sears Canada Entities that is a Proven Claim shall not be released but shall be entitled to recoveries against the assets of the Sears Canada Entities solely in accordance with distributions provided by this Plan and any further rights in respect of such Affected Claims against the Sears Canada Entities or their assets are compromised and settled in accordance with this Plan.

# Article 10 Court Sanction, Conditions Precedent and Plan Implementation

#### 10.1 Application for Sanction Order

If the Plan is approved by the Required Majority in each Unsecured Creditor Class at the Meetings, the Monitor shall file a motion seeking the Sanction Order to be heard on such date as the Court may order.

#### 10.2 Sanction Order

The Sanction Order shall, among other things:

- (a) declare that (i) the Plan has been approved by the Required Majority in each Unsecured Creditor Class voting in conformity with the CCAA and the Meetings Order; (ii) the Sears Canada Entities (directly or through the Monitor) have complied with the provisions of the CCAA and the Orders of the Court; (iii) the Court is satisfied that the Sears Canada Entities (directly or through the Monitor) have not done or purported to do anything that is not authorized by the CCAA; (iv) the Sears Canada Entities (directly or through the Monitor) have each acted in good faith and with due diligence; and (v) the Plan and the implementation steps contemplated thereby are fair and reasonable;
- (b) authorize the Monitor to perform its functions under the Plan, including the establishment of the Reserves, and cause the Sears Canada Entities to perform their obligations and functions under the Plan and to perform all such other acts and execute such documents as may be required in connection with the foregoing;
- (c) declare that the Plan and all associated steps, compromises, transactions and arrangements effected thereby are approved, binding and effective on the Sears Canada

Entities, all Affected Creditors, the Released Parties and all Persons named or referred to in, affected by, or subject to the Plan as of the Effective Time;

- (d) order that, upon delivery to the Monitor of the Condition Certificate as to the fulfillment or waiver of the condition precedent to implementation of the Plan set out in Section 10.3(f) and satisfaction of the Monitor as to the fulfillment or waiver of all other conditions precedent to implementation of the Plan as set out in Sections 10.3(a) through (e) below, the Monitor shall issue forthwith the Plan Implementation Date Certificate, and file with the Court the Plan Implementation Date Certificate as soon as reasonably practicable after issuance thereof;
- (e) order that, upon issuance of the Plan Implementation Date Certificate, the Deemed Trust Motions and the motion of Employee Representative Counsel to lift the stay of proceedings to file bankruptcy applications against Sears Canada Entities shall be deemed to be withdrawn and discontinued without costs;
- (f) as of the Plan Implementation Date, declare that the ability of any Person to proceed against any one or more of the Sears Canada Entities or the Directors or Officers in respect of or relating to any Affected Claims shall be forever discharged and restrained, and all proceedings with respect to, in connection with or relating to such Affected Claims be permanently stayed, subject only to the right of Affected Creditors to receive distributions pursuant to the Plan in respect of their Affected Claims (to the extent they are or become Proven Affected Unsecured Claims); provided, however, and for greater certainty that none of the compromises, settlements, releases and discharges contemplated herein shall release, affect or prejudice Non-Released Claims;
- (g) as of the Plan Implementation Date, approve the releases set forth in Article 9 hereof and enjoin the prosecution, whether directly, derivatively or otherwise, of any Claim, obligation, suit, judgment, damage, demand, debt, right, cause of action, Liability or interest released, discharged, compromised or terminated pursuant to the Plan;
- (h) provide for discharge of the CCAA Charges (other than the Administration Charge and the Litigation Trustee's Charge) and the continuation of the Administration Charge and Litigation Trustee's Charge, which shall survive the Plan Implementation Date and attach to the Property and the Reserves, all in accordance with the Plan;
- (i) provide for the termination of the Hardship Process and that all remaining amounts shall become Sears Cash on the Plan Implementation Date; and
- (j) declare that, in carrying out the terms of the Sanction Order and the Plan, (i) the Monitor shall benefit from all the protections given to it by the CCAA, the Initial Order and any other Order in the CCAA Proceedings, and as an officer of the Court, including the stay of proceedings in its favour; (ii) the Monitor shall incur no liability or obligation as a result of carrying out the provisions of the Sanction Order and/or the Plan; and (iii) the Monitor and any Authorized Representative (as defined in the Governance Protocol Order) shall be entitled to rely on the books and records of the Sears Canada Entities and any information provided by any of the Sears Canada Entities without independent investigation and shall not be liable for any claims or damages resulting from any errors or omissions in such books, records or information.

#### 10.3 Conditions Precedent to Implementation of the Plan

The implementation of the Plan, including distributions thereunder, shall be conditional upon the fulfilment or waiver, to the extent permitted by the CCAA, of the following conditions precedent by the date specified therefor:

- (a) each Unsecured Creditor Class shall have approved the Plan in the Required Majority;
- (b) each of the Meetings Order and the Sanction Order shall have been granted;
- (c) each of the Meetings Order and the Sanction Order shall have become Final Orders;
- (d) the Monitor shall have received such clearance certificates, or comfort letters in lieu thereof from the Canada Revenue Agency or any other applicable Taxing Authority, as the Monitor considers necessary or advisable, to make any Plan Distributions;
- (e) the Plan Implementation Date shall have occurred before December 31, 2020, or such later date as agreed to by the Pension Parties and Monitor; and
- (f) the Pension Parties shall be satisfied that:
  - the Plan provides no less than \$155,000,000 available for distribution to all Affected Third Party Unsecured Creditors, net of all Reserves and excluding the funds in the Litigation Recoveries Pool; and
  - (ii) Affected Third Party Unsecured Claims shall be no more than \$1,550,000,000, excluding the Pension Claims.

The Monitor may at any time and from time to time waive the fulfillment or satisfaction, in whole or in part, of the conditions set out herein, provided however, that (i) the conditions set out in (a) and (b) above cannot be waived; and (ii) the conditions set out in (e) and (f) above may be waived by the Monitor only with the consent or agreement of the Pension Parties.

At or prior to the time of the Meetings, the Pension Parties shall deliver to the Monitor written notice confirming, as applicable, the fulfilment or waiver, to the extent available, of the condition precedent to implementation of the Plan as set out in Section 10.3(f) above (the "**Condition Certificate**").

#### 10.4 Plan Implementation Date Certificate

Upon receipt by the Monitor of the Condition Certificate from the Pension Parties, and upon satisfaction of the Monitor as to the fulfillment or waiver, to the extent permitted herein, of the conditions described in Sections 10.3(a) through (e), the Monitor shall (a) issue forthwith the Monitor's Plan Implementation Date Certificate to the Sears Canada Entities and serve a copy of such Plan Implementation Date Certificate on the Service List, and (b) file as soon as reasonably practicable a copy of the Monitor's Plan Implementation Date Certificate with the Court. With respect to the condition set out at Section 10.3(f), the Monitor will be relying exclusively on the Condition Certificate, without any obligation whatsoever to verify the satisfaction or waiver of such condition. Following the filing of the Monitor's Plan Implementation Date Certificate with the Court, the Monitor shall post a copy of same on the Website.

# Article 11 General

#### 11.1 General

On the Plan Implementation Date, or at such other times as provided in the Plan:

- (a) the Plan will become effective at the Effective Time;
- (b) the steps set out in Article 7 will commence;

- (c) the treatment of Claims under the Plan shall be final and binding for all purposes and enure to the benefit of the Sears Canada Entities, all Affected Creditors, the Released Parties and all other Persons and parties named or referred to in, or subject to, the Plan and their respective heirs, executors, trustees in bankruptcy, administrators and other legal representatives, successors and assigns;
- (d) all releases, compromises and settlements contained in Section 9.1 shall become effective;
- (e) each Person named or referred to in, or subject to, the Plan shall be deemed to have consented and agreed to all of the provisions of the Plan, in its entirety; and
- (f) each Person named or referred to in, or subject to, the Plan shall be deemed to have executed and delivered to the Sears Canada Entities and/or Monitor all consents, releases, directions, assignments and waivers, statutory or otherwise, required to implement and carry out the Plan in its entirety.

#### 11.2 Claims Bar Dates

Nothing in this Plan extends or shall be interpreted as extending or amending any deadline or claims bar date provided for under either Claims Procedure Order, or gives or shall be interpreted as giving any rights to any Person in respect of Claims that have been barred or extinguished pursuant to the Claims Procedure Orders.

#### 11.3 Deeming Provisions

In the Plan, the deeming provisions are not rebuttable and are conclusive and irrevocable.

#### 11.4 Non-Consummation

The Monitor reserves the right to revoke or withdraw the Plan at any time prior to the Plan Implementation Date with approval of the Court. If: (i) the Monitor revokes or withdraws the Plan in accordance with the foregoing, or (ii) the Plan Implementation Date does not occur before December 31, 2020 or such later date as agreed to by the Monitor and the Pension Parties, then: (a) the Plan (including all steps taken thereunder) shall be null and void in all respects, (b) any settlement or compromise embodied in the Plan, or any document or agreement executed pursuant to or in connection with the Plan shall be deemed to be null and void; and (c) nothing contained in the Plan, and no acts taken in preparation for consummation of the Plan, shall:

- (a) constitute or be deemed to constitute a waiver or release of any Claims by or against any of the Sears Canada Entities, the Pension Parties or any other Person;
- (b) prejudice in any manner the rights of the Sears Canada Entities, the Pension Parties or any other Person in any further proceedings involving any of the Sears Canada Entities; or
- (c) constitute an admission of any sort by any of the Sears Canada Entities or any other Person.

#### 11.5 Modifications of the Plan

The Monitor may at any time prior to and after the Meetings (and both prior to and subsequent to the obtaining of the Sanction Order), file a Plan Modification (a) pursuant to an Order of the Court, or (b) without further Court or Creditor approval, where such Plan Modification concerns (i) a matter which is of an administrative nature required to better give effect to the implementation of the Plan and the Sanction Order, or (ii) cure any errors, omissions or ambiguities, and in either case of foregoing clause (i) and (ii), is not materially adverse to the financial or economic interests of the Affected Creditors.

#### 11.6 Paramountcy

From and after the Effective Time, any conflict between:

- (a) the Plan; and
- (b) the covenants, warranties, representations, terms, conditions, provisions or obligations, expressed or implied, of any contract, mortgage, security agreement, indenture, trust indenture, loan agreement, commitment letter, agreement for sale, lease or other agreement (including the Pension Support Agreement), written or oral and any and all amendments or supplements thereto existing between any Person and the Sears Canada Entities as at the Plan Implementation Date and the articles and by-laws or other constating documents of the Sears Canada Entities

will be deemed to be governed by the terms, conditions and provisions of the Plan and the Sanction Order, which shall take precedence and priority.

#### 11.7 Responsibilities of the Monitor

FTI is acting and will continue to act in all respects in its capacity as Monitor in the CCAA Proceedings with respect to the Sears Canada Entities and not in its personal or corporate capacity. The Monitor will not be responsible or liable in its personal or corporate capacity for carrying out its obligations under the Plan or the Sanction Order nor will the Monitor be responsible for any obligations of the Sears Canada Entities whatsoever. The Monitor will have the powers and protections granted to it by the Plan, the CCAA, the Initial Order, the Sanction Order and any other Order of the Court made in the CCAA Proceedings.

#### 11.8 Notices

Any notice or other communication to be delivered hereunder must be in writing and reference the Plan and may, subject as hereinafter provided, be made or given by personal delivery, or by email addressed to the respective parties as follows:

(a) If to the Sears Canada Entities:

Sears Canada Inc. c/o FTI Consulting Canada Inc. 79 Wellington Street West TD South Tower, Suite 2010 PO Box 104 Toronto, ON M5K 1G8

Attention: Steve Bissell Email: searscanada@fticonsulting.com

with a copy to: Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP 222 Bay Street, Suite 3000, P.O. Box 53 Toronto, ON M5K 1E7

Attention: Orestes Pasparakis & Evan Cobb Email: orestes.pasparakis@nortonrosefulbright.com / evan.cobb@nortonrosefulbright.com

(b) If to the Monitor:

FTI Consulting Canada Inc. 79 Wellington Street West TD South Tower, Suite 2010 PO Box 104 Toronto, ON M5K 1G8

Attention: Steve Bissell Email: searscanada@fticonsulting.com

with a copy to:

Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP 222 Bay Street, Suite 3000, P.O. Box 53 Toronto, ON M5K 1E7

Attention: Orestes Pasparakis & Evan Cobb Email: orestes.pasparakis@nortonrosefulbright.com / evan.cobb@nortonrosefulbright.com

or to such other address as any party may from time to time notify the others in accordance with this Section. Any such communication so given or made shall be deemed to have been given or made and to have been received on the day of delivery if delivered, or on the day of sending by means of recorded electronic communication, provided that such day in either event is a Business Day and the communication is so delivered or sent before 5:00 p.m. on such day. Otherwise, such communication shall be deemed to have been given and made and to have been received on the next following Business Day.

#### 11.9 Further Assurances

Each of the Persons named or referred to in, or subject to, the Plan will execute and deliver all such documents and instruments and do all such acts and things as may be necessary or desirable to carry out the full intent and meaning of the Plan and to give effect to the transactions contemplated herein.

DATED as of the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2020.

# Schedule A Definitions

"168886" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Recitals;

"2497089" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Recitals;

**"249 SCI Loan**" means the \$160 million loan made by 2497089 to Sears Canada under the Tax Loss Utilization Structure;

"Administration Charge" has the meaning given to such term in the Initial Order;

"Administrative Reserve" means a Cash reserve from the SLH Cash, Corbeil Cash and Sears Cash, as applicable in accordance with the Cost Allocation Methodology, in an amount to be adjusted from time to time as determined by the Monitor, and to be reserved by the Monitor on an accounting basis, for the purpose of paying the Administrative Reserve Amounts, from time to time;

"Administrative Reserve Amounts" means:

- (a) costs incurred and in respect of: (i) the Monitor's fees and disbursements (including of its legal counsel and other consultants and advisors) in connection with the performance of its duties under the Plan and in the CCAA Proceedings, including all costs associated with resolving Unresolved Claims; (ii) any third party fees in connection with the administration of distributions, disbursements and payments under the Plan; (iii) fees and disbursements of the Sears Canada Entities' legal counsel, consultants and other advisors; (iv) the fees and disbursements of Employee Representative Counsel and Pension Representative Counsel; (v) the fees and disbursements of any Claims Officer appointed under the Claims Procedure Orders; (vi) ordinary course costs (including operating costs such as wages and rent) expected to be incurred following the previous Distribution Date; and (vii) any other reasonable amounts in respect of any determinable contingency as the Monitor may determine in its sole discretion; and
- (b) Post-Filing Claims and Unaffected Claims, to the extent not already resolved and paid;

"Affected Claim" means any Claim other than an Unaffected Claim;

"Affected Creditor" means any Creditor holding an Affected Claim, including a Sears Canada Entity holding an Affected Claim;

**"Affected Third Party Unsecured Claim**" means an Affected Unsecured Claim of an Affected Third Party Unsecured Creditor;

"Affected Third Party Unsecured Creditor" means the Pension Plan Administrator in respect of the Pension Claims or an Affected Unsecured Creditor, other than a Sears Canada Entity;

"Affected Unsecured Claim" means an Unsecured Claim that is an Affected Claim, which for greater certainty includes the Pension Claims;

"Affected Unsecured Creditor" means a Creditor who has an Affected Unsecured Claim;

"Affiliate" means, with respect to any Person, any other Person who directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under direct control or indirect common control with, such Person, and includes any Person in like relation to an Affiliate. A Person shall be deemed to "**control**" another Person if such Person possesses, directly or indirectly, the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies

of such other Person, whether through ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise, and the term "**controlled**" shall have a similar meaning;

"Applicants" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Recitals;

"**Applicable Law**" means any law (including any principle of civil law, common law or equity), statute, order, decree, judgment, rule, regulation, ordinance, by-law or other pronouncement having the effect of law, whether in Canada or any other country or any domestic or foreign province, state, city, county or other political subdivision;

"Assessments" means Claims of Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada or of any province or territory or municipality or any other Taxing Authority in any Canadian or foreign jurisdiction, including amounts which may arise or have arisen under any notice of assessment, notice of objection, notice of reassessment, notice of appeal, audit, investigation, demand or similar request from any Taxing Authority;

"**Available Cash**" means, in respect of a Debtor Group, either the SLH Cash, the Corbeil Cash, or the Sears Cash, as applicable, for such Debtor Group;

"BIA" means the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. B-3, as amended;

"**Business**" means the direct and indirect business operations, activities and affairs carried on, or formerly carried on, by Sears Canada Entities both before and on and after the Filing Date;

"**Business Day**" means a day on which banks are open for business in the City of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, but does not include a Saturday, Sunday or a statutory holiday in the Province of Ontario;

"**Cash**" means cash, certificates of deposit, bank deposits, commercial paper, treasury bills and other cash equivalents;

"Cash Pools" means, together, the Debtor Cash Pools and the Litigation Recoveries Pool;

"**Cash Pool/Holdback Adjustments**" means, with respect to a Cash Pool, the adjustments to such Cash Pool as applied in the order set out in Sections 7.1(a) to (d);

"CCAA" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Recitals;

"CCAA Charges" means the Administration Charge, the Litigation Trustee's Charge, the KERP Priority Charge, the Directors' Priority Charge, the DIP ABL Lenders' Charge, the DIP Term Lenders' Charge, the KERP Subordinated Charge, and the Directors' Subordinated Charge, the FA Charge, and any other charges granted by the Court in the CCAA Proceedings;

"CCAA Proceedings" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Recitals;

"**Claim**" means a Pre-Filing Claim, a Restructuring Period Claim, a Post-Filing Claim, and a D&O Claim, and for greater certainty shall include a Construction Claim, a Warranty Claim, an Employee Claim and a Retiree Claim, as well as any Claim arising through subrogation or assignment against any Sears Canada Entity or Director or Officer;

"Claims Officer" means any individual or individuals appointed by the Court pursuant to a Claims Procedure Order;

"Claims Procedure Order (E&R)" means the Employee and Retiree Claims Procedure Order of the Court dated February 22, 2018 (as such order may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time), approving and implementing the claims procedure for the Claims of Employees and Retirees made in

respect of the Sears Canada Entities and the Directors and Officers (including all schedules and appendices thereof);

"Claims Procedure Order (General)" means the Claims Procedure Order of the Court dated December 8, 2017 (as such order may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time), approving and implementing the claims procedure in respect of the Sears Canada Entities and the Directors and Officers (including all schedules and appendices thereof);

"Claims Procedure Orders" means together the Claims Procedure Order (General) and the Claims Procedures Order (E&R);

"Condition Certificate" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 10.3;

"Construction Claim" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Claims Procedure Order (General);

"**Corbeil Cash**" means all Cash on hand of Former Corbeil as at the Filing Date, plus the proceeds of sale of the Corbeil Transaction, and all Cash that is received by Former Corbeil following the Filing Date, whether from the sale, disposition or monetization of any remaining assets, receipt of any Tax Refund or any other Cash received by Former Corbeil from time to time, less:

- (a) Cash actually spent or distributed by Former Corbeil since the Filing Date but prior to the Plan Implementation Date,
- (b) the amount of the Corbeil Reserves,
- (c) the amount of any Plan Distributions, payments on account of Proven Unaffected Claims, or payments made pursuant to or as contemplated by the Plan, attributable to or on behalf of Former Corbeil,

plus or minus, as applicable,

(d) Former Corbeil's Cost Allocation Amount and Ordinary Course Post-Filing Intercompany Position;

"**Corbeil Cash Pool**" means the Corbeil Cash available for distribution to (a) the Affected Unsecured Creditors of Former Corbeil with Proven Affected Unsecured Claims under the Plan, or (b) Sears Canada as the shareholder of Former Corbeil, calculated on each Distribution Date, immediately prior to any Cash Pool/Holdback Adjustment;

"**Corbeil Reserves**" means, collectively, the Unresolved Claims Reserve for Former Corbeil, that portion of the Administrative Reserve allocated in accordance with the Cost Allocation Methodology to Former Corbeil, and any other reserve the Monitor considers necessary or appropriate, as each of them may be adjusted from time to time in accordance with the Plan;

"**Corbeil Transaction**" means the sale transaction contemplated by the asset purchase agreement between Former Corbeil, as seller, and Am-Cam Electroménagers Inc. as buyer, Distinctive Appliances Inc., as guarantor, and Sears Canada, as intervenor, dated October 1, 2017 and approved by the Court on October 4, 2017;

"Cost Allocation Amount" means, in respect of a Debtor Group, an amount equal to the difference between:

(a) the actual amounts paid out of such Debtor Group's Available Cash on account of (i) postfiling professional fees incurred up to and including the relevant Distribution Date, (ii) amounts repaid on account of principal, interest and fees under the DIP Loan Agreements, and (iii) any shared services overhead; and

(b) such Debtor Group's share as determined by the Cost Allocation Methodology of all of the foregoing amounts paid by the Sears Canada Entities as a whole;

"**Cost Allocation Methodology**" means the methodology for the allocation of the costs of the CCAA Proceedings amongst the Sears Canada Entities as set out at paragraph 84 of the Sixteenth Report of the Monitor dated April 2, 2018;

"**Court**" means the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) or any appellate court seized with jurisdiction in the CCAA Proceedings, as the case may be;

"**Creditor**" means any Person having a Claim, but only with respect to and to the extent of such Claim, including the transferee or assignee of a transferred Claim that is recognized as a Creditor in accordance with the Claims Procedure Orders, the Plan and the Meetings Order, or a trustee, executor, liquidator, receiver, receiver and manager of, or other Person acting on behalf of or through, such Person;

**"D&O Claim"** means any right or claim of any Person against one or more of the Directors and/or Officers howsoever arising, whether or not such right or claim is reduced to judgment, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured, unsecured, perfected, unperfected, present, future, known, or unknown, by guarantee, surety or otherwise, and whether or not such right is executory or anticipatory in nature, including any Assessments and any right or ability of any Person to advance a claim for contribution, indemnity or otherwise against any of the Directors and/or Officers with respect to any matter, action, cause or chose in action, however arising, for which any Director or Officer;

"**Dealer**" means any Person carrying on business as "Sears Hometown" stores any time after July 5, 2011 pursuant to a dealer agreement with Sears Canada;

"Dealer 2013 Dividend Claim" means the claim bearing court file number 4114/15 CP and CV-19-617792-00CL, against Sears Canada, Sears Holdings Corporation, ESL Investments, Inc. and certain Directors and Officers commenced on or about October 21, 2015, for, among other things, oppression under the *Canada Business Corporations* Act (Canada);

"Dealer Claim" means any Claim of a Dealer;

"**Dealer Representative Plaintiff**" means 1291079 Ontario Inc., in its capacity as class representative for the following claims:

- (a) claim bearing court file number 3769/13 CP against Sears Canada and Sears Roebuck and Co. commenced on or about July 5, 2013 for, among other things, breaches under the *Arthur Wishart Act (Franchise Disclosure), 2000* (Ontario); and
- (b) claim bearing court file number 4114/15 CP and CV-19-617792-00CL, against Sears Canada, Sears Holdings Corporation, ESL Investments, Inc. and certain Directors and Officers commenced on or about October 21, 2015, for, among other things, oppression under the *Canada Business Corporations Act* (Canada);

"**Debtor Cash Pools**" means, collectively, the SLH Cash Pool, the Corbeil Cash Pool and the Sears Cash Pool;

"Debtor Groups" means, collectively, Former Corbeil, the Sears Parties and the SLH Parties, and "Debtor Group" means any one of Former Corbeil, the Sears Parties (collectively), or the SLH Parties (collectively);

"**Deemed Trust Motions**" means the motions in the CCAA Proceedings brought variously by Pension Representative Counsel, the FSRA CEO and the Pension Plan Administrator for orders, among other things,

- (c) that the amount of the wind-up deficit in connection with the Pension Plan is deemed to be held in trust for the beneficiaries of the Pension Plan pursuant to Section 57(4) of the *Pension Benefits Act* (Ontario) ("**PBA**") with priority ahead of the claims of all other creditors of Sears Canada other than amounts secured by the CCAA Charges;
- (d) that the Plan Administrator, has a lien and charge under Section 57(5) of the PBA for the amount of the wind-up deficit in connection with the Pension Plan;
- (e) that the foregoing orders survive any future bankruptcy or receivership of the Applicants; and
- (f) that Former Corbeil and the SLH Parties are jointly and severally liable with Sears Canada for the obligations under the Pension Plan and that the assets of Former Corbeil and the SLH Parties may also be subject to the deemed trust and lien under the PBA as described above,

but excluding the motion for directions with respect to spousal waivers provided in connection with the Pension Plan;

"De Minimis Claim" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 5.4;

"**DIP ABL Agent**" means Wells Fargo Capital Finance Corporation Canada as administrative agent under the DIP ABL Credit Agreement;

"**DIP ABL Credit Agreement**" the Senior Secured Superpriority Debtor-in-Possession Credit Agreement dated as of June 22, 2017 among the Sears Canada Entities, the DIP ABL Agent and the lenders from time to time party thereto;

"DIP ABL Lenders' Charge" has the meaning given to such term in the Initial Order;

"**DIP Lenders**" means the DIP ABL Agent and the DIP Term Agent and those lenders party from time to time to the DIP Loan Agreements;

"**DIP Loan Agreements**" means, collectively, the DIP ABL Credit Agreement and the DIP Term Credit Agreement;

**"DIP Term Agent**" means GACP Financing Co., LLC, as administrative agent under the DIP Term Credit Agreement;

**"DIP Term Credit Agreement**" the Senior Secured Superpriority Credit Agreement dated as of June 22, 2017 among the Sears Canada Entities, the DIP Term Agent and the lenders from time to time party thereto;

"DIP Term Lenders' Charge" has the meaning given to such term in the Initial Order;

"**Director**" means anyone who is or was or may be deemed to be or have been, whether by statute, operation of law or otherwise, a director or *de facto* director of any of the Sears Canada Entities, in such capacity;

"Directors' Priority Charge" has the meaning given to such term in the Initial Order;

"**Director Settling Defendants**" means William Harker, William Crowley, Donald Campbell Ross, Ephraim J. Bird, Deborah E. Rosati, R. Raja Khanna, James McBurney, and Douglas Campbell;

"Director Settlement" has the meaning given to such term in the Recitals;

"Director Settlement Approval Order" has the meaning given to such term in Section 9.1(c);

"Directors' Subordinated Charge" has the meaning given to such term in the Initial Order;

"Distribution Date" means the date of any Plan Distribution;

"**Dividend Actions**" means the LT/TUV Litigation and Pension/Dealer Litigation regarding the 2013 dividend authorized and paid by Sears Canada in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice at Toronto (Commercial List) under Court File Nos. CV-18-00611219-00CL, CV-18-00611214-00CL, CV-18-00611217-00CL, and CV-19-00617792-00CL;

"**Duplicate Claim**" means a Proven Affected Unsecured Claim against more than one of the Sears Canada Entities based on the same underlying obligation;

**"Effective Time**" means 12:01 a.m. on the Plan Implementation Date or such other time on the Plan Implementation Date as the Monitor shall determine or as otherwise ordered by the Court;

"Eligible Voting Claims" means a Voting Claim or an Unresolved Voting Claim;

**"Eligible Voting Creditors**" means, subject to Section 4.2(b), Affected Unsecured Creditors holding Voting Claims or Unresolved Voting Claims;

"Employee" means any (i) active or inactive union or non-union employee of any one or more of the Sears Canada Entities on or after the Filing Date, including an employee of any one or more of the Sears Canada Entities who received notice of termination of employment dated on or after the Filing Date or who resigned or otherwise ceased employment on or after the Filing Date; and (ii) former employee of any one of the Sears Canada Entities, including without limitation any former employee whose employment terminated with or without cause at any time, any former employee who received notice, on or after the Filing Date, of the cessation of his or her termination or severance payments, and any former employee who had an outstanding active action, claim or complaint as of the Filing Date;

"Employee Claim" means an "Employee Claim" as defined in the Claims Procedure Order (E&R);

**"Employee Priority Claims**" means, in respect of a Sears Canada Entity, the following claims of Employees of such Sears Canada Entity:

- (a) claims equal to the amounts that such Employees would have been qualified to receive under paragraph 136(1)(d) of the BIA if the Sears Canada Entity had become bankrupt on the Filing Date, which for greater certainty, excludes any OPEB, pension contribution, and termination and severance entitlements; and
- (b) claims for wages, salaries, commissions or compensation for services rendered by such Employees after the Filing Date and on or before the Plan Implementation Date together with, in the case of travelling salespersons, disbursements properly incurred by them in connection with the Business during the same period, which for greater certainty, excludes any OPEB, pension contribution, and termination and severance entitlements;

**"Employee Representative Counsel**" means Ursel, Phillips, Fellows, Hopkinson LLP as appointed pursuant to the Employee Representative Counsel Order made July 13, 2017, as amended;

"**Employee Representatives**" means Paul Webber, Nancy Demeter, Sheena Wrigglesworth, Barb Wilser, and Darrin Whitney, or such other representatives as may be duly appointed by Employee Representative Counsel;

"Equity Claim" has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 2 of the CCAA;

"ERC Employee" means any Employee other than a Non-ERC Employee;

"**ESL Parties**" means Edward S. Lampert, ESL Investments, Inc., ESL Partners, LP, ESL Institutional Partners, LP, SPE Master I, LP, SPE I Partners, LP, ESL Investors, LLC, RBS Partners, LP, CRK Partners, LLC, RBS Investment Management, LLC, and "**ESL Party**" means any one of them;

"ESL Parties Settlement" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Recitals;

"ESL Settlement Approval Order" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 9.1(c);

"FA Charge" has the meaning given to such term in the Initial Order;

"Former Corbeil" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Recitals;

"Former SLH" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Recitals;

"Filing Date" means June 22, 2017;

"Final Determination" and "Finally Determined" as pertains to a Claim, matter or issue, means either:

- (a) in respect of a Claim, such Claim has been finally determined for distribution purposes in accordance with the applicable Claims Procedure Order (or Warranty Claims Protocol, if such Claim is a Reimbursable Warranty Claim) and the Plan;
- (b) there has been a Final Order in respect of the matter or issue; or
- (c) there has been an agreed and binding settlement of the issue or matter by the relevant parties;

**"Final Distribution**" means the final Plan Distribution made under the Plan by the Monitor, on behalf of the Sears Canada Entities;

"Final Distribution Bar Date" has the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 7.5(b);

"Final Distribution Certificate" means a certificate of the Monitor to be posted by the Monitor on the Website indicating that the Monitor intends to make a Final Distribution on a specified date not less than ninety (90) days following the date of the certificate, and a copy of which certificate shall be served on the Service List in the CCAA Proceedings and filed with the Court;

"**Final Order**" means an Order of the Court, which has not been reversed, modified or vacated, and is not subject to any stay or appeal, and for which any and all applicable appeal periods have expired;

**"FSRA CEO**" means the Chief Executive Officer of the Financial Services Regulatory Authority of Ontario as administrator of the Pension Benefits Guarantee Fund (Ontario) in his capacity as administrator of the Pension Benefit Guarantee Fund;

"FTI" means FTI Consulting Canada Inc.;

"Governance Protocol Order" means the Governance Protocol and Stay Extension Order of the Court made December 3, 2018 (as such order may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time) establishing a governance protocol for the Sears Canada Entities;

"**Governmental Authority**" means any government, including any federal, provincial, territorial or municipal government, and any government department, body, ministry, agency, tribunal, commission, board, court, bureau or other authority exercising or purporting to exercise executive, legislative, judicial, regulatory or administrative functions of, or pertaining to, government including without limitation any Taxing Authority;

"**Government Priority Claims**" means all claims of Governmental Authorities that are described in section 6(3) of the CCAA;

"**Guarantee**" means any guarantee, indemnity, surety or similar agreement granted by a Person to guarantee, indemnify or otherwise hold harmless any other Person from or against any losses, liabilities or damages of that other Person;

"**Hardship Process**" means the former employee hardship application process that was established pursuant to Order of the Court dated August 18, 2017, as same has been amended and extended from time to time as approved by the Court;

"Initial Order" has the meaning given to it in the Recitals;

"Initial Distribution Date" means the first date on which Plan Distributions are made under the Plan;

"**Insurance Policy**" means any insurance policy pursuant to which any Sears Canada Entity is insured, and for greater certainty excludes any insurance policy pursuant to which any Director, Officer or third party is insured;

"**Insured Claim**" means all or that portion of a Claim against a Sears Canada Entity that is insured under an Insurance Policy, but solely to the extent that such Claim, or portion thereof, is so insured, and only as against such insurance, but does not include Settled Litigation Claims;

"KERP Priority Charge" has the meaning given to such term in the Initial Order;

"KERP Subordinated Charge" has the meaning given to such term in the Initial Order;

"Landlord" means a landlord under any real property lease or occupancy agreement for any of the Applicants' premises;

"Landlord Cost Payment" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 5.9;

"Landlord Settlement Agreement" means, in respect of a Landlord, either (i) the Landlord Claim Formula Term Sheet dated July 26, 2018 entered into among such Landlord and the Monitor, (ii) any joinder agreement entered into among such Landlord and the Monitor with respect to the same, or (iii) the settlement agreement dated November 30, 2018 entered into between the Monitor and Blaney McMurtry LLP on behalf of such Landlord;

"Liability" means any indebtedness, obligations and other liabilities of a Person whether absolute, accrued, contingent, fixed or otherwise, or whether due or to become due;

"Lien" means any lien, mortgage, charge, security interest, hypothec or deemed trust, arising pursuant to contract, statute or Applicable Law;

"Litigation Approval Orders" means the TUV Proceedings Approval Order and the Litigation Trustee Appointment Order;

"Litigation Costs" means costs incurred from and after December 3, 2018 in respect of: (a) the Monitor's fees and disbursements (including of its legal counsel and other consultants and advisors) in connection with the pursuit of the TUV Claim; (b) the Litigation Trustee's fees and disbursements (including of its legal counsel and other consultants and advisors) in connection with the pursuit of the LT Claims; (c) any third party fees in connection with the pursuit of the TUV Claim and LT Claims; and (d) any adverse cost awards against Sears Canada, the Monitor or the Litigation Trustee in connection with the pursuit of the TUV Claim and LT Claims;

"**Litigation Cost Recovery Amount**" means a portion of the Litigation Recoveries in an amount equal to the Litigation Costs, which shall be transferred to the Sears Cash Pool as a reimbursement of Litigation Costs previously paid by Sears Canada;

"Litigation Recoveries" means any recoveries received by or on behalf of any of the Sears Canada Entities from time to time on account of the LT Claims and TUV Claim;

"Litigation Recoveries Pool" means the aggregate amount of Litigation Recoveries net of the Litigation Cost Recovery Amount;

"Litigation Trustee" means the Honourable J. Douglas Cunningham, Q.C. in his capacity as litigation trustee in respect of the LT Claims, as appointed pursuant to the Litigation Trustee Appointment Order, and any individual replacing Mr. Cunningham in such capacity pursuant to an Order of the Court;

"Litigation Trustee Appointment Order" means the Order of the Court dated December 3, 2018 (as such order may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time), and which, among other things, appointed the Litigation Trustee and authorized and directed him to pursue the LT Claims;

"**Litigation Trustee's Charge**" means the charge over the Property of Sears Canada created by paragraph 12 of the Litigation Trustee Appointment Order, and which has the priority provided by such paragraph;

"**LT Claims**" means any claims pursued by the Litigation Trustee pursuant to the Litigation Trustee Appointment Order;

"LT/TUV Litigation" means, collectively, the TUV Claim and the LT Claims;

"Mediated Claim Settlements" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Recitals;

"**Meetings**" means the meetings of Affected Unsecured Creditors in the Unsecured Creditor Classes in respect of the SLH Parties and the Sears Parties, and called for the purposes of considering and voting in respect of the Plan, which has been set by the Meetings Order to take place at the times, dates and locations as set out in the Meetings Order;

"**Meetings Order**" means the Order of the Court dated February 15, 2019, as amended and restated, among other things, setting the time, date and location of the Meetings and establishing meeting procedures for the Meetings (as such order may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time);

"Monitor" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Recitals;

"**Non-ERC Employee**" means any of the following Employees (i) Unionized Employee; (ii) any Employee who is currently or was previously a member of senior management of any of the Sears Canada Entities and who was not eligible for representation by Employee Representative Counsel; and (iii) any Employee who was eligible for representation by Employee Representative Counsel and who opted out of such representation in accordance with the requirements contained in the Employee Representative Counsel Order made July 13, 2017, as amended;

"Non-Released Claim" means, collectively:

- (a) Sears Canada Entities' obligations under the Plan (including the right of Affected Unsecured Creditors to receive distributions pursuant to the Plan);
- (b) any claim against a Released Party that is determined by a Final Order of a court of competent jurisdiction to have arisen from such Released Party's fraud or wilful misconduct and not otherwise a Settled Litigation Claim released by the Director Settlement Approval Order or the ESL Settlement Approval Order;
- (c) any Unaffected Claims as against the Sears Released Parties;
- (d) any D&O Claim that is not permitted to be released pursuant to section 5.1 (2) of the CCAA, other than a Settled Litigation Claim released pursuant to the Director Settlement Approval Order or the ESL Settlement Approval Order;
- (e) any obligation secured by any of the CCAA Charges; and
- (f) claims against Employees to the extent described in Section 9.1(a)(ii);

"**Notice of Transfer or Assignment**" means a written notice of transfer or assignment of a Claim, together with satisfactory evidence of such transfer or assignment in accordance with the applicable Claims Procedure Order and the Meetings Order;

"**Officer**" means any Person who is or was, or may be deemed to be or have been, whether by statute, operation of law or otherwise, an officer or *de facto* officer of any of the Sears Canada Entities;

"**OPEB**" means health and dental post-employment benefits and/or life insurance benefits, each as provided by any of the Sears Canada Entities as a post-employment benefit;

"Ordinary Course Post-Filing Intercompany Position" means, in respect of a Debtor Group, the net aggregate of all amounts payable by and receivable of such Debtor Group to or from the other Debtor Groups on account of transactions (which for greater certainty shall exclude all (a) post-filing professional fees, (b) amounts repaid on account of principal, interest and fees under the DIP Loan Agreements, and (c) shared services overhead) between such Debtor Groups after the Filing Date;

"Payee Party" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 7.3;

"Payment Amount" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 7.3;

"Payor Party" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 7.3;

**"Pension 2013 Dividend Claim**" means the claim bearing court file number CV-18-00611217-00CL commenced by the Pension Plan Administrator against ESL Investments, Inc., certain Affiliates of ESL Investments, Inc., Edward S. Lampert, and certain former directors and officers of Sears Canada Inc.;

"**Pension Claim Settlement**" means the settlement between the Sears Canada Entities, Monitor and the Pension Parties as made further to the Pension Support Agreement, and pursuant to which (a) the Pension Claims will be allowed as Proven Affected Unsecured Claims by the Monitor for the purposes of the Plan in accordance with Section 3.2(a)(ii), (b) the Pension Parties will discontinue the Deemed Trust Motions upon implementation of the Plan; and (c) the Pension Parties have agreed to adjust the value of the Pension Claims for distribution purposes, and reimburse the Sears Canada Parties, as applicable, in accordance with Sections 3.2(b) and 5.2(b);

"**Pension Claims**" means Claims with respect to the administration, funding or termination of the Pension Plan, including any Claim for unpaid normal cost payments, or special/amortization payments or any wind up deficiency, and further including any subrogated claim, and "**Pension Claim**" means any one of them; **"Pension/Dealer Litigation**" means together the Dealer 2013 Dividend Claim and the Pension 2013 Dividend Claim;

"Pension Litigation Recovery Adjustment" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 3.2(b);

"**Pension Parties**" means the Pension Plan Administrator, the FSRA CEO and Pension Representative Counsel on behalf of the Retirees, and "**Pension Party**" means any one of them;

"**Pension Plan**" means the Registered Retirement Plan (Reg. #0360065), a pension plan registered under the Ontario *Pension Benefits Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.8 and *Income Tax Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. 1 (5th Supp.);

"**Pension Plan Administrator**" means Morneau Shepell Ltd. in its capacity as administrator of the Sears Pension Plan;

"**Pension Representative Counsel**" means Koskie Minsky LLP, as appointed by the Court pursuant to the Representative Counsel Order for Pensions and Post-Retirement Benefits made July 13, 2017 (as amended);

"Pension Representatives" means Bill Turner, Ken Eady and Larry Moore;

"**Pension Support Agreement**" means the Pension Support Agreement dated October 18, 2018 among the Pension Plan Administrator, the FSRA CEO and Pension Representative Counsel, and the Sears Canada Entities by and through the Monitor, as amended from time to time;

"**Person**" means any individual, firm, corporation, limited or unlimited liability company, general or limited partnership, association, trust (including a real estate investment trust), unincorporated organization, joint venture, government or any agency or instrumentality thereof or any other entity;

**"Plan**" means this joint plan of compromise and arrangement under the CCAA, including the Schedules hereto, as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time;

**"Plan Distributions**" means, from time to time, distributions made under this Plan to Affected Unsecured Creditors in accordance with Article 7 and Sections 5.2(c), 5.3(a), and 5.9;

**"Plan Implementation Date**" means the Business Day on which all of the conditions precedent to the implementation of the Plan have been fulfilled, or, to the extent permitted pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Plan, waived, as evidenced by filing of the Monitor's Plan Implementation Date Certificate with the Court;

"**Plan Implementation Date Certificate**" means the certificate substantially in the form to be attached to the Sanction Order to be filed by the Monitor with the Court, declaring that all of the conditions precedent to implementation of the Plan have been satisfied or waived;

"Plan Modification" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Meetings Order;

"**Post-Filing Claim**" means (i) any right or claim of any Sears Supplier against any of the Sears Canada Entities in connection with any non-payment by any such Sears Canada Entity to such Sears Supplier for goods or services supplied to such Sears Canada Entity on or after the Filing Date to the extent such right or claim is a Proven Claim; (ii) a Warranty Claim that arises under a Warranty purchased on or after the Filing Date, as valued in accordance with Section 5.3(b); and (iii) any Claim against any of the Sears Canada Entities that is not included in (i) or (ii) above and is based in whole on facts arising after the Filing Date (which shall exclude, for greater certainty, any Restructuring Period Claim); **"PRC Retiree**" means any Retiree who is represented by Pension Representative Counsel and has primary coverage entitlements with respect to any entitlements to health and dental post-employment benefits and/or life insurance benefits provided by any Sears Canada Entity as a post-employment benefit and;

"Pre-Filing Claim" means any right or claim of any Person against any of the Sears Canada Entities, whether or not asserted, including in connection with any indebtedness, liability or obligation of any kind whatsoever of any such Sears Canada Entity to such Person, in existence on the Filing Date, whether or not such right or claim is reduced to judgment, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured, unsecured, perfected, unperfected, present, future, known, or unknown, by guarantee, surety or otherwise, and whether or not such right is executory or anticipatory in nature, including rights or claims with respect to any Assessment, Construction Claim, Warranty, any claim brought by any representative plaintiff on behalf of a class in a class action, or contract, or by reason of any equity interest, right of ownership of or title to property or assets or right to a trust or deemed trust (statutory, express, implied, resulting, constructive or otherwise), and any right or ability of any Person to advance a claim for contribution or indemnity or otherwise against any of the Sears Canada Entities with respect to any matter, action, cause or chose in action, whether existing at present or commenced in the future, which right or claim, including in connection with indebtedness, liability or obligation, is based in whole or in part on facts that existed prior to the Filing Date, including for greater certainty any claim against any of the Sears Canada Entities for indemnification by any Director or Officer in respect of a D&O Claim;

"**Pre-Filing Interco Claims**" means the Pre-Filing Claims of the Sears Canada Entities in one Debtor Group against the Sears Canada Entities in any other Debtor Group, as set out in Schedule B to the Plan;

"**Pre-Filing Interco Pro Rata Share**" means, in respect of Debtor Group holding a Pre-Filing Interco Claim against another Debtor Group (after accounting for all applicable set-off amounts), the fraction that is equal to (a) such Pre-Filing Interco Claim, divided by (b) the aggregate of all Affected Unsecured Claims, including all Pre-Filing Interco Claims held by all Sears Canada Entities against such Debtor Group;

"**Pre-Filing Warranty Claim**" means a Warranty Claim in which the underlying Warranty was purchased from a Sears Canada Entity prior to the Filing Date;

"Principal Claim" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 4.5;

"**Priority Claims**" means, collectively, the (a) Employee Priority Claims; and (b) Government Priority Claims;

"**Proof of Claim**" means the applicable proof of claim form that was required to be completed by a Creditor setting forth its applicable Claim and filed with the Monitor (including via the Website), pursuant to the applicable Claims Procedure Order;

"**Property**" means all current and future assets, rights, undertakings and properties of the Sears Canada Entities, of every nature and kind whatsoever, and wherever situate, including all Cash or other proceeds thereof;

**"Proven Affected Third Party Unsecured Claim**" means an Affected Third Party Unsecured Claim that is a Proven Claim;

"Proven Affected Unsecured Claim" means an Affected Unsecured Claim that is a Proven Claim;

"**Proven Claim**" means (a) a Claim as Finally Determined for voting, distribution and payment purposes in accordance with the applicable Claims Procedure Order and the Plan, (b) in the case of a Pre-Filing Interco Claim, as such Claim is valued for the purposes of the Plan pursuant to Section 3.2(a)(i), (c) in the case of the Pension Claims, as such Claims are valued for the purposes of the Plan pursuant to Section 3.2, and

(d) in the case of a Reimbursable Warranty Claim, as Finally Determined for distribution and payment purposes in accordance with the Warranty Claims Protocol;

"Proven Priority Claim" means a Priority Claim that is a Proven Claim;

"Proven Reimbursable Warranty Claim" means a Reimbursable Warranty Claim that is a Proven Claim;

"Proven Secured Claim" means a Secured Claim that is a Proven Claim;

"**Receivership Order**" means the Amended and Restated Receivership Order dated October 16, 2018 (as such order may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time, and including all schedules and appendices thereof);

"**Reimbursable Warranty Claim**" means the Pre-Filing Warranty Claim of a Creditor that has incurred costs that would be reimbursable under the terms of the underlying Warranty;

"**Released Claim**" means the matters that are subject to release and discharge pursuant to Article 9 hereof and, for greater certainty, shall include Settled Litigation Claims;

"**Released Party**" means any Person who is the beneficiary of a release under the Plan, including the Sears Released Parties and the Third Party Released Parties;

"**Required Majority**" means, with respect to each Unsecured Creditor Class, a majority in number of Affected Unsecured Creditors who represent at least two-thirds in value of the Voting Claims of such Affected Unsecured Creditors in each case who actually vote on the Plan (in person, by proxy or by ballot) at the applicable Meeting or who were deemed to vote on the Plan in accordance with the Plan and the Meeting Order;

"**Reserves**" means, collectively, the Administrative Reserve, the Unresolved Claims Reserve for Former Corbeil, the Unresolved Claims Reserve for the Sears Parties, the Unresolved Claims Reserve for the SLH Parties, and any other reserve the Monitor, considers necessary or appropriate, as each of them may be adjusted from time to time in accordance with the Plan;

"**Restructuring Period Claim**" means any right or claim of any Person against any of the Sears Canada Entities, including in connection with any indebtedness, liability or obligation of any kind whatsoever of any such Sears Canada Entity to such Person, arising on or after the Filing Date, including without limitation rights or claims arising with respect to the restructuring, disclaimer, resiliation, termination or breach by such Sears Canada Entity on or after the Filing Date of any contract, lease or other agreement whether written or oral; but excluding any Post-Filing Claim;

"**Retiree**" means any Person with any (i) entitlements under the Sears Pension Plan; (ii) entitlements under the Supplemental Plan; (iii) primary coverage entitlements with respect to any entitlements to health and dental post-employment benefits and/or life insurance benefits provided by any Sears Canada Entity as a post-employment benefit; (iv) entitlements to the lifetime associate discount provided as a post-employment benefit (including, for greater certainty, current and former Employees who qualify for this discount by virtue of satisfying applicable age and service eligibility criteria); or (v) entitlements under any other pension or retirement plan of the Sears Canada Entities;

"Retiree Claim" means a "Retiree Claim" as defined in the Claims Procedure Order (E&R);

"**Sanction Order**" means the Order of the Court to be sought by the Monitor from the Court as contemplated under the Plan which, *inter alia*, approves and sanctions the Plan and the transactions contemplated thereunder, pursuant to section 6(1) of the CCAA;

"Sears Canada" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Recital A;

"Sears Canada Subordinated Transport Loan" means the loan entered into on January 29, 2016 under which Former SLH borrowed \$160 million from Sears Canada further to the Tax Loss Utilization Structure, and further to which repayment of principal, interest, and other amounts is subordinated in right of payment to the prior payment of all other present and future indebtedness and other obligations of Former SLH;

"Sears Canada Entities" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Recitals, and "Sears Canada Entity" means any one of them;

"Sears Cash" means all Cash of the Sears Parties as at the Filing Date, including but not limited to the Sears Parties' Cash on hand, and all Cash that is received by any of the Sears Parties following Filing Date, whether from the sale, disposition or monetization of any remaining assets, receipt of any Tax Refund or any other Cash received by the Sears Parties from time to time, less:

- (a) Cash actually spent or distributed by the Sears Parties since the Filing Date but prior to the Plan Implementation Date,
- (b) the amount of the Sears Reserves, and
- (c) the amount of any Plan Distributions, payments on account of Proven Unaffected Claims, or payments made pursuant to or as contemplated by the Plan, attributable to or on behalf of the Sears Parties

plus or minus, as applicable,

(d) the Sears Parties' Cost Allocation Amount and Ordinary Course Post-Filing Intercompany Position, all as attributable to or on behalf of the Sears Parties,

but excluding any Litigation Recoveries (other than any portion of the Litigation Cost Recovery Amount reimbursed in accordance with this Plan);

"Sears Cash Pool" means the Sears Cash available for distribution to the Affected Unsecured Creditors of the Sears Parties with Proven Affected Unsecured Claims under the Plan, calculated on each Distribution Date, immediately prior to any Cash Pool/Holdback Adjustment, and including any amounts re-contributed by the Dealer Representative Plaintiff, on behalf of the Dealers, to the Sears Cash Pool in accordance with Section 5.2(c)(iv);

"Sears Opt-In Creditor" means a Creditor of the Sears Parties, other than a Sears Opt-Out Creditor;

"Sears Opt-Out Creditor" means any Creditor of the Sears Parties who provides an opt-out notice to the Monitor in accordance with, and at the times required by, the TUV Proceeding Approval Order;

"Sears Parties" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 3.1(a), and "Sears Party" means any one of them;

"Sears Released Parties" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 9.1(a), and "Sears Released Party" means any one of them;

"Sears Reserves" means, collectively, the Unresolved Claims Reserve for the Sears Parties, that portion of the Administrative Reserve allocated in accordance with the Cost Allocation Methodology to the Sears Parties, and any other reserve the Monitor considers necessary or appropriate, as each of them may be adjusted from time to time in accordance with the Plan;

"Sears Supplier" means any Person who has supplied goods or services, including by way of their employment, to any Sears Canada Entity;

"Section 19(2) Claims" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 5.12;

"Secured Claims" means a Claim that is secured by a Lien;

"Secured Creditors" means Creditors holding Secured Claims;

"Service List" means the service list maintained by the Monitor in the CCAA Proceedings, as updated from time to time and posted on the Website;

"Settled Litigation Claims" means both: (i) the "Released Claims" as defined in a Settlement and Release Agreement dated July 27, 2020 among Sears Canada by its Litigation Trustee, the Monitor, the Pension Plan Administrator, the Dealer Representative Plaintiff, the FSRA CEO, and the Director Settling Defendants; and (ii) the "Released Claims" as defined in the Settlement and Release Agreement dated September 17, 2020 among Sears Canada by its Litigation Trustee, the Monitor, the Pension Plan Administrator, the Dealer Representative Plaintiff and the Settlement and Release Agreement dated September 17, 2020 among Sears Canada by its Litigation Trustee, the Monitor, the Pension Plan Administrator, the Dealer Representative Plaintiff and the ESL Parties;

"Settling Defendants" means the Director Settling Defendants and the ESL Parties;

"Settling Defendant Released Indemnity Claims" means, in respect of a Settling Defendant, the right of such Settling Defendant to assert, or receive a distribution in respect of, Claims for indemnification for legal expenses, settlement amounts, or judgments or otherwise relating to the subject matter of the Settled Litigation Claims, but does not include other Claims that such Settling Defendant may have that are unrelated to the subject matter of the Settled Litigation Claims;

"**Settlement Approval Orders**" means (i) the Order of the Court granted on August 25, 2020 approving the Director Settlement; and (ii) the Order of the Court granted on September 18, 2020 approving the ESL Parties Settlement;

"**SLH Cash**" means all Cash on hand of the SLH Parties as at the Filing Date, plus the proceeds of sale of the SLH Transaction, and all Cash that is received by any of the SLH Parties following the Filing Date, whether from the sale, disposition or monetization of any remaining assets, receipt of any Tax Refund or any other Cash received by the SLH Parties from time to time, less:

- (a) Cash actually spent or distributed by the SLH Parties since the Filing Date but prior to the Plan Implementation Date,
- (b) the amount of the SLH Reserves, and
- (c) the amount of any Plan Distributions, payments on account of Proven Unaffected Claims, or payments made pursuant to or as contemplated by the Plan, attributable to or on behalf of the SLH Parties,

plus or minus, as applicable,

(d) the SLH Parties' Cost Allocation Amount and Ordinary Course Post-Filing Intercompany Position;

"**SLH Cash Pool**" means the SLH Cash available for distribution to the Affected Unsecured Creditors of the SLH Parties with Proven Affected Unsecured Claims under the Plan, calculated on the Plan Implementation Date and each Distribution Date, immediately prior to any Cash Pool/Holdback Adjustment;

"SLH Parties" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 3.1(b), and "SLH Party" means any one of them;

"**SLH Reserves**" means, collectively, the Unresolved Claims Reserve for the SLH Parties, that portion of the Administrative Reserve as allocated in accordance with the Cost Allocation Methodology to the SLH Parties, and any other reserve the Monitor considers necessary or appropriate, as each of them may be adjusted from time to time in accordance with the Plan;

"**SLH Transaction**" means the sale transaction contemplated by the asset purchase agreement between Former SLH, Sears Canada, and 168886, as sellers, and 8507597 Canada Inc., as purchaser, dated September 29, 2017 and approved by the Court on October 4, 2017;

"Specified Advisors" means, collectively, Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP, BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc., CBRE Limited, Bennett Jones LLP (as legal counsel to the Board of Directors, and Special Committee of the Board of Directors of Sears Canada Inc.), Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP (as counsel to certain Directors and Officers), and KSV Advisory Inc. (as financial advisor to the Special Committee of the Board of Directors of Sears Canada Inc.);

**"Supplemental Plan**" means the Sears Canada Inc. Supplementary Retirement Plan, a non-registered supplemental pension plan maintained to provide enhanced pension benefits to eligible members of the defined benefit component of the Sears Pension Plan that are not provided under the Sears Pension Plan;

"**Tax**" and "**Taxes**" means any and all taxes including all income, sales, use, goods and services, harmonized sales, value added, capital gains, alternative, net worth, transfer, profits, withholding, payroll, employer health, excise, franchise, real property, and personal property taxes and other taxes, customs, duties, fees, levies, imposts and other Assessments or similar charges in the nature of a tax, including Canada Pension Plan and provincial pension plan contributions, employment insurance and unemployment insurance payments and workers' compensation premiums, together with any instalments with respect thereto, and any interest, penalties, fines, fees, other charges and additions with respect thereto;

"Taxing Authorities" means Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada, Her Majesty the Queen in right of any province or territory of Canada, any municipality of Canada, the Canada Revenue Agency, the Canada Border Services Agency, any similar revenue or taxing authority of Canada and each and every province or territory of Canada (including Revenu Québec) and any political subdivision thereof and any Canadian or foreign government, regulatory authority, government department, agency, commission, bureau, minister, court, tribunal or body or regulation making entity exercising taxing authority or power, and "Taxing Authority" means any one of the Taxing Authorities;

**"Tax Loss Utilization Structure**" means the existing tax loss utilization structure of the Sears Canada Entities identified at paragraphs 79 to 82 of the Monitor's Sixteenth Report made April 2, 2018;

**"Tax Refunds**" means refunds of any amounts paid by the Sears Canada Entities on account of Taxes, refunded to such Sears Canada Entities from time to time by the applicable Taxing Authorities;

#### "Third Party Pro Rata Share" means:

- (a) in respect of a distribution (other than in respect of a distribution of Litigation Recoveries or in respect of a Reimbursable Warranty Claim) to an Affected Third Party Unsecured Creditor with Proven Affected Third Party Unsecured Claims in respect of a Debtor Group other than Former Corbeil, the fraction that is equal to (i) the amount of the Proven Affected Unsecured Claim of such Affected Third Party Unsecured Creditor, divided by (ii) the aggregate of all Proven Affected Unsecured Claims held by Affected Third Party Unsecured Creditors, in each case in respect of such Debtor Group;
- (b) in respect of a distribution of Litigation Recoveries to a Sears Opt-In Creditor with Proven Affected Unsecured Claims, the fraction that is equal to (i) the amount of the Proven Affected Unsecured Claim(s) of such Sears Opt-In Creditor against the Sears Parties,

divided by (ii) the aggregate of all Proven Affected Unsecured Claims held by Sears Opt-In Creditors against the Sears Parties; and

(c) in respect of a distribution to an Affected Third Party Unsecured Creditor with Proven Reimbursable Warranty Claims, the fraction that is equal to (i) the amount of the Reimbursable Warranty Claim of such Affected Third Party Unsecured Creditor, divided by (ii) the aggregate of all Proven Reimbursable Warranty Claims held by Affected Third Party Unsecured Creditors;

"Third Party Released Party" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 9.1(b);

"TUV Claim" means the claim commenced by the Monitor pursuant to the TUV Proceeding Approval Order;

**"TUV Proceeding Approval Order**" means the Transfer at Undervalue Proceeding Approval Order issued by the Court on December 3, 2018 (as such order may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time), approving, among other things, the pursuit of the TUV Claim by the Monitor;

"Unaffected Claims" means:

- (a) Post-Filing Claims;
- (b) Insured Claims;
- (c) Secured Claims, including any claim secured by any CCAA Charge;
- (d) Landlord Cost Payments;
- (e) amounts payable under sections 6(3), 6(5) and 6(6) of the CCAA; and
- (f) Priority Claims;

"Unaffected Creditors" means Creditors holding Unaffected Claims;

"Undeliverable Distribution" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 7.5(a);

"**Unionized Employee**" means any Employee represented by a union pursuant to a collective agreement in connection with such Employee's employment with any of the Sears Canada Entities;

"**Unresolved Affected Unsecured Claim**" means an Affected Unsecured Claim that is an Unresolved Claim;

"**Unresolved Claim**" means a Claim, which at the relevant time, in whole or in part: (a) has not been Finally Determined to be a Proven Claim in accordance with the applicable Claims Procedure Order and this Plan; or (b) is validly disputed and/or remains subject to review in accordance with the applicable Claims Procedure Order, including as to validity and/or quantum;

"Unresolved Claims Reserve" means, in respect of a Debtor Group, the aggregate of the reserves of the applicable Available Cash for such Debtor Group, to be held in respect of each Debtor Group on an accounting basis, in an aggregate amount to be calculated by the Monitor on the Initial Distribution Date, and recalculated as at any subsequent Distribution Date, equal to the amount that would have been paid if the full amount of all Unresolved Claims in respect of such Debtor Group are Proven Claims as at such later date, or such lesser amount as may be ordered by the Court;

"**Unresolved Priority Claim**" means a Government Priority Claim or Employee Priority Claim that is an Unresolved Claim;

"**Unresolved Voting Claim**" means the amount of the Unresolved Affected Unsecured Claim of an Affected Unsecured Creditor as determined in accordance with the terms of the applicable Claims Procedure Order entitling such Affected Unsecured Creditor to vote at the applicable Meeting in accordance with and subject to the limitations of the provisions of the Meetings Order, the Plan and the CCAA;

"Unsecured Claim" means a Claim that is not secured by any Lien;

"Unsecured Creditor Class" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 4.1;

"Upfront Dealer Payment" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 5.2(c);

"Valid Transferee" means the transferee or assignee of a Claim that has provided the Monitor with a Notice of Transfer or Assignment by no later than seven (7) days' prior to the Initial Distribution Date and has had such Claim transferred or assigned to it in accordance with the applicable Claims Procedure Order and the Meetings Order;

"**Voting Claim**" means the amount of the Affected Unsecured Claim of an Affected Unsecured Creditor as Finally Determined in the manner set out in the applicable Claims Procedure Order or as provided pursuant to Section 3.2, entitling such Affected Unsecured Creditor to vote at the applicable Meeting in accordance with the provisions of the Meetings Order, the Plan and the CCAA;

"**Warranty**" means a customer warranty offered pursuant to a valid and unexpired protection agreement issued by Sears Canada to its customer, and for greater certainty Warranty does not include any manufacturer's warranty;

"Warranty Administration Costs" means all costs incurred in connection with the administration of the Warranty Claims Protocol and of all distributions, disbursements, and payments under the Plan in respect of Reimbursable Warranty Claims;

"Warranty Claim" means a Claim in respect of a Warranty;

"**Warranty Claims Administrator**" means the claims administration firm selected by the Monitor for the purpose of administering the Warranty Claims Protocol;

"Warranty Claims Bar Date" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 5.3(a)(iii);

"**Warranty Claims Protocol**" means a protocol to be developed and established by the Monitor, in consultation with the Warranty Claims Administrator, and pursuant to which the validity and quantum of Reimbursable Warranty Claims is be determined;

"**Warranty Payment Amount**" means, in respect of a Warranty, the original cash purchase price paid for such Warranty;

"Warranty Reimbursement Pool" means that portion of the Sears Cash as calculated pursuant to Section 5.3(a)(ii) and available firstly for the payment of all Warranty Administration Costs, and thereafter for distribution to Affected Unsecured Creditors with Proven Reimbursable Warranty Claims pursuant to Section 5.3(a)(v);

"Website" means www.cfcanada.fticonsulting.com/searscanada; and

"Withholding Obligation" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 7.2(b).

## Schedule B Pre-Filing Interco Claims

	Claimant(s)	Debtor(s)	Amount (Cdn\$)
Sum of Claims "Pre-1" and "Pre- 8",as detailed in the 16 <sup>th</sup> Report	Sears Parties	Former Corbeil	\$16,158,037
Sum of Claims "Pre-2", "Pre-9", "Pre-10" and Pre-13", as detailed in the 16 <sup>th</sup> Report	SLH Parties	Sears Parties	\$10,654,979

## Schedule C Pension Claims

The Pension Claims of the Pension Parties shall be deemed to be comprised of the following:

- (a) a single Voting Claim against Sears Canada in the amount of Cdn\$249,792,000;
- (b) a single Voting Claim against the SLH Parties in the amount of Cdn\$10,408,000;
- (c) a single Proven Affected Unsecured Claim against Sears Canada solely for distribution purposes in the amount of Cdn\$624,480,000; and
- (d) a single Proven Affected Unsecured Claim against the SLH Parties solely for distribution purposes in the amount of Cdn\$26,020,000.

APPENDIX "C" A&R PLAN COMPARISON VERSION

Court File No. CV-17-11846-00CL

#### 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 A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT OF SEARS CANADA INC., 9370-2751 QUÉBEC INC., 191020 CANADA INC., THE CUT INC., SEARS CONTACT SERVICES INC., INITIUM LOGISTICS SERVICES INC., 9845488 CANADA INC., INITIUM TRADING AND SOURCING CORP., SEARS FLOOR COVERING CENTRES INC., 173470 CANADA INC., 2497089 ONTARIO INC., 6988741 CANADA INC., 10011711 CANADA INC., 1592580 ONTARIO LIMITED, 955041 ALBERTA LTD., 4201531 CANADA INC., 168886 CANADA INC., AND 3339611 CANADA INC.

Applicants

## JOINT PLAN OF COMPROMISE AND ARRANGEMENT

## PURSUANT TO THE COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT

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## JOINT PLAN OF COMPROMISE AND ARRANGEMENT

#### WHEREAS:

- (A) On June 22, 2017, the Court issued an Order (as amended and restated on July 13, 2017, and as further amended, restated or supplemented from time to time, the "Initial Order") commencing proceedings (the "CCAA Proceedings") pursuant to the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, as amended (the "CCAA") in respect of the applicants (collectively, the "Applicants"), being Sears Canada Inc. ("Sears Canada"), The Cut Inc, Sears Contact Services Inc., Initium Logistics Services Inc., 9845488 Canada Inc. (formerly "Initium Commerce Labs Inc."), Initium Trading and Sourcing Corp., Sears Floor Covering Centres Inc., 173470 Canada Inc., 2497089 Ontario Inc., ("2497089"), 6988741 Canada Inc., 3339611 Canada Inc., 9370-2571 Québec Inc. ("Former Corbeil"), 191020 Canada Inc. ("Former SLH"), and 168886 Canada Inc. ("168886");
- (B) The Initial Order declared that, although not an Applicant, the general partnership SearsConnect shall enjoy the protections and authorizations provided by the Initial Order (together with the Applicants, the "Sears Canada Entities");
- (C) Pursuant to the Initial Order, FTI Consulting Canada Inc. was appointed Monitor (in such capacity and not in its personal or corporate capacity, the "**Monitor**") in the CCAA Proceedings;
- (D) As of the date hereof, substantially all material assets of the Sears Canada Entities have been realized upon. With the exception of certain sale proceeds distributed to parties with Proven Secured Claims or other Proven Priority Claims, amounts expended on operating costs and the fees and expenses incurred by the Sears Canada Entities in connection with the CCAA Proceedings, the Monitor and Sears Canada together currently hold the net sale proceeds from these transactions and other amounts received in these CCAA Proceedings, together with any cash on hand at the commencement of these CCAA Proceedings that has not been expended during the CCAA Proceedings and all interest on the foregoing;
- (E) There are certain material outstanding matters that remain to be completed in the CCAA Proceedings, including implementation of the settlement of the Pension Claims that are the subject of the Deemed Trust Motions, as well as the <u>pursuit implementation of settlements</u> of the LT Claims by the Litigation Trustee and the <u>pursuit of the</u> TUV Claim by the Monitor;
- (E) By Minutes of Settlement dated July 16, 2020 and a Settlement and Release Agreement dated July 27, 2020, the plaintiffs in the Dividend Actions fully settled the Dividend Actions as against the Settling Defendants (the "**Director Settlement**") and in connection with such settlement, Sears Canada agreed to amend the Plan to include certain additional releases;
- (G) By a Settlement and Release Agreement dated September 17, 2020, the plaintiffs in the Dividend Actions fully settled the Dividend Actions against some of the ESL Parties (the "**ESL Parties Settlement**") and released the Released Claims as against all of the ESL Parties in connection with such settlement, Sears Canada agreed to amend the Plan to include certain additional releases;
- (H) Pursuant to the ESL Parties Settlement, the plaintiffs in the Dividend Actions may be required to transfer the Allowed SHC Unsecured Claim (as defined in the Thirty-Ninth Report of the Monitor) to ESL Investments, Inc., or release the Allowed SHC Unsecured Claim in accordance with the terms of the ESL Parties Settlement.

- (I) (F) Certain Creditors of Sears Canada have opted not to have their recoveries, if any, as unsecured creditors of Sears Canada reduced by their pro rata share of the costs of pursuing the LT Claims and the TUV Claim, and as a consequence will not receive a distribution of any portion of any recoveries of <u>or proceeds from</u> the LT Claims <u>erand</u> the TUV Claim<u>including the proceeds</u> <u>of the Settled Litigation Claims</u>;
- (J) (G) Further to a mediation process commenced before Regional Senior Justice Morawetz, the Sears Canada Entities have obtained the support of and have reached settlements with various Affected Unsecured Creditors with respect to their Claims, including the Pension Parties pursuant to the Pension Support Agreement, as well as the Dealer Representative Plaintiff, and a substantial majority of Landlords, the terms and conditions of which settlement are reflected in this Plan; and
- (K) (H) To implement the Pension Claim Settlement and other settlements of material Claims noted above (collectively, and including the Pension Claim Settlement, the Director Settlement and the ESL Parties Settlement, the "Mediated Claim Settlements"), and to provide (a) a method of distribution of their available cash to Affected Unsecured Creditors with Proven Affected Unsecured Claims, (b) a mechanism by which Sears Opt-In Creditors maywill benefit from any-contingentthe additional value-that may be derived from the pursuit of the LT Claims and the TUV Claim, and (c) a framework for the completion of the orderly wind-down of the Sears Canada Entities, the Applicants, at the direction of the Monitor, hereby propose this Plan to the Affected Creditors under and pursuant to the CCAA.

## Article 1 Interpretation

## 1.1 Definitions

In the Plan, including the Recitals herein, unless otherwise stated or unless the subject matter otherwise requires, all capitalized terms used shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in **Schedule A**.

## 1.2 Certain Rules of Interpretation

For the purposes of the Plan:

- (a) any reference in the Plan to a contract, instrument, release, indenture, or other agreement or document being in a particular form or on particular terms and conditions means that such document shall be substantially in such form or substantially on such terms and conditions;
- (b) any reference in the Plan to an Order of the Court or an existing document or exhibit filed or to be filed means such Order of the Court, document or exhibit as it may have been or may be amended, restated or varied from time to time;
- (c) unless otherwise specified, all references to currency and to "\$" or "Cdn\$" are to Canadian dollars and references to "US\$" are to United States dollars;
- (d) the division of the Plan into "Articles" and "Sections" and the insertion of a Table of Contents are for convenience of reference only and do not affect the construction or interpretation of the Plan, nor are the descriptive headings of "Articles" and "Sections" otherwise intended as complete or accurate descriptions of the content thereof;
- (e) references in the Plan to "Articles", "Sections", "Subsections" and "Schedules" are references to Articles, Sections, Subsections and Schedules of or to the Plan;

- (f) the use of words in the singular or plural, or with a particular gender, including a definition, shall not limit the scope or exclude the application of any provision of the Plan or a Schedule hereto to such Person (or Persons) or circumstances as the context otherwise permits;
- (g) the words "includes" and "including" and similar terms of inclusion shall not, unless expressly modified by the words "only" or "solely", be construed as terms of limitation, but rather shall mean "includes but is not limited to" and "including but not limited to", so that references to included matters shall be regarded as illustrative without being either characterizing or exhaustive;
- (h) unless otherwise provided, any reference to a statute or other enactment of parliament or a legislature includes all regulations made thereunder, all amendments to or re-enactments of such statute or regulations in force from time to time, and, if applicable, any statute or regulation that supplements or supersedes such statute or regulation;
- the terms "the Plan", "hereof", "herein", "hereto", "hereunder" and similar expressions shall be deemed to refer generally to this Plan and the Schedules hereto and not to any particular "Article", "Section" or other portion of the Plan and include any documents supplemental hereto; and
- (j) the word "or" is not exclusive.

## 1.3 Time

For purposes of the Plan, unless otherwise specified, all references to time herein and in any document issued pursuant hereto mean prevailing local time in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

## 1.4 Date and Time for any Action

For purposes of the Plan:

- (a) in the event that any date on which any action is required to be taken under the Plan by any Person is not a Business Day, that action shall be required to be taken on the next succeeding day which is a Business Day, and any reference to an event occurring on a Business Day shall mean prior to 5:00 p.m. on such Business Day; and
- (b) unless otherwise specified, time periods within or following which any payment is to be made or act is to be done shall be calculated by excluding the day on which the period commences and including the day on which the period ends and by extending the period to the next succeeding Business Day if the last day of the period is not a Business Day.

## 1.5 Successors and Assigns

The Plan shall be binding upon and shall enure to the benefit of the heirs, administrators, executors, legal personal representatives, liquidators, receivers, trustees in bankruptcy, and successors and assigns of any Person or party named or referred to in the Plan.

## 1.6 Governing Law

The Plan shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein. All questions as to the interpretation of or application of the Plan and all proceedings taken in connection with the Plan and its provisions shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Court.

## 1.7 Currency

Unless specifically provided for in the Plan or the Sanction Order, for the purposes of voting or distribution under the Plan, a Claim shall be denominated in Canadian dollars and all payments and distributions to Affected Unsecured Creditors on account of their Proven Claims shall be made in Canadian dollars. In accordance with paragraph 6 of the Claims Procedure Order (General) and paragraph 7 of the Claims Procedure Order (E&R), any Claim in a currency other than Canadian dollars is to be converted to Canadian dollars, and any such amount shall be regarded as having been converted at the noon spot rate of exchange quoted by the Bank of Canada for exchanging such currency to Canadian dollars as at the Filing Date, which rate in the case of United States dollars is US\$1:Cdn\$1.3241.

## 1.8 Actions of the Sears Canada Entities

For greater certainty, any reference to an action of any one or more of the Sears Canada Entities in this Plan or any document contemplated hereunder shall be subject to, and read together with, the Governance Protocol Order, which provides among other things that the Monitor will: (a) cause the Sears Canada Entities to perform such functions as the Monitor considers necessary or desirable in order to facilitate or assist the Sears Canada Entities in dealing with their operations, winding down their estates or performing other activities; and (b) cause the Sears Canada Entities to administer their remaining property for the purposes of facilitating distributions to creditors of the Sears Canada Entities, including by way of a Plan. Accordingly, any steps to be performed hereunder by any one or more of the Sears Canada Entities may be performed by the Monitor, on behalf of the Sears Canada Entities, subject to the terms of and the protections provided under the Governance Protocol Order.

#### 1.9 Schedules

The following are the Schedules to the Plan, which are incorporated by reference into the Plan and form a part of it:

Schedule A – Definitions Schedule B – Pre-Filing Interco Claims Schedule C – Pension Claims

Schedule D - Litigation Cost Recovery Amount Illustration

## Article 2 Purpose and Effect of the Plan

#### 2.1 Purpose of Plan

The purpose of the Plan is to:

(a) effect a compromise and settlement of all Affected Claims, in exchange for the distributions to Affected Unsecured Creditors with Proven Affected Unsecured Claims as contemplated by the Plan; provided, however, and for greater certainty that none of the compromises, settlements, releases and discharges contemplated herein shall release, affect or prejudice Non-Released Claims, including any claims that arise out of or relate to the dividend paid to shareholders of Sears Canada on or around December 3, 2013 in the amount of approximately \$509 million, the LT/TUV Litigation or Pension/Dealer Litigation, any crossclaims against named defendants in the LT/TUV Litigation or Pension/Dealer Litigation, and nothing herein shall provide any defence to any party to such present or future litigation;

- (b) facilitate the distribution of the consideration provided for herein in respect of Proven Affected Unsecured Claims, Proven Priority Claims and Proven Secured Claims, if any;
- (c) implement the Pension Claim Settlement and other Mediated Claim Settlements; and
- (d) allow Sears Opt-In Creditors to benefit from any contingent<u>the</u> value that may be derived from the pursuit of the LT Claims by the Litigation Trustee and the TUV Claim by the Monitor<sub>τ</sub> and from the Director Settlement and the ESL Parties Settlement;

all in the expectation that Persons with an economic interest in the Property will, collectively, derive a greater benefit from the implementation of the Plan than would result from any alternative distribution and claims resolution processes for the Sears Canada Entities, including bankruptcy.

## 2.2 Persons Affected

The Plan provides for a compromise and/or settlement of the Affected Claims. The Plan will become effective at the Effective Time on the Plan Implementation Date. The Plan shall be binding on and shall enure to the benefit of the Sears Canada Entities, the Affected Creditors, the Released Parties and all other Persons named or referred to herein, receiving the benefit of, or subject to, the Plan. On, from and after the Plan Implementation Date, all Affected Claims will be fully and finally compromised and settled (and in the case of the Released Parties, De Minimis Claims and Equity Claims, released and discharged) to the extent provided for under the Plan.

## 2.3 Persons Not Affected

The Plan does not affect Unaffected Creditors with respect to and to the extent of their Unaffected Claims. Nothing in the Plan shall affect any of the Sears Canada Entities' rights and defenses, both legal and equitable, with respect to any Unaffected Claims, including all rights with respect to entitlements to set-offs or recoupment against any and all such Unaffected Claims.

#### 2.4 Claims Against the Sears Canada Entities

Without limiting the effect of the releases, discharges, compromises and settlements herein in favour of the Released Parties:

- (a) any Affected Claim against the Sears Canada Entities that is not, or does not become, a Proven Claim, including Affected Claims that have not been filed by the claims bar date provided under the Claims Procedure Orders, shall be deemed fully and finally released, discharged, barred and extinguished; and
- (b) any Affected Claim against the Sears Canada Entities that is a Proven Claim shall not be released but shall be entitled to recoveries against the assets of the Sears Canada Entities solely in accordance with distributions provided by this Plan and any further rights in respect of such Affected Claims against the Sears Canada Entities or their assets are compromised and settled in accordance with this Plan.

## Article 3 Substantive Consolidation and Claims Valuation

#### 3.1 Substantive Consolidation

The Sears Canada Entities, except for Former Corbeil, shall be partially substantively consolidated, into two Debtor Group estates, in the manner set out herein as follows:

- (a) Sears Canada, The Cut Inc., Sears Contact Services Inc., Initium Logistics Services Inc., 9845488 Canada Inc., Initium Trading and Sourcing Corp., Sears Floor Covering Centres Inc., 173470 Canada Inc., 2497089, 6988741 Canada Inc., 10011711 Canada Inc., 1592580 Ontario Limited, 955041 Alberta Ltd., 4201531 Canada Inc., 3339611 Canada Inc. and SearsConnect (collectively, the "Sears Parties"); and
- (b) Former SLH and 168886 (together, the "**SLH Parties**"),

such that the Affected Unsecured Creditors of each set of consolidated Sears Canada Entities shall (i) as provided in Article 4 below, be members of the same Unsecured Creditor Class for purposes of voting on the Plan, and (ii) as provided in Sections 5.2 and 7.1 below, receive Plan Distributions as if each of the individual members of such set of consolidated Sears Canada Entities comprised one Sears Canada Entity.

## 3.2 Claims Procedure and Adjustment of Pension Claims

- (a) The procedure for determining the validity and quantum of Affected Unsecured Claims for voting and distribution purposes under the Plan shall be governed by the Claims Procedure Orders, subject to the following:
  - Pre-Filing Interco Claims shall, subject to Section 4.2(b), be allowed for voting and distribution purposes in the amounts set out on Schedule B hereto and shall be treated as Proven Affected Unsecured Claims for the purposes of the Plan;
  - (ii) solely for the purpose of determining the quantum of the Warranty Reimbursement Pool pursuant to Section 5.3(a)(ii), each Pre-Filing Warranty Claim shall be allowed in the amount of the remaining unamortized value (as at October 19, 2017) of the underlying Warranty Payment Amount, as calculated by the Monitor based upon the records of Sears Canada; and
  - (iii) subject to Section 3.2(b) below and solely for the purposes of the Plan, the Pension Claims shall be allowed for voting and distribution purposes in the amounts and as against the applicable Sears Canada Entities as set out on Schedule C hereto and shall be treated as Proven Affected Unsecured Claims for the purposes of the Plan.
- (b) The Pension Claims for distribution purposes shall be subject to reduction immediately prior to each distribution by Cdn\$2.50 for every Cdn\$1 of recovery (if any) that any Pension Party has received at the time of such distribution (such reductions to be allocated between the Sears Parties and the SLH Parties in the proportions set out on Schedule C hereto) directly as a result of the Pension 2013 Dividend Claim or any litigation commenced by any of the Pension Parties against any Directors and/or Officers-or anyother third party for payment to the Pension Plan or any of the Pension Parties on account of the Pension Claims, net of all fees, costs and disbursements incurred by the Pension Parties further to such litigation, and not recovered by them (the "Pension Litigation Recovery Adjustment"). For greater certainty, nothing in this Section 3.2(b) shall require any retroactive adjustment to the Pension Claim amount for past-distributions and any adjustment in respect of past distributions shall solely be effected-pursuant to the reimbursement obligation provided under Section 5.2(b) herein.

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## Article 4 Classification of Creditors, Voting Claims and Related Matters

## 4.1 Classification

For the purposes of considering, voting on and receiving distributions under the Plan, the Affected Unsecured Creditors shall be grouped into the following classes (each an "**Unsecured Creditor Classe**", and collectively, the "**Unsecured Creditor Classes**"):

- (a) Sears Creditor Class: Affected Unsecured Creditors of any of the Sears Parties; and
- (b) **SLH Creditor Class:** Affected Unsecured Creditors of any of the SLH Parties.

As the Proven Affected Unsecured Claims of Creditors of Former Corbeil are to be paid in full under the Plan, no holder of an Affected Unsecured Claim against Former Corbeil shall be a member of either Unsecured Creditor Class, be entitled to vote on or approve the Plan or attend at any Meeting in respect of such Affected Unsecured Claim.

## 4.2 Voting

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in the Meetings Order, and subject to the provisions of the Plan, Affected Unsecured Creditors shall be entitled to vote their Eligible Voting Claims at the applicable Meeting in respect of the Plan.
- (b) In accordance with the CCAA, the Sears Canada Entities (through the Monitor), as related parties, will only be permitted to vote their Eligible Voting Claims, if any, against, but not for, the Plan.
- (c) Employee Representative Counsel shall be deemed to be a proxy holder in respect of each Eligible Voting Claim of an ERC Employee that is an Employee Claim and shall vote such Claims at the applicable Meeting on all ERC Employees' behalf, without the requirement for any ERC Employee to submit a proxy form to the Monitor or any other Person.
- (d) Pension Representative Counsel shall be deemed to be a proxy holder in respect of each Eligible Voting Claim of a PRC Retiree (other than relating to the Pension Claims or Employee Claims) and shall vote such Claims at the applicable Meeting on such PRC Retirees' behalf, without the requirement for any PRC Retiree to submit a proxy form to the Monitor or any other Person.
- (e) For greater certainty, only the Pension Plan Administrator or its designated proxy may vote the Pension Claims.

## 4.3 Unaffected Claims

Unaffected Claims shall not be compromised under the Plan. No holder of an Unaffected Claim shall be:

- (a) entitled to vote on or approve the Plan or attend at any Meeting in respect of such Unaffected Claim; or
- (b) entitled to or receive any distributions pursuant to the Plan in respect of such Unaffected Claim, unless specifically provided for under and pursuant to the Plan.

#### 4.4 Meetings

- (a) The Meetings shall be held in accordance with the Plan, the Meetings Order and any further Order of the Court. The only Persons entitled to notice of, or to attend or to speak at the Meetings are the Eligible Voting Creditors (or their respective duly-appointed proxyholders), representatives of the Monitor, the Sears Canada Entities, Employee Representative Counsel, the Pension Parties, the Settling Defendants, all such parties' financial and legal advisors, the chair, and secretary and scrutineers thereof. Any other Person may be admitted to the Meetings only by invitation of the Monitor or as permitted under the Meetings Order or any further Order of the Court.
- (b) If the Plan is approved by the Required Majority in each Unsecured Creditor Class, then the Plan shall be deemed to have been agreed to, accepted and approved by the Affected Unsecured Creditors and, if sanctioned by the Court, shall be binding upon all Affected Creditors immediately upon the delivery of the Plan Implementation Date Certificate in accordance with Section 10.4.10.4.

## 4.5 No Double Proof or Recovery

In respect of any Claim which is compromised under the Plan (a) which is subject to a Guarantee or (b) in respect of which a Person has any right to or claim over in respect of or to be subrogated to the rights of any Person (such compromised Claim being the "**Principal Claim**"), no Person shall:

- (a) be entitled to any greater rights against the Sears Canada Entity in respect of which the Principal Claim relates than the Person holding the Principal Claim;
- (b) be entitled to vote on the Plan to the extent that the Person holding the Principal Claim votes on the Plan; or
- (c) be entitled to receive any distribution under the Plan to the extent that the Person holding the Principal Claim is receiving a distribution.

## Article 5 Treatment of Claims

#### 5.1 Treatment of Pre-Filing Interco Claims and Tax Loss Utilization Structure

- (a) In accordance with Section 7.1(a), each Debtor Group holding a Pre-Filing Interco Claim against:
  - (i) another Debtor Group (other than Former Corbeil) shall be entitled to receive an amount equal to its Pre-Filing Interco Pro Rata Share of the Debtor Cash Pool for the Debtor Group against which such Pre-Filing Interco Claim is made; and
  - (ii) Former Corbeil shall be entitled to receive an amount equal to its Pre-Filing Interco Claim.
- (b) For greater certainty with respect to the Tax Loss Utilization Structure and as a result of the substantive consolidation effected pursuant to Section 3.1 above:
  - the Pre-Filing Interco Claim of 2497089 resulting from the 249 SCI Loan made by 2497089 to Sears Canada as part of the Sears Canada Entities' Tax Loss Utilization Structure shall receive no distribution under the Plan;

- (ii) no value shall be distributable under the Plan from 2497089 to Former SLH in respect of its preferred equity interest in 2497089 as such interest only gives rise to an Equity Claim; and
- (iii) no value shall be distributable under the Plan from Former SLH to Sears Canada on account of the Pre-Filing Interco Claim that arises as a result of its Sears Canada Subordinated Transport Loan from Sears Canada, which loan was agreed to be treated as subordinated to all other indebtedness of Former SLH, which will not be paid in full.

#### 5.2 Treatment of Affected Third Party Unsecured Claims, Pension Litigation Recovery Adjustment and Dealer Matters

- (a) In accordance with Section 7.1(c), each:
  - (i) Affected Third Party Unsecured Creditor with a Proven Affected Unsecured Claim against Former Corbeil shall be entitled to receive a distribution from the Corbeil Cash Pool in an amount equal to its Proven Affected Unsecured Claim;
  - Affected Third Party Unsecured Creditor with a Proven Affected Unsecured Claim against an SLH Party shall be entitled to receive a distribution in an amount equal to its Third Party Pro Rata Share of the SLH Cash Pool, as adjusted by the applicable Cash Pool/Holdback Adjustments;
  - (iii) Affected Third Party Unsecured Creditor with a Proven Affected Unsecured Claim against a Sears Party shall be entitled to receive a distribution in an amount equal to its Third Party Pro Rata Share of the Sears Cash Pool, as adjusted by the applicable Cash Pool/Holdback Adjustments; and
  - (iv) Sears Opt-In Creditor with a Proven Affected Unsecured Claim shall be further entitled to receive a distribution in an amount equal to its Third Party Pro Rata Share of the Litigation Recoveries Pool, subject to adjustment under any applicable Cash Pool/Holdback Adjustments.
- (b) The Pension Parties shall reimburse the Monitor, in trust for Affected Unsecured Creditors other than the Pension Parties, in the amount by which any Plan Distributions the Pension Parties have received in respect of the Pension Claims as determined pursuant to Section 3.2(a)(iii) exceed the Plan Distributions that would have been received if, at the time of such distribution, the Pension Claims for distribution purposes were equal to: (X) the value of the Pension Claims pursuant to Section 3.2(a)(iii); less (Y) the Pension Litigation Recovery Adjustment described in Section 3.2(b). For greater certainty, this section does not cause or require the Pension Parties to reimburse the Monitor in respect of any amounts received as a result of the Pension 2013 Dividend Claim.
- (c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Plan, the treatment of all Dealer Claims shall be as follows:
  - (i) as soon as practicable following the Plan Implementation Date, the Monitor, on behalf of Sears Canada, will pay to the Dealer Representative Plaintiff, on behalf of all Dealers, out of the Sears Cash Pool, \$334,495 (the "Upfront Dealer Payment");
  - (ii) the Dealers will not be entitled to receive any other amounts from any Debtor Cash Pool on account of or in respect of any Dealer Claims;

- (iii) the Dealer Representative Plaintiff shall be further entitled to receive, on behalf of all Dealers, a distribution in an amount equal to its Third Party Pro Rata Share (based upon a Proven Affected Unsecured Claim against Sears Canada valued solely for the purposes of the Plan at \$80,000,000) of any amount in the Litigation Recoveries Pool in excess of \$10,000,000, subject to adjustment under any applicable Cash Pool/Holdback Adjustments; and
- (iv) the first \$334,495 of distributions that may be received by the Dealer Representative Plaintiff, on behalf of the Dealers, pursuant to Section 5.2(c)(iii) shall be deemed re-contributed by the Dealer Representative Plaintiff, on behalf of the Dealers, to the Sears Cash Pool for distribution in accordance with this Plan.

Except as set out above, no Dealer shall have an entitlement to any distributions under the Plan.

## 5.3 Treatment of Warranty Claims

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Plan, the treatment of all Pre-Filing Warranty Claims shall be solely as follows:
  - (i) forthwith following the Plan Implementation Date, the Monitor shall publish for two days in *The Globe and Mail* (National Edition) and the electronic edition of *La Presse* (and in such other publications and with such frequency as the Monitor may deem appropriate) notice of the establishment of the Warranty Reimbursement Pool and the opportunity to submit an application for recovery on a Reimbursable Warranty Claim from the Warranty Reimbursement Pool;
  - (ii) on the Initial Distribution Date, the Warranty Claims Administrator shall establish and maintain, on behalf of the Sears Parties, a Warranty Reimbursement Pool in an amount equal to the funds that would otherwise be distributable under the Plan on account of all Pre-Filing Warranty Claims (as valued for such purpose in accordance with Section 3.2(a)(ii)) if such Pre-Filing Warranty Claims were treated as Proven Affected Unsecured Claims and received distributions pursuant to Section 7.1(c)(ii), without accounting for Litigation Recoveries; provided however that the amount of the Warranty Reimbursement Pool shall in no event exceed \$<u>8,000,0009,000,000</u>;
  - (iii) in order to receive a distribution from the Warranty Reimbursement Pool, a holder's Pre-Filing Warranty Claim must be a Reimbursable Warranty Claim and such holder must submit, on or before 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) on the date that is 180 days following the Plan Implementation Date (the "Warranty Claims Bar Date") and in the manner and using the documentation contemplated by the Warranty Claims Protocol, an application establishing to the satisfaction of the Warranty Claims Administrator, in consultation with the Monitor, that they have a valid Reimbursable Warranty Claim;
  - (iv) any Pre-Filing Warranty Claim for which a claimant has not submitted the application required by the Warranty Claims Protocol on or before the Warranty Claims Bar Date or that has been Finally Determined not to be a Reimbursable Warranty Claim shall be forever barred as against the Sears Canada Entities without any compensation therefor; and
  - (v) on or following the Initial Distribution Date, and once (i) all Reimbursable Warranty Claims have been Finally Determined to be or not to be Proven Claims

in accordance with the Warranty Claims Protocol, and (ii) all Warranty Administration Costs have been paid from the Warranty Reimbursement Pool, the Monitor, on behalf of the Sears Parties, shall forthwith distribute from the Warranty Reimbursement Pool to each holder of a Proven Reimbursable Warranty Claim an amount equal to the lesser of such holder's (A) Third Party Pro Rata Share of the Warranty Reimbursement Pool; and (B) Proven Reimbursable Warranty Claim. If Proven Reimbursable Warranty Claims have been paid in full, the Monitor shall transfer the remaining balance in the Warranty Reimbursement Pool, if any, to the Sears Cash Pool for further distribution to Affected Unsecured Creditors of the Sears Parties.

Except as set out above, no Person holding a Pre-Filing Warranty Claim shall have an entitlement to any distributions under the Plan with respect to such Pre-Filing Warranty Claim.

(b) For greater certainty, any Warranty Claim that arises under a Warranty purchased from a Sears Canada Entity on or after the Filing Date shall constitute a Post-Filing Claim. Creditors holding such Warranty Claims shall be unaffected by the Plan and to the extent not previously paid, shall receive payment out of the Administrative Reserve as soon as reasonably practicable after the Plan Implementation Date on account of such Warranty Claims, such payment to be at the remaining unamortized value (as at October 19, 2017) of the underlying Warranty Payment Amount as determined by the Sears Canada Entities, in consultation with Monitor.

#### 5.4 Treatment of De Minimis Claims

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan, no holder of an Affected Unsecured Claim (other than a Pre-Filing Warranty Claim, which shall be entitled solely to the recoveries expressly provided for Pre-Filing Warranty Claims pursuant to Section 5.3(a)) that has been Finally Determined to be less than \$80 (a "**De Minimis Claim**") shall be entitled to or receive any distributions pursuant to the Plan in respect of such De Minimis Claim, and all such De Minimis Claims shall be fully, finally, irrevocably and forever compromised, released, discharged, cancelled and barred, and shall be treated as such in the calculation of any Third Party Pro Rata Share under this Plan.

#### 5.5 Unresolved Claims

- (a) No Affected Unsecured Creditors or holders of Priority Claims shall be entitled to receive any distributions or any payments under or pursuant to the Plan with respect to an Affected Unsecured Claim, or Priority Claim, or in each case, any portion thereof, unless and until, and then only to the extent that (i) such Claim is Finally Determined to be a Proven Claim, or (ii) is treated as a Proven Claim in accordance with the terms of the Plan, such that, in each case, the Claim is a Proven Affected Unsecured Claim or Proven Priority Claim and is entitled to the treatment described in the Plan. Except with respect to Reimbursable Warranty Claims, potential maximum distributions in respect of Unresolved Affected Unsecured Claims or potential maximum payments to Unresolved Priority Claims for each Debtor Group will be maintained by the Monitor in the Unresolved Claims Reserve for such Debtor Group until such Claims are Finally Determined.
- (b) An Unresolved Claims Reserve may be reduced by the Monitor from time to time to the extent the amount of such Unresolved Claims Reserve exceeds the maximum amounts distributable or payable for remaining Unresolved Affected Unsecured Claims, or Unresolved Priority Claims in respect of the applicable Debtor Group.

#### 5.6 D&O Claims, Directors' Indemnities, and Claims for Contribution from ESL Parties

(a) Any Claim of a Director, Officer or ESL Party for indemnification or contribution and indemnity from a Sears Canada Entity arising out of or resulting from any such Director, Officer or ESL Party paying awards or settlement amounts in connection with the LT/TUV Litigation shall receive no distribution from the applicable Debtor Cash Pool or Litigation Recoveries Pool. To the extent any Director, Officer or ESL Party is determined to have a Proven Affected Unsecured Claim in respect of such indemnification or contribution and indemnity from a Sears Canada Entity, such distributions shall be satisfied through a reduction of the amount owing by such Director, Officer or ESL Party in connection with the LT/TUV Litigation (the "LT/TUV Litigation Payment Reduction").

The quantum of such LT/TUV Litigation Payment Reduction, including whether such quantum is: (i) based upon any dollar for dollar set off rights that may be available to such Director, Officer or ESL Party, or (ii) limited to the amount such Director, Officer and/or ESL Party would receive under the Plan if the indemnity or contribution and indemnity claim is treated as a Proven Affected Unsecured Claim, shall be determined by the further order of the Court.

- (b) With respect to an award or settlement amount in connection with the Dealer 2013 Dividend Claim that (i) is to be paid by a Director, Officer or ESL Party to or on behalf of the Dealer Representative Plaintiff in such litigation, and (ii) is subject to a Claim by such Director, Officer or ESL Party for indemnification or contribution and indemnity from a Sears Canada Entity, the Dealer Representative Plaintiff shall direct that such Director, Officer or ESL Party shall pay the portion of such award or settlement amount equal to the distribution that would be payable to such Director, Officer or ESL Party under the Plan on account of the Proven Affected Unsecured Claim that such Director, Officer, or ESL Partyhas, if any, for indemnification or contribution and indemnity in connection with the Dealer-2013 Dividend Claim (as calculated by the Monitor) to the Monitor, in trust, for distribution under the Plan to such Director, Officer or ESL Party.-
- (c) With respect to an award or settlement amount in connection with a Non-Released Claim (other than a Non-Released Claim asserted by a Pension Party) that: (i) is to be paid by a Director, Officer or ESL Party to or on behalf of the holder of such Non-Released Claim (excluding, for greater certainty, any Pension Party), and (ii) is subject to a Claim by such Director, Officer or ESL Party for indemnification or contribution and indemnity from a Sears Canada Entity, the holder of such Non-Released Claim (excluding, for greater certainty, any Pension Party) shall direct that such Director, Officer or ESL Party shall paythe portion of such award or settlement amount equal to the distribution that would be payable to such Director, Officer or ESL Party under the Plan on account of the Proven Affected Unsecured Claim that such Director, Officer, or ESL Party has, if any, for indemnification or contribution and indemnity in connection with the Non-Released Claim (as calculated by the Monitor) to the Monitor, in trust, for distribution under the Plan to such Director, Officer or ESL Party.
- (d) To the extent any Claim of a Director, Officer or ESL Party for indemnification or contribution and indemnity from a Sears Canada Entity arises from a Claim that is itself in respect of an Equity Claim, such claim for indemnification or contribution and indemnity shall be treated for all purposes under the Plan as an Equity Claim.

#### 5.6 5.7 Equity Claims

On the Plan Implementation Date, all Equity Claims (other than those in respect of Former Corbeil), if any, shall be fully, finally, irrevocably and forever compromised, released, discharged, cancelled and barred. Holders of Equity Claims shall not be entitled to vote on the Plan-at the Meetings.

## 5.7 5.8 Employee Priority Claims and Government Priority Claims

- (a) All Employee Priority Claims and Government Priority Claims which are Proven Claims, if any, to the extent unpaid prior to the Plan Implementation Date, shall be paid in accordance with Sections 6(3) and 6(5) of the CCAA from the applicable Debtor Cash Pool for the Debtor Group(s) such Proven Claims are made against.
- (b) There are no amounts payable pursuant to Section 6(6) of the CCAA.

## 5.8 5.9 WEPP

Without limiting the subrogation rights available to the Government of Canada, any Employee who receives a payment from the Wage Earner Protection Program shall not receive a distribution under the Plan in respect of the portion of such Employee's Affected Unsecured Claim satisfied by such payment

## 5.9 5.10 Landlord Cost Payments

Every Landlord whose Affected Unsecured Claim was settled pursuant to a Landlord Settlement Agreement shall be paid the amount of \$2,272.72 (each, a "Landlord Cost Payment") per location that such Landlord leased as of the Filing Date to the Sears Canada Entities as soon as reasonably practicable after the Plan Implementation Date, such amounts to be paid (a) from the Debtor Cash Pool for the applicable Sears Canada Entity that was tenant under the lease arrangements for such location; and (b) on account of the legal costs of such Landlords incurred in connection with their negotiation of, and entrance into, the Landlord Settlement Agreements.

## 5.10 5.11 Duplicate Claims

Where (a) an Affected Unsecured Creditor has or would have had a Duplicate Claim, arising from a Guarantee, where the principal debtor is a Sears Canada Entity and the guarantor is a Sears Canada Entity in a different Debtor Group, or (b) there is joint and several liability of two or more Sears Canada Entities in different Debtor Groups in respect of an Affected Unsecured Claim or portion thereof, such Affected Unsecured Creditor (to the extent its Affected Unsecured Claim is found to be a Proven Claim against each applicable Sears Canada Entity) shall be entitled to receive distributions under and vote on the Plan on account of its Proven Affected Unsecured Claims in each such Sears Canada Entity's Unsecured Creditor Class, provided that such Affected Unsecured Creditor shall not receive Plan Distributions in an aggregate amount more than the total amount of its Proven Affected Claim.

## 5.11 5.12 Extinguishment of Affected Claims

On the Plan Implementation Date, in accordance with the provisions of the Plan and Sanction Order, the treatment of Affected Claims (including Proven Claims and Unresolved Affected Unsecured Claims) and all Released Claims, in each case as set forth herein, shall be final and binding on all Sears Canada Entities, all Affected Creditors (and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal personal representatives, successors and assigns) and any Person holding a Released Claim. All Affected Claims shall be compromised, settled, barred and shall be entitled to no further recovery from the assets of the Sears Canada Entities other than as set out herein, and all Released Claims shall be fully, finally, irrevocably and forever released, discharged, cancelled, and barred, and the Released Parties and the Sears Canada Entities shall thereupon have no further obligations whatsoever in respect of the Affected Claims and the Released Claims, as applicable; provided that:

(a) nothing herein releases any of the Sears Canada Entities (including through the Monitor) or any other Person from their obligations to make distributions in the manner and to the extent provided for in the Plan; and

- (b) such compromise, settlement and bar in favour of the Sears Canada Entities shall be without prejudice to the right of an Affected Creditor in respect of an Unresolved Affected Unsecured Claim to prove such Unresolved Affected Unsecured Claim in accordance with the applicable Claims Procedure Order so that such Unresolved Affected Unsecured Claim may become a Proven Claim entitled to receive consideration under Section 5.2 of the Plan; and 5.2.
- (c) for greater certainty, the compromises, settlements, releases and dischargescontemplated herein shall not release, affect or prejudice (i) the LT/TUV Litigation or Pension/Dealer Litigation or provide any defence to any party to such litigation, nor (ii) anycross claims against named defendants in the LT/TUV Litigation or Pension/Dealer-Litigation or claims over arising from the LT/TUV Litigation or Pension Dealer Litigationagainst any other Person, and all such compromises, settlements, releases and discharges shall be limited accordingly.

## 5.12 5.13 Section 19(2) Claims

Claims listed under Section 19(2) of the CCAA ("**Section 19(2) Claims**") shall be Affected Claims for the purposes of this Plan; provided, however, that Section 19(2) Claims shall be deemed Unaffected Claims to the extent held by any Creditors who have not voted in favour of the Plan.

## 5.13 Settling Defendant Released Indemnity Claims

On the Plan Implementation Date, all Settling Defendants Released Indemnity Claims shall be fully, finally, irrevocably and forever compromised, released, discharged, cancelled and barred.

## Article 6

## Establishment and Maintenance of Reserves, Cash Pools and Litigation Costs Recovery Fund

## 6.1 Establishment and Maintenance on Accounting Basis

The Monitor shall establish and maintain each of the Reserves and Cash Pools required under the Plan as well as the Litigation Costs Recovery Fund, and may do so in each case on an accounting basis only. The Monitor, may, but is not required, to establish separate bank accounts for any of the Reserves, or in connection with any of the Cash Pools, the Litigation Costs Recovery Fund or the Warranty Reimbursement Pool. The Monitor is authorized to delegate authority to the Warranty Claims Administrator to administer any separate bank account established for the Warranty Reimbursement Pool.

## 6.2 Administrative Reserve

- (a) An Administrative Reserve shall be established by the Monitor, on behalf of the Sears Canada Entities, from the SLH Cash, the Corbeil Cash, and the Sears Cash in an aggregate amount sufficient to fund the Administrative Reserve Amounts, from time to time, all as allocated among the Debtor Groups in accordance with the Cost Allocation Methodology.
- (b) The Monitor shall hold and maintain the Administrative Reserve for the purposes of paying the Administrative Reserve Amounts, from time to time, in accordance with the Plan and in accordance with the Cost Allocation Methodology. The Monitor shall be entitled from time to time to transfer amounts held in the Administrative Reserve that the Monitor in its sole discretion determines are no longer needed to fund Administrative Reserve Amounts to the Debtor Cash Pools for further distribution to Affected Unsecured Creditors. After the Final Distribution and all remaining Administrative Reserve Amounts

have been paid, the Monitor shall distribute the remaining balance in the Administrative Reserve, if any, in accordance with Section 7.8 of the Plan.7.8.

## 6.3 Litigation Costs Recovery Fund

- (a) A Litigation Costs Recovery Fund shall be established by the Monitor, on behalf of the Sears Parties and for the Sears Opt-In Creditors, in the amount of the aggregate of the Litigation Cost Recovery Amounts.
- (b) The Litigation Costs Recovery Fund is established to reimburse Litigation Costs incurred as of the Plan Implementation Date and to pay Litigation Costs going forward from time to time in accordance with the Plan. The Monitor, in its discretion, following consultation with the Litigation Trustee, shall be entitled to transfer amounts held in the Litigation Costs Recovery Fund that are no longer needed to fund Litigation Costs as a result of the resolution, settlement or other termination of the TUV Claim and LT Claims and the full payment of any Monitor's Cost Indemnity Claims or Litigation Trustee's Indemnity to the Litigation Recoveries Pool for further distribution to Sears Opt-In Creditors (a) if soordered by the Court; or (b) as a part of the Final Distribution. Subject to Section 7.1below, after the Final Distribution and once all remaining Administrative Reserve Amountshave been paid, the Monitor shall distribute the remaining balance in the Litigation Costs-Recovery Fund, if any, in accordance with Section 7.8 of the Plan.

#### 6.3 6.4 Unresolved Claims Reserves

- (a) **General:** The Monitor shall establish a separate Unresolved Claims Reserve for and on behalf of each Debtor Group from the applicable Available Cash for such Debtor Group, in an aggregate amount sufficient to fund, without duplication:
  - (i) Plan Distributions of such Debtor Group should all Unresolved Affected Unsecured Claims in respect of such Debtor Group be Finally Determined to be Proven Affected Unsecured Claims; and
  - (ii) payments on account of Unresolved Priority Claims in respect of such Debtor Group should all such Unresolved Claims be Finally Determined to be Proven Priority Claims,

and the Monitor shall hold and maintain each Unresolved Claims Reserve for the purposes of paying all such aforesaid claims if such claims are Finally Determined to be Proven Claims in accordance with Section 6.46.3(b).

- (b) **Unresolved Claims:** As Unresolved Affected Unsecured Claims and Unresolved Priority Claims are Finally Determined, the Monitor shall:
  - (i) if an Unresolved Affected Unsecured Claim is Finally Determined to be :
    - (A) a Proven Affected Unsecured Claim against a Sears Party or SLH Party, distribute to the Affected Unsecured Creditor holding such Claim, an amount equal to its Third Party Pro Rata Share of the applicable Cash Pool plus or minus, if such Affected Unsecured Creditor is a Sears Opt-In Creditor, such further amounts which it is entitled to receive and/orrequired to contribute-pursuant to SectionsSection 7.1(d) and (e); or
    - (B) a Proven Affected Unsecured Claim against Former Corbeil, distribute to the Affected Unsecured Creditor holding such Claim, an amount equal to such Proven Affected Unsecured Claim;

- (ii) if the Unresolved Priority Claim is Finally Determined to be a Proven Priority Claim, pay the holder of such Proven Priority Claim in accordance with Section <u>5.85.7</u>; or
- (iii) if the Unresolved Claim is Finally Determined not to be a Proven Claim, transfer cash, on an accounting basis, from the applicable Unresolved Claim Reserve to the applicable Cash Pool for distribution to Affected Unsecured Creditors thereof with Proven Affected Unsecured Claims, including Pre-Filing Interco Claims.

#### 6.4 6.5 Creation of the Debtor Cash Pools and Litigation Recoveries Pool

- (a) On the Plan Implementation Date, the Monitor shall establish and maintain:
  - the SLH Cash Pool from the SLH Cash, after first deducting or adding, as applicable, the Landlord Cost Payments, the Cost Allocation Amount and Ordinary Course Post-Filing Intercompany Position for the SLH Parties, and reserving for the SLH Reserves;
  - (ii) the Corbeil Cash Pool from the Corbeil Cash, after first deducting or adding, as applicable, the Landlord Cost Payments, the Cost Allocation Amount and Ordinary Course Post-Filing Intercompany Position for Former Corbeil and reserving for the Corbeil Reserves; and
  - (iii) the Sears Cash Pool from the Sears Cash, after first deducting or adding, as applicable, the Landlord Cost Payments, the Upfront Dealer Payment, the Cost Allocation Amount-and, the Ordinary Course Post-Filing Intercompany Position for the Sears Parties, that portion of the Litigation Cost Recovery Amount required to reimburse Litigation Costs funded by Sears Canada, and reserving for the Sears Reserves.
- (b) From and after the Plan Implementation Date, the Monitor shall further establish and maintain a Litigation Recoveries Pool from any Litigation Recoveries, <u>if any (net of the</u> <u>Litigation Cost Recovery Amount, which shall be returned to the Sears Cash Pool as a</u> <u>reimbursement for Litigation Costs already paid by Sears Canada</u>), and all such Litigation Recoveries received from time to time by or on behalf of Sears Canada shall be transferred by the Monitor to the Litigation Recoveries Pool, <u>net of the Litigation Cost</u> <u>Recovery Amount</u>.
- (c) The Monitor, on behalf of the Sears Canada Entities, shall distribute the cash in the Cash Pools and make the Cash Pool/Holdback Adjustments, in each case in accordance with Section 7.1 of the Plan,7.1, and shall distribute any remaining balance in the Sears Cash Pool or SLH Cash Pool after the Final Distribution in accordance with Section 7.8 of the Plan,7.8. When all Proven Claims existing from time to time against Former Corbeil have been paid any remaining balance in the Corbeil Cash Pool, net of the Unresolved Claims Reserve for Former Corbeil shall be distributed by the Monitor in accordance with Section 7.1(b) of the Plan.

## Article 7

## Provisions Regarding Distributions, Payments, Disbursements and Contributions

## 7.1 Distributions, Payments and Disbursements Generally; Order and Sequencing of Distributions and Payments

Each and every Plan Distribution, payment and disbursement by or on behalf of the Sears Canada Entities, made on or after the Plan Implementation Date pursuant to or in accordance with the Plan shall,

in each case, be made (A) in the manner, order and sequencing set out in Sections 7.1(a) to (ed) below, (B) subject to and in accordance with Sections 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, and 7.7, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, and 7.7, and (C) shall be reflected by accounting entries and adjustments in the applicable Cash Pools and Litigation Costs Recovery Fund:

- (a) the Monitor, on behalf of the Sears Canada Entities, shall distribute from the applicable Debtor Cash Pool to each holder of a Pre-Filing Interco Claim an amount equal to (X) their Pre-Filing Interco Pro Rata Share, or (Y) in the case of a Pre-Filing Interco Claim against Former Corbeil, an amount equal to such holder's Pre-Filing Interco Claim, as set out below:
  - (i) **Corbeil Cash Pool**: each holder of a Pre-Filing Interco Claim against Former Corbeil shall receive from the Corbeil Cash Pool an amount equal to such holder's Pre-Filing Interco Claim; and
  - Sears Cash Pool: each holder of a Pre-Filing Interco Claim against the Sears Parties shall receive an amount equal to such holder's Pre-Filing Interco Pro Rata Share of the Sears Cash Pool;
- (b) the Monitor, on behalf of Former Corbeil, shall distribute from the Corbeil Cash Pool to each Affected Third Party Unsecured Creditor with a Proven Affected Unsecured Claim against Former Corbeil, an amount equal to such Proven Affected Unsecured Claim, and upon the payment in full of all Proven Affected Unsecured Claims against Former Corbeil, shall transfer on behalf of Former Corbeil any balance in the Corbeil Cash Pool remaining from time to time over to the Sears Cash Pool as a corporate dividend paid to Sears Canada, which dividend shall first be subject to distribution in accordance with Section 7.1(a)(ii) above before any further distribution of the remaining portion of such dividend to Affected Third Party Unsecured Creditors in accordance with Section 7.1(c) below;
- (c) the Monitor, on behalf of the Sears Canada Entities, shall distribute to each Affected Third Party Unsecured Creditor with a Proven Affected Unsecured Claim its Third Party Pro Rata Share of the applicable Debtor Cash Pools, after adjustments for the distributions described in Sections 7.1(a) and 7.1(b) above, as set out below:
  - (i) SLH Cash Pool: Each Affected Third Party Unsecured Creditor of the SLH Parties with a Proven Affected Unsecured Claim against the SLH Parties shall receive an amount equal to its Third Party Pro Rata Share of the SLH Cash Pool. In the case of an Unresolved Affected Unsecured Claim that has become a Proven Affected Unsecured Claim, this distribution will include any amounts that would have been distributed on account of such Affected Unsecured Claim on prior distributions had it been a Proven Affected Unsecured Claim at the Initial Distribution Date; and
  - (ii) Sears Cash Pool: Each Affected Third Party Unsecured Creditor of the Sears Parties with a Proven Affected Unsecured Claim against the Sears Parties shall receive an amount equal to its Third Party Pro Rata Share of the Sears Cash Pool, subject to Sections 7.1(d) and (e). In the case of an Unresolved Affected Unsecured Claim that has become a Proven Affected Unsecured Claim, this distribution will include any amounts that would have been distributed on account of such Affected Unsecured Claim on prior distributions had it been a Proven Affected Unsecured Claim at the Initial Distribution Date in addition, each Affected Third Party Unsecured Creditor of the Sears Parties who is not a Sears Opt-In Creditor shall receive its pro rata share of any Litigation Reimbursement Amount;

- (d) as illustrated in the example set out at **Schedule D** hereto the Monitor shall hold back the Litigation Cost Recovery Amount from the first Plan Distribution made on account of each Proven Affected Unsecured Claim (including any Unresolved Affected Unsecured Claim that becomes a Proven Claim) of a Sears Opt-In Creditor; such Litigation Cost Recovery-Amount to be deducted in equal proportion from the first Plan Distribution made to each Sears Opt-In Creditor on account of its Proven Affected Unsecured Claim. The Monitor-shall also be permitted to increase the Litigation Cost Recovery Amount from time to time as deemed necessary to satisfy any Monitor's Cost Indemnity Claim or the Litigation. Trustee's Indemnity, provided that any such increase shall be funded pro-rata from amounts otherwise distributable hereunder to all Sears Opt-In Creditors;
- (d) (e) once (i) the LT Claims and TUV Claim have been Finally Determined, (ii) all applicable Litigation Recoveries, if any, from such Final Determination have been received by or on behalf of Sears Canada Entities, (iii) all ii) the Litigation Cost Recovery Amount has been returned to the Sears Cash Pool as a reimbursement of Litigation Costs have beenalready paid by Sears Canada, and (iviii) all Unresolved Affected Unsecured Claims have been Finally Determined to be or not be Proven Claims, the Monitor, on behalf of the Sears Parties, shall distribute to each Sears Opt-In Creditor with a Proven Affected Third Party Unsecured Claim:(A) its Third Party Pro Rata Share of the Litigation Recoveries Pool; and
  - (B) such share of the remaining balance of Litigation Costs Recovery Fundas determined by the Monitor in its sole discretion that is necessary to ensure that:
    - (I) all remaining Cash in the Litigation Costs Recovery Fund is returned to the Sears Opt-In Creditors; and-
    - (II) each Sears Opt-In Creditor with a Proven Affected Unsecured Claim has contributed its pro rata share of the aggregate amount of the Litigation Costs, and notwithstanding. Notwithstanding the foregoing, interim distributions from the Litigation Recoveries Pool and Litigation Costs Recovery Fund-shall be permitted as the Monitor deems appropriate or as approved by the Court.

## 7.2 Tax Matters

- (a) Subject to Section 7.2(b), notwithstanding any provisions of the Plan, each Person that receives a distribution, disbursement or other payment pursuant to the Plan shall have sole and exclusive responsibility for the satisfaction and payment of any Tax obligations imposed on such Person by any Taxing Authority on account of such distribution, disbursement or payment.
- (b) Any payor shall be entitled to deduct and withhold and remit from any distribution, payment or consideration otherwise payable to any Person pursuant to the Plan such amounts as are required to be deducted and withheld with respect to such payment under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), or any provision of federal, provincial, territorial, state, local or foreign tax law, in each case, as amended or restated (a "Withholding Obligation"). For greater certainty, no distribution, payment or other consideration shall be made to or on behalf of a Person until such Person has delivered to the Monitor such documentation prescribed by Applicable Law or otherwise reasonably required by the Monitor as will enable it to determine whether or not, and to what extent, such distribution, payment or consideration to such Person is subject to any Withholding Obligation imposed by any Taxing Authority.

- (c) To the extent that amounts are withheld or deducted from an amount payable to any Person and paid over to the applicable Taxing Authority, such withheld or deducted amounts shall be treated for all purposes of the Plan as having been paid to such Person, together with the remainder of the payment in respect of which such withholding and deduction were made.
- (d) For the avoidance of doubt, it is expressly acknowledged and agreed that all distributions, payments and disbursements made hereunder shall be made by, or on behalf of, the Sears Canada Entities, and no provision hereof shall be construed to have effect to the contrary.

## 7.3 **Priority of Payments**

The aggregate amount payable (the "**Payment Amount**") under this Plan to a particular Creditor (the "**Payee Party**") in respect of a particular Plan Distribution from a particular Sears Canada Entity (the "**Payor Party**") shall be applied as follows in respect of the particular Claims giving rise to the applicable distribution or payment:

- (a) first, to the repayment of the principal amount of any loans or cash advances made by the Payee Party to the Payor Party up to the total principal amount;
- (b) second, to the extent that the applicable Payment Amount exceeds the aggregate of the amounts described in paragraph (a), to interest payable on any such loans or cash advances;
- (c) third, to the extent that the applicable Payment Amount exceeds the aggregate of the amounts described in paragraphs (a) and (b), to unpaid fees in respect of services provided by or on behalf of the Payee Party to the Payor Party, other than any such unpaid fees in respect of services rendered in Canada; and
- (d) finally, to the extent that the applicable Payment Amount exceeds the aggregate of the amounts described in paragraphs (a) through (c), to any remaining Claims not described in such paragraphs.

For greater certainty, any terms or conditions of any Affected Claim that purport to deal with the ordering or grantgranting of priority of payment of principal, interest, payments or other amounts shall be deemed void and ineffective to the extent inconsistent with the ordering provided for in this Section 7.3.7.3.

#### 7.4 Method of Payment

All Plan Distributions to Affected Unsecured Creditors with Proven Affected Unsecured Claims (other than to Sears Canada Entities, which shall be made as set out in Sections 5.1 and 7.1,7.1, and other than Plan Distributions effected by set-off) to be made by the Monitor, on the Sears Canada Entities' behalf, under the Plan shall be made:

- (a) in the case of an Affected Unsecured Creditor that has not assigned its Affected Unsecured Claim:
  - subject to subsection (ii) below, if the Affected Unsecured Creditor duly filed a Proof of Claim that set out an address for such Creditor or its agent, to the address set out in such Proof of Claim;
  - (ii) if any address was subsequently provided to the Monitor in accordance with the applicable Claims Procedure Order, to such address;

- (iii) if no address was provided to the Monitor under subsections (i) and (ii) above, and the Affected Unsecured Creditor is an Employee in respect of whom Employee Representative Counsel has provided an address, to such address;
- (iv) if no address was provided to the Monitor under subsections (i) and (ii) above, and the Affected Unsecured Creditor is a Retiree in respect of whom Pension Representative Counsel has provided an address, to such address; and
- (v) in all other cases, to the address on file in the books and records of the Sears Canada Entities; and
- (b) in the case of an Affected Unsecured Creditor that is a Valid Transferee, to the address set out in such Valid Transferee's Notice of Transfer or Assignment.

## 7.5 Treatment of Uncashed Distributions or Payments

- If any Creditor's distribution in respect of its Affected Unsecured Claim, Priority Claim or (a) Secured Claim is not cashed and becomes stale-dated or is returned as undeliverable or a social insurance number, which is required to deliver distributions to an Employee or Retiree, is not provided by or on behalf of such Employee or Retiree to the Monitor in accordance with the terms of any Order of the Court (an "Undeliverable Distribution"), no distributions shall be made to such Creditor unless and until the Monitor is notified in writing by such Creditor of such Creditor's current address and (if applicable) social insurance number, at which time all such distributions shall be made to such Creditor. The Monitor (or the Warranty Claims Administrator, as applicable) shall reserve from the applicable Cash Pool (or the Warranty Reimbursement Pool, if applicable) the amount of cash equal to the Undeliverable Distribution. \_\_\_\_\_\_ The Monitor shall advise Employee Representative Counsel in writing of any Undeliverable Distributions that are payable to Employees within a reasonable time after becoming aware of same. The Monitor shall advise Pension Representative Counsel in writing of any Undeliverable Distributions that are payable to Employee Representative Counsel within a reasonable time after becoming aware of same.
- (b) All notices from Creditors seeking to recover an Undeliverable Distribution existing prior to the Final Distribution must be made in writing to the Monitor (in the manner contemplated by Section 11.8 hereof) on or before the date that is sixty (60) days following the date on which the Monitor serves on the Service List and posts a copy of the Final Distribution Certificate on the Website (the "Final Distribution Bar Date"), after which date any Affected Unsecured Claims, Priority Claims or Secured Claims underlying any Undeliverable Distributions shall be forever barred as against the Sears Canada Entities without any compensation therefor, notwithstanding any Applicable Law to the contrary.
- (c) The amount of any Undeliverable Distributions that remain unclaimed, undeliverable or uncashed and stale-dated sixty (60) days following the Final Distribution Bar Date shall be returned to the applicable Cash Pools for distribution to Affected Unsecured Creditors on the Final Distribution. Any Undeliverable Distributions that may arise from the Final Distribution shall be delivered to the Pension Plan Administrator for distribution to the Pension Plan if not cashed by the date that is six (6) months following the Final Distribution Bar Date.
- (d) Nothing in the Plan or Sanction Order shall (i) require the Monitor or the Sears Canada Entities to attempt to locate any Affected Unsecured Creditor, Employee, Retiree, Governmental Authority or Secured Creditor with respect to an Undeliverable Distribution, nor (ii) require the Monitor or the Sears Canada Entities to make any further distribution to any Creditor while a prior distribution in respect of such Creditor's Affected Unsecured

Claim, Priority Claim or Secured Claim constitutes an Undeliverable Distribution. No interest shall be payable in respect of an Undeliverable Distribution.

#### 7.6 Payment and Treatment of Certain Unaffected Claims, Including Litigation Costs

- (a) The following Unaffected Claims shall be paid from the Administrative Reserve, and allocated in each case to such Debtor Group's share of the Administrative Reserve in accordance with the Cost Allocation Methodology, all in accordance with this Article 7 and pursuant to the Sanction Order and the CCAA:
  - all fees and disbursements of counsel to the Sears Canada Entities, the Monitor and counsel to the Monitor, Employee Representative Counsel, and Pension Representative Counsel (x) accrued but not yet paid prior to the Plan Implementation Date, and (y) accruing after the Plan Implementation Date; and
  - (ii) ordinary course expenses of the Sears Canada Entities.
- (b) All Litigation Costs shall be <u>paidreimbursed to Sears Canada</u> from or credited against the Litigation Costs Recovery Fund. For greater certainty, any adverse cost awards against Sears Canada, the Monitor or the Litigation Trustee in connection with the pursuit of the TUV Claim and LT Claims shall remain Unaffected Claims, the recovery of which shall not be limited by this Section 7.6(b)Cost Recovery Amount prior to the establishment of the Litigation Recoveries Pool.
- (c) From and after the Plan Implementation Date, the Administration Charge and Litigation Trustee's Charge shall continue against the Cash Pools, the Reserves, the Litigation-Costs Recovery Fund, all remaining Property of the Sears Canada Entities and any additional proceeds realized by the Sears Canada Entities (including Tax Refunds and Litigation Recoveries) until such monies are disbursed or distributed by the Monitor, on behalf of the applicable Sears Canada Entity. The Administration Charge shall be in the same amounts and priority as set out in the Initial Order (as amended by the Litigation Approval Orders) pursuant to and in accordance with the Sanction Order, as such amounts may be reduced from time to time in the determination of the Monitor or by further Order of the Court.
- (d) On the Plan Implementation Date, the CCAA Charges (other than the Administration Charge and the Litigation Trustee's Charge) shall be terminated in accordance with the Sanction Order.
- (e) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, Insured Claims shall not be compromised, released, discharged, cancelled and barred by this Plan, provided that from and after the Plan Implementation Date, any Person having an Insured Claim shall be irrevocably limited to recovery in respect of such Insured Claim solely from the applicable Insurance Policies. This Section 7.6(e) may be relied upon and raised or pleaded by the Sears Canada Entities in defence or estoppel of or to enjoin any claim, action or proceeding brought in contravention of this Section. Nothing in this Plan shall prejudice, compromise, release or otherwise affect any right or defence of any insured or insurer in respect of an Insured Claim.

#### 7.7 Timing of Distributions

The Monitor may from time to time make Plan Distributions on account of Proven Affected Unsecured Claims and will make no distribution in respect of a Claim until it is a Proven Claim.

## 7.8 Remaining Cash

If the final amount in the applicable Cash Pool is an amount for which the Monitor determines the cost of such distribution relative to the amount to be distributed is not justified, no Plan Distribution of such final amount shall occur and instead such amount shall be paid to the Pension Plan Administrator for distribution to the Pension Plan.

## Article 8 Plan Implementation

#### 8.1 Corporate Authorizations

The adoption, execution, delivery, implementation and consummation of all matters contemplated under the Plan involving any corporate or other action of any of the Sears Canada Entities will occur and be effective as of the Effective Time, and will be authorized and approved under the Plan and by the Court, where appropriate, as part of the Sanction Order, in all respects and for all purposes without any requirement of further action by shareholders, partners, Directors or Officers of such Sears Canada Entity. All necessary approvals to take actions shall be deemed to have been obtained from the Directors or shareholders or partners of the Sears Canada Entities, as applicable.

## Article 9 Releases

## 9.1 Plan Releases

- (a) AsTo the extent not already released and discharged by the Settlement Approval Orders or any release given by any plaintiff in the Settled Litigation Claims, as at the Effective Time, each of the Directors, Officers and, Employees, and Settling Defendants, as well as the Specified Advisors (being referred to individually as a "Sears Released Party") shall be released and discharged from any and all demands, claims, actions, applications, causes of action, counterclaims, suits, debts, sums of money, accounts, covenants, damages, judgments, orders (including for priority, injunctive relief or specific performance and compliance orders), expenses, executions, encumbrances and other recoveries on account of any Liability, obligation, demand or cause of action of whatever nature, which any Affected Creditor, Unaffected Creditor (except to the extent of its Unaffected Claim) or other Person may be entitled to assert, whether known or unknown, matured or unmatured, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereafter arising, based in whole or in part on any act, omission, transaction, duty, responsibility, indebtedness, Liability, obligation, dealing or other occurrence existing or taking place on or prior to the Plan Implementation Date that are in any way relating to, arising out of or in connection with the Claims, the Business and affairs of the Sears Canada Entities whenever or however conducted, the Plan, the CCAA Proceedings or any matter or transaction involving any of the Sears Canada Entities occurring in or in connection with the CCAA Proceedings (including the Plan or the development thereof, the Deemed Trust Motions, any Claim that has been barred or extinguished by the Claims Procedure Orders, or any distributions, payments, disbursements, actions, steps or transactions, taken to implement the Plan), and in each case all claims arising out of such aforesaid matters shall be forever waived and released all to the full extent permitted by Applicable Law; with the following exceptions:
  - (i) nothing herein shall release, affect, prejudice or discharge Non-Released Claims or shall release, affect prejudice or discharge (X) the LT/TUV Litigation or Pension/Dealer Litigation, (Y) any crossclaims against named defendants in the LT/TUV Litigation or Pension/Dealer Litigation, or (Z) claims over arising from the LT/TUV Litigation or Pension/Dealer Litigation against any other Person, and

nothing herein shall provide any defence to any <del>party to such litigation or to any future litigation in respect of any</del>. Non-Released Claims; and

- (ii) any claim (excluding, for greater certainty, the LT/TUV Litigation, the Pension/Dealer Litigation or any future litigation in respect of any Non-Released Claim) that has been commenced as of the Plan Implementation Date against an Employee personally solely as a result of performing their duties as an Employee of a Sears Canada Entity shall not be released but shall be limited to recovery from any insurance proceeds payable in respect of such claim under any insurance policy of a Sears Canada Entity, and any Persons with any such claim shall have no right to, and shall not, make any claim or seek any recoveries from any Person (including any such Employee) other than enforcing such Person's rights to be paid from such insurance proceeds by the applicable insurer(s); provided further that nothing in this Plan shall prejudice, compromise, release or otherwise affect any right or defence of any insured or insurer in respect of any such claim.
- As at the Effective Time, the Monitor, FTI (including in its capacity as receiver further to (b) the Receivership Order) and their respective current and former affiliates, directors, officers and employees and all of their respective advisors, legal counsel and agents, as well as Employee Representative Counsel, Pension Representative Counsel, the Employee Representatives, and the Pension Representatives (being referred to individually as a "Third Party Released Party") shall be released and discharged from any and all demands, claims, actions, applications, causes of action, counterclaims, suits, debts, sums of money, accounts, covenants, damages, judgments, orders (including for priority, injunctive relief or specific performance and compliance orders), expenses, executions, encumbrances and other recoveries on account of any Liability, obligation, demand or cause of action of whatever nature, which any Affected Creditor, Unaffected Creditor or other Person may be entitled to assert, whether known or unknown, matured or unmatured, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereafter arising, based in whole or in part on any act, omission, transaction, duty, responsibility, indebtedness, Liability, obligation, dealing or other occurrence existing or taking place on or prior to the Plan Implementation Date that are in any way relating to, arising out of or in connection with the Claims, the Business and affairs of the Sears Canada Entities whenever or however conducted, the Plan, the CCAA Proceedings or any matter or transaction involving any of the Sears Canada Entities occurring in or in connection with the CCAA Proceedings (including the Plan or the development thereof, the Deemed Trust Motions, any Claim that has been barred or extinguished by the Claims Procedure Orders, or any distributions, payments, disbursements, actions, steps or transactions, taken to implement the Plan), and in each case all claims arising out of such aforesaid matters shall be forever waived and released all to the full extent permitted by Applicable Law, provided that nothing herein shall release or discharge any Non-Released Claims.
- (c) As of the Effective Time, and notwithstanding any other terms of this Plan, all Settled Litigation Claims shall be fully and finally released, discharged, barred, and extinguished to the extent not already released, discharged, barred or extinguished by (i) the Settlement Approval Orders or (ii) any release given by any plaintiff in the Settled Litigation Claims.
- (d) (c)-Without limiting the foregoing releases and discharges in favour of the Released Parties, as against any Sears Canada Entity, any
  - (i) De Minimis Claim,
  - (ii) Equity Claim; and

(iii) other Affected Claim-against the Sears Canada Entities that is not, or does not become, a Proven Claim, including Affected Claims that have not been filed by the claims bar date provided under the Claims Procedure Orders,

shall be deemed fully and finally released, discharged, barred and extinguished.

(e) (d) Any Affected Claim against the Sears Canada Entities that is a Proven Claim shall not be released but shall be entitled to recoveries against the assets of the Sears Canada Entities solely in accordance with distributions provided by this Plan and any further rights in respect of such Affected Claims against the Sears Canada Entities or their assets are compromised and settled in accordance with this Plan.

## Article 10 Court Sanction, Conditions Precedent and Plan Implementation

## 10.1 Application for Sanction Order

If the Plan is approved by the Required Majority in each Unsecured Creditor Class at the Meetings, the Monitor shall file a motion seeking the Sanction Order to be heard on or before April 3, 2019 or such laterdate as the Court may order.

## 10.2 Sanction Order

The Sanction Order shall, among other things:

- (a) declare that (i) the Plan has been approved by the Required Majority in each Unsecured Creditor Class voting in conformity with the CCAA and the Meetings Order; (ii) the Sears Canada Entities (directly or through the Monitor) have complied with the provisions of the CCAA and the Orders of the Court; (iii) the Court is satisfied that the Sears Canada Entities (directly or through the Monitor) have not done or purported to do anything that is not authorized by the CCAA; (iv) the Sears Canada Entities (directly or through the Monitor) have each acted in good faith and with due diligence; and (v) the Plan and the implementation steps contemplated thereby are fair and reasonable;
- (b) authorize the Monitor to perform its functions under the Plan, including the establishment of the Reserves and Litigation Costs Recovery Fund, and cause the Sears Canada Entities to perform their obligations and functions under the Plan and to perform all such other acts and execute such documents as may be required in connection with the foregoing;
- (c) declare that the Plan and all associated steps, compromises, transactions and arrangements effected thereby are approved, binding and effective on the Sears Canada Entities, all Affected Creditors, the Released Parties and all Persons named or referred to in, affected by, or subject to the Plan as of the Effective Time;
- (d) order that, upon delivery to the Monitor of the Condition Certificate as to the fulfillment or waiver of the condition precedent to implementation of the Plan set out in Section 10.3(f) and satisfaction of the Monitor as to the fulfillment or waiver of all other conditions precedent to implementation of the Plan as set out in Sections 10.3(a) through (e) below, the Monitor shall issue forthwith the Plan Implementation Date Certificate, and file with the Court the Plan Implementation Date Certificate as soon as reasonably practicable after issuance thereof;
- (e) order that, upon issuance of the Plan Implementation Date Certificate, the Deemed Trust Motions and the motion of Employee Representative Counsel to lift the stay of

proceedings to file bankruptcy applications against Sears Canada Entities shall be deemed to be withdrawn and discontinued without costs;

- (f) as of the Plan Implementation Date, declare that the ability of any Person to proceed against any one or more of the Sears Canada Entities<u>or the Directors or Officers</u> in respect of or relating to any Affected Claims shall be forever discharged and restrained, and all proceedings with respect to, in connection with or relating to such Affected Claims be permanently stayed, subject only to the right of Affected Creditors to receive distributions pursuant to the Plan in respect of their Affected Claims (to the extent they are or become Proven Affected Unsecured Claims); provided, however, and for greater certainty that none of the compromises, settlements, releases and discharges contemplated herein shall release, affect or prejudice Non-Released Claims<del>, includingany claims that arise out of or relate to the dividend paid to shareholders of Sears Canada on or around December 3, 2013 in the amount of approximately \$509 million, includingbut not limited to the LT/TUV Litigation or Pension/Dealer Litigation or provide anydefence to any party to such litigation;</del>
- (g) as of the Plan Implementation Date, approve the releases set forth in Article 9 hereof and enjoin the prosecution, whether directly, derivatively or otherwise, of any Claim, obligation, suit, judgment, damage, demand, debt, right, cause of action, Liability or interest released, discharged, compromised or terminated pursuant to the Plan;
- (h) provide for discharge of the CCAA Charges (other than the Administration Charge and the Litigation Trustee's Charge) and the continuation of the Administration Charge and Litigation Trustee's Charge, which shall survive the Plan Implementation Date and attach to the Property, and the Reserves and the Litigation Costs Recovery Fund, all in accordance with the Plan;
- (i) provide for the termination of the Hardship Process and that all remaining amounts shall become Sears Cash on the Plan Implementation Date; and
- (j) declare that, in carrying out the terms of the Sanction Order and the Plan, (i) the Monitor shall benefit from all the protections given to it by the CCAA, the Initial Order and any other Order in the CCAA Proceedings, and as an officer of the Court, including the stay of proceedings in its favour; (ii) the Monitor shall incur no liability or obligation as a result of carrying out the provisions of the Sanction Order and/or the Plan; and (iii) the Monitor and any Authorized Representative (as defined in the Governance Protocol Order) shall be entitled to rely on the books and records of the Sears Canada Entities and any information provided by any of the Sears Canada Entities without independent investigation and shall not be liable for any claims or damages resulting from any errors or omissions in such books, records or information.

#### **10.3** Conditions Precedent to Implementation of the Plan

The implementation of the Plan, including distributions thereunder, shall be conditional upon the fulfilment or waiver, to the extent permitted by the CCAA, of the following conditions precedent by the date specified therefor:

- (a) each Unsecured Creditor Class shall have approved the Plan in the Required Majority;
- (b) each of the Meetings Order and the Sanction Order shall have been granted;
- (c) each of the Meetings Order and the Sanction Order shall have become Final Orders;

- (d) the Monitor shall have received such clearance certificates, or comfort letters in lieu thereof from the Canada Revenue Agency or any other applicable Taxing Authority, as the Monitor considers necessary or advisable, to make any Plan Distributions;
- (e) the Plan Implementation Date shall have occurred before April 30, 2019, December 31, 2020, or such later date as agreed to by the Pension Parties and Monitor; and
- (f) the Pension Parties shall be satisfied that:
  - the Plan provides no less than \$155,000,000 available for distribution to <u>Affected all Affected Third Party</u> Unsecured Creditors, net of all Reserves and <u>without accounting for anyexcluding the funds in the</u> Litigation Recoveries or the <u>contribution of amounts to the Litigation Cost Recovery FundPool</u>; and
  - (ii) Proven Affected Third Party Unsecured Claims shall be no more than \$1,550,000,000, excluding the Pension Claims, and any claims of Directors, Officers and ESL Parties for indemnification or contribution from the Sears Canada Entities, whether liquidated or unliquidated.

The Monitor may at any time and from time to time waive the fulfillment or satisfaction, in whole or in part, of the conditions set out herein, provided however, that (i) the conditions set out in (a) and (b) above cannot be waived; and (ii) the conditions set out in (e) and (f) above may be waived by the Monitor only with the consent or agreement of the Pension Parties.

At or prior to the time of the Meetings, the Pension Parties shall deliver to the Monitor written notice confirming, as applicable, the fulfilment or waiver, to the extent available, of the condition precedent to implementation of the Plan as set out in Section 10.3(f) above (the "**Condition Certificate**").

## **10.4 Plan Implementation Date Certificate**

Upon receipt by the Monitor of the Condition Certificate from the Pension Parties, and upon satisfaction of the Monitor as to the fulfillment or waiver, to the extent permitted herein, of the conditions described in Sections 10.3(a) through (e), the Monitor shall (a) issue forthwith the Monitor's Plan Implementation Date Certificate to the Sears Canada Entities and serve a copy of such Plan Implementation Date Certificate on the Service List, and (b) file as soon as reasonably practicable a copy of the Monitor's Plan Implementation Date Certificate with the Court. With respect to the condition set out at Section 10.3(f), the Monitor will be relying exclusively on the Condition Certificate, without any obligation whatsoever to verify the satisfaction or waiver of such condition. Following the filing of the Monitor's Plan Implementation Date Certificate with the Court, the Monitor shall post a copy of same on the Website.

## Article 11 General

#### 11.1 General

On the Plan Implementation Date, or at such other times as provided in the Plan:

- (a) the Plan will become effective at the Effective Time;
- (b) the steps set out in Article 7 will commence;
- (c) the treatment of Claims under the Plan shall be final and binding for all purposes and enure to the benefit of the Sears Canada Entities, all Affected Creditors, the Released Parties and all other Persons and parties named or referred to in, or subject to, the Plan

and their respective heirs, executors, trustees in bankruptcy, administrators and other legal representatives, successors and assigns;

- (d) all releases, compromises and settlements contained in Section 9.1-of the Plan shall become effective;
- (e) each Person named or referred to in, or subject to, the Plan shall be deemed to have consented and agreed to all of the provisions of the Plan, in its entirety; and
- (f) each Person named or referred to in, or subject to, the Plan shall be deemed to have executed and delivered to the Sears Canada Entities and/or Monitor all consents, releases, directions, assignments and waivers, statutory or otherwise, required to implement and carry out the Plan in its entirety.

#### 11.2 Claims Bar Dates

Nothing in this Plan extends or shall be interpreted as extending or amending any deadline or claims bar date provided for under either Claims Procedure Order, or gives or shall be interpreted as giving any rights to any Person in respect of Claims that have been barred or extinguished pursuant to the Claims Procedure Orders.

## 11.3 Deeming Provisions

In the Plan, the deeming provisions are not rebuttable and are conclusive and irrevocable.

## 11.4 Non-Consummation

The Monitor reserves the right to revoke or withdraw the Plan at any time prior to the Plan Implementation Date with approval of the Court. If: (i) the Monitor revokes or withdraws the Plan in accordance with the foregoing, or (ii) the Plan Implementation Date does not occur before <u>April 30, 2019December 31, 2020</u> or such later date as agreed to by the Monitor and the Pension Parties, then: (a) the Plan (including all steps taken thereunder) shall be null and void in all respects, (b) any settlement or compromise embodied in the Plan, or any document or agreement executed pursuant to or in connection with the Plan shall be deemed to be null and void; and (c) nothing contained in the Plan, and no acts taken in preparation for consummation of the Plan, shall:

- (a) constitute or be deemed to constitute a waiver or release of any Claims by or against any of the Sears Canada Entities, the Pension Parties or any other Person;
- (b) prejudice in any manner the rights of the Sears Canada Entities, the Pension Parties or any other Person in any further proceedings involving any of the Sears Canada Entities; or
- (c) constitute an admission of any sort by any of the Sears Canada Entities or any other Person.

## 11.5 Modifications of the Plan

The Monitor may at any time prior to and after the Meetings (and both prior to and subsequent to the obtaining of the Sanction Order), file a Plan Modification (a) pursuant to an Order of the Court, or (b) without further Court or Creditor approval, where such Plan Modification concerns (i) a matter which is of an administrative nature required to better give effect to the implementation of the Plan and the Sanction Order, or (ii) cure any errors, omissions or ambiguities, and in either case of foregoing clause (i) and (ii), is not materially adverse to the financial or economic interests of the Affected Creditors.

#### 11.6 Paramountcy

From and after the Effective Time, any conflict between:

- (a) the Plan; and
- (b) the covenants, warranties, representations, terms, conditions, provisions or obligations, expressed or implied, of any contract, mortgage, security agreement, indenture, trust indenture, loan agreement, commitment letter, agreement for sale, lease or other agreement (including the Pension Support Agreement), written or oral and any and all amendments or supplements thereto existing between any Person and the Sears Canada Entities as at the Plan Implementation Date and the articles and by-laws or other constating documents of the Sears Canada Entities

will be deemed to be governed by the terms, conditions and provisions of the Plan and the Sanction Order, which shall take precedence and priority.

## 11.7 Responsibilities of the Monitor

FTI is acting and will continue to act in all respects in its capacity as Monitor in the CCAA Proceedings with respect to the Sears Canada Entities and not in its personal or corporate capacity. The Monitor will not be responsible or liable in its personal or corporate capacity for carrying out its obligations under the Plan or the Sanction Order nor will the Monitor be responsible for any obligations of the Sears Canada Entities whatsoever. The Monitor will have the powers and protections granted to it by the Plan, the CCAA, the Initial Order, the Sanction Order and any other Order of the Court made in the CCAA Proceedings.

#### 11.8 Notices

Any notice or other communication to be delivered hereunder must be in writing and reference the Plan and may, subject as hereinafter provided, be made or given by personal delivery, or by email addressed to the respective parties as follows:

(a) If to the Sears Canada Entities:

Sears Canada Inc. c/o FTI Consulting Canada Inc. 79 Wellington Street West TD South Tower, Suite 2010 PO Box 104 Toronto, ON M5K 1G8

Attention: Steve Bissell Email: <u>searscanada@fticonsulting.com</u>searscanada@fticonsulting.com

with a copy to: Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP Royal Bank Plaza, South Tower. Suite 3800 200222 Bay Street, Suite 3000, P.O. Box 53 Toronto, ON M5J 2Z4K 1E7

Attention: Orestes Pasparakis & <u>Virginie GauthierEvan Cobb</u> Email:<u>orestes.pasparakis@nortonrosefulbright.com/</u> <u>virginie.gauthier@nortonrosefulbright.com</u>orestes.pasparakis@nortonrosefulbright.com/ evan.cobb@nortonrosefulbright.com (b) If to the Monitor:

FTI Consulting Canada Inc. 79 Wellington Street West TD South Tower, Suite 2010 PO Box 104 Toronto, ON M5K 1G8

Attention: Steve Bissell Email: <u>searscanada@fticonsulting.com</u>searscanada@fticonsulting.com

with a copy to:

Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP Royal Bank Plaza, South Tower. Suite 3800 200222 Bay Street, Suite 3000, P.O. Box 53 Toronto, ON M5J 2Z4K 1E7

Attention: Orestes Pasparakis & <u>Virginie GauthierEvan Cobb</u> Email:<u>orestes.pasparakis@nortonrosefulbright.com</u>/ <u>virginie.gauthier@nortonrosefulbright.com</u>orestes.pasparakis@nortonrosefulbright.com/ evan.cobb@nortonrosefulbright.com

or to such other address as any party may from time to time notify the others in accordance with this Section. Any such communication so given or made shall be deemed to have been given or made and to have been received on the day of delivery if delivered, or on the day of sending by means of recorded electronic communication, provided that such day in either event is a Business Day and the communication is so delivered or sent before 5:00 p.m. on such day. Otherwise, such communication shall be deemed to have been given and made and to have been received on the next following Business Day.

#### 11.9 Further Assurances

Each of the Persons named or referred to in, or subject to, the Plan will execute and deliver all such documents and instruments and do all such acts and things as may be necessary or desirable to carry out the full intent and meaning of the Plan and to give effect to the transactions contemplated herein.

DATED as of the <u>15th22<sup>nd</sup></u> day of <u>February, 2019.October, 2020.</u>

# Schedule A Definitions

"168886" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Recitals;

"2497089" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Recitals;

**"249 SCI Loan**" means the \$160 million loan made by 2497089 to Sears Canada under the Tax Loss Utilization Structure;

"Administration Charge" has the meaning given to such term in the Initial Order;

"Administrative Reserve" means a Cash reserve from the SLH Cash, Corbeil Cash and Sears Cash, as applicable in accordance with the Cost Allocation Methodology, in an amount to be adjusted from time to time as determined by the Monitor, and to be reserved by the Monitor on an accounting basis, for the purpose of paying the Administrative Reserve Amounts, from time to time;

#### "Administrative Reserve Amounts" means:

- (a) costs incurred and in respect of: (i) the Monitor's fees and disbursements (including of its legal counsel and other consultants and advisors) in connection with the performance of its duties under the Plan and in the CCAA Proceedings, including all costs associated with resolving Unresolved Claims; (ii) any third party fees in connection with the administration of distributions, disbursements and payments under the Plan; (iii) fees and disbursements of the Sears Canada Entities' legal counsel, consultants and other advisors; (iv) the fees and disbursements of Employee Representative Counsel and Pension Representative Counsel; (v) the fees and disbursements of any Claims Officer appointed under the Claims Procedure Orders; (vi) ordinary course costs (including operating costs such as wages and rent) expected to be incurred following the previous Distribution Date; and (vii) any other reasonable amounts in respect of any determinable contingency as the Monitor may determine in its sole discretion, but excluding any and all Litigation Costs; and
- (b) Post-Filing Claims and Unaffected Claims, to the extent not already resolved and paid;

"Affected Claim" means any Claim other than an Unaffected Claim;

"Affected Creditor" means any Creditor holding an Affected Claim, including a Sears Canada Entity holding an Affected Claim;

"Affected Third Party Unsecured Claim" means an Affected Unsecured Claim of an Affected Third Party Unsecured Creditor;

"Affected Third Party Unsecured Creditor" means the Pension Plan Administrator in respect of the Pension Claims or an Affected Unsecured Creditor, other than a Sears Canada Entity;

"Affected Unsecured Claim" means an Unsecured Claim that is an Affected Claim, which for greater certainty includes the Pension Claims;

"Affected Unsecured Creditor" means a Creditor who has an Affected Unsecured Claim;

"Affiliate" means, with respect to any Person, any other Person who directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under direct control or indirect common control with, such Person, and includes any Person in like relation to an Affiliate. A Person shall be deemed to "**control**" another Person if such Person possesses, directly or indirectly, the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such other Person, whether through ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise, and the term "**controlled**" shall have a similar meaning;

"Applicants" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Recitals;

"**Applicable Law**" means any law (including any principle of civil law, common law or equity), statute, order, decree, judgment, rule, regulation, ordinance, by-law or other pronouncement having the effect of law, whether in Canada or any other country or any domestic or foreign province, state, city, county or other political subdivision;

"Assessments" means Claims of Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada or of any province or territory or municipality or any other Taxing Authority in any Canadian or foreign jurisdiction, including amounts which may arise or have arisen under any notice of assessment, notice of objection, notice of reassessment, notice of appeal, audit, investigation, demand or similar request from any Taxing Authority;

"**Available Cash**" means, in respect of a Debtor Group, either the SLH Cash, the Corbeil Cash, or the Sears Cash, as applicable, for such Debtor Group;

"BIA" means the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. B-3, as amended;

"**Business**" means the direct and indirect business operations, activities and affairs carried on, or formerly carried on, by Sears Canada Entities both before and on and after the Filing Date;

"**Business Day**" means a day on which banks are open for business in the City of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, but does not include a Saturday, Sunday or a statutory holiday in the Province of Ontario;

"**Cash**" means cash, certificates of deposit, bank deposits, commercial paper, treasury bills and other cash equivalents;

"Cash Pools" means, together, the Debtor Cash Pools and the Litigation Recoveries Pool;

"**Cash Pool/Holdback Adjustments**" means, with respect to a Cash Pool or the Litigation Cost Recovery Fund, the adjustments to such Cash Pool or the Litigation Cost Recovery Fund, as applicable, as applied in the order set out in Sections 7.1(a) to (ed);

"CCAA" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Recitals;

"CCAA Charges" means the Administration Charge, the Litigation Trustee's Charge, the KERP Priority Charge, the DIP ABL Lenders' Charge, the DIP Term Lenders' Charge, the KERP Subordinated Charge, and the Directors' Subordinated Charge, the FA Charge, and any other charges granted by the Court in the CCAA Proceedings;

"CCAA Proceedings" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Recitals;

**"Claim**" means a Pre-Filing Claim, a Restructuring Period Claim, a Post-Filing Claim, and a D&O Claim, and for greater certainty shall include a Construction Claim, a Warranty Claim, an Employee Claim and a Retiree Claim, as well as any Claim arising through subrogation or assignment against any Sears Canada Entity or Director or Officer;

"Claims Officer" means any individual or individuals appointed by the Court pursuant to a Claims Procedure Order;

"Claims Procedure Order (E&R)" means the Employee and Retiree Claims Procedure Order of the Court dated February 22, 2018 (as such order may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time), approving and implementing the claims procedure for the Claims of Employees and Retirees made in respect of the Sears Canada Entities and the Directors and Officers (including all schedules and appendices thereof);

"**Claims Procedure Order (General)**" means the Claims Procedure Order of the Court dated December 8, 2017 (as such order may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time), approving and implementing the claims procedure in respect of the Sears Canada Entities and the Directors and Officers (including all schedules and appendices thereof);

"Claims Procedure Orders" means together the Claims Procedure Order (General) and the Claims Procedures Order (E&R);

"Condition Certificate" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 10.3;

"Construction Claim" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Claims Procedure Order (General);

"**Corbeil Cash**" means all Cash on hand of Former Corbeil as at the Filing Date, plus the proceeds of sale of the Corbeil Transaction, and all Cash that is received by Former Corbeil following the Filing Date, whether from the sale, disposition or monetization of any remaining assets, receipt of any Tax Refund or any other Cash received by Former Corbeil from time to time, less:

- (a) Cash actually spent or distributed by Former Corbeil since the Filing Date but prior to the Plan Implementation Date,
- (b) the amount of the Corbeil Reserves,
- (c) the amount of any Plan Distributions, payments on account of Proven Unaffected Claims, or payments made pursuant to or as contemplated by the Plan, attributable to or on behalf of Former Corbeil,

plus or minus, as applicable,

(d) Former Corbeil's Cost Allocation Amount and Ordinary Course Post-Filing Intercompany Position;

"**Corbeil Cash Pool**" means the Corbeil Cash available for distribution to (a) the Affected Unsecured Creditors of Former Corbeil with Proven Affected Unsecured Claims under the Plan, or (b) Sears Canada as the shareholder of Former Corbeil, calculated on each Distribution Date, immediately prior to any Cash Pool/Holdback Adjustment;

"**Corbeil Reserves**" means, collectively, the Unresolved Claims Reserve for Former Corbeil, that portion of the Administrative Reserve allocated in accordance with the Cost Allocation Methodology to Former Corbeil, and any other reserve the Monitor considers necessary or appropriate, as each of them may be adjusted from time to time in accordance with the Plan;

"**Corbeil Transaction**" means the sale transaction contemplated by the asset purchase agreement between Former Corbeil, as seller, and Am-Cam Electroménagers Inc. as buyer, Distinctive Appliances Inc., as guarantor, and Sears Canada, as intervenor, dated October 1, 2017 and approved by the Court on October 4, 2017;

"Cost Allocation Amount" means, in respect of a Debtor Group, an amount equal to the difference between:

- (a) the actual amounts paid out of such Debtor Group's Available Cash on account of (i) post-filing professional fees incurred up to and including the relevant Distribution Date, (ii) amounts repaid on account of principal, interest and fees under the DIP Loan Agreements, and (iii) any shared services overhead; and
- (b) such Debtor Group's share as determined by the Cost Allocation Methodology of all of the foregoing amounts paid by the Sears Canada Entities as a whole;

"**Cost Allocation Methodology**" means the methodology for the allocation of the costs of the CCAA Proceedings amongst the Sears Canada Entities as set out at paragraph 84 of the Sixteenth Report of the Monitor dated April 2, 2018;

"**Court**" means the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) or any appellate court seized with jurisdiction in the CCAA Proceedings, as the case may be;

**"Creditor**" means any Person having a Claim, but only with respect to and to the extent of such Claim, including the transferee or assignee of a transferred Claim that is recognized as a Creditor in accordance with the Claims Procedure Orders, the Plan and the Meetings Order, or a trustee, executor, liquidator, receiver, receiver and manager of, or other Person acting on behalf of or through, such Person;

**"D&O Claim**" means any right or claim of any Person against one or more of the Directors and/or Officers howsoever arising, whether or not such right or claim is reduced to judgment, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured, unsecured, perfected, unperfected, present, future, known, or unknown, by guarantee, surety or otherwise, and whether or not such right is executory or anticipatory in nature, including any Assessments and any right or ability of any Person to advance a claim for contribution, indemnity or otherwise against any of the Directors and/or Officers with respect to any matter, action, cause or chose in action, however arising, for which any Director or Officer is alleged to be, by statute or otherwise by law or equity, liable to pay in his or her capacity as a Director or Officer;

**"D&O Insurer**" means any insurer under a directors' and officers' insurance policy pursuant to which any Director and/or Officer is insured;

"**Dealer**" means any Person carrying on business as "Sears Hometown" stores any time after July 5, 2011 pursuant to a dealer agreement with Sears Canada;

"Dealer 2013 Dividend Claim" means the claim bearing court file number 4114/15 CP\_and <u>CV-19-617792-00CL</u>, against Sears Canada, Sears Holdings Corporation, ESL Investments, Inc. and certain Directors and Officers commenced on or about October 21, 2015, for, among other things, oppression under the *Canada Business Corporations* Act (Canada);

"Dealer Claim" means any Claim of a Dealer;

"**Dealer Representative Plaintiff**" means 1291079 Ontario Inc., in its capacity as class representative for the following claims:

- (a) claim bearing court file number 3769/13 CP against Sears Canada and Sears Roebuck and Co. commenced on or about July 5, 2013 for, among other things, breaches under the *Arthur Wishart Act (Franchise Disclosure), 2000* (Ontario); and
- (b) claim bearing court file number 4114/15 CP<u>and CV-19-617792-00CL</u>, against Sears Canada, Sears Holdings Corporation, ESL Investments<u>, Inc.</u> and certain Directors and

Officers commenced on or about October 21, 2015, for, among other things, oppression under the *Canada Business Corporations Act* (Canada);

"**Debtor Cash Pools**" means, collectively, the SLH Cash Pool, the Corbeil Cash Pool and the Sears Cash Pool;

"**Debtor Groups**" means, collectively, Former Corbeil, the Sears Parties and the SLH Parties, and "**Debtor Group**" means any one of Former Corbeil, the Sears Parties (collectively), or the SLH Parties (collectively);

"**Deemed Trust Motions**" means the motions in the CCAA Proceedings brought variously by Pension Representative Counsel, the <u>SuperintendentFSRA CEO</u> and the Pension Plan Administrator for orders, among other things,

- (c) that the amount of the wind-up deficit in connection with the Pension Plan is deemed to be held in trust for the beneficiaries of the Pension Plan pursuant to Section 57(4) of the *Pension Benefits Act* (Ontario) ("**PBA**") with priority ahead of the claims of all other creditors of Sears Canada other than amounts secured by the CCAA Charges;
- (d) that the Plan Administrator, has a lien and charge under Section 57(5) of the PBA for the amount of the wind-up deficit in connection with the Pension Plan;
- (e) that the foregoing orders survive any future bankruptcy or receivership of the Applicants; and
- (f) that Former Corbeil and the SLH Parties are jointly and severally liable with Sears Canada for the obligations under the Pension Plan and that the assets of Former Corbeil and the SLH Parties may also be subject to the deemed trust and lien under the PBA as described above,

but excluding the motion for directions with respect to spousal waivers provided in connection with the Pension Plan;

"De Minimis Claim" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 5.4;

"**DIP ABL Agent**" means Wells Fargo Capital Finance Corporation Canada as administrative agent under the DIP ABL Credit Agreement;

"**DIP ABL Credit Agreement**" the Senior Secured Superpriority Debtor-in-Possession Credit Agreement dated as of June 22, 2017 among the Sears Canada Entities, the DIP ABL Agent and the lenders from time to time party thereto;

"DIP ABL Lenders' Charge" has the meaning given to such term in the Initial Order;

"**DIP Lenders**" means the DIP ABL Agent and the DIP Term Agent and those lenders party from time to time to the DIP Loan Agreements;

"**DIP Loan Agreements**" means, collectively, the DIP ABL Credit Agreement and the DIP Term Credit Agreement;

**"DIP Term Agent**" means GACP Financing Co., LLC, as administrative agent under the DIP Term Credit Agreement;

"**DIP Term Credit Agreement**" the Senior Secured Superpriority Credit Agreement dated as of June 22, 2017 among the Sears Canada Entities, the DIP Term Agent and the lenders from time to time party thereto;

"DIP Term Lenders' Charge" has the meaning given to such term in the Initial Order;

"**Director**" means anyone who is or was or may be deemed to be or have been, whether by statute, operation of law or otherwise, a director or *de facto* director of any of the Sears Canada Entities, in such capacity;

"Directors' Priority Charge" has the meaning given to such term in the Initial Order;

<u>"Director Settling Defendants</u>" means William Harker, William Crowley, Donald Campbell Ross, Ephraim J. Bird, Deborah E. Rosati, R. Raja Khanna, James McBurney, and Douglas Campbell;

"Director Settlement" has the meaning given to such term in the Recitals;

"Director Settlement Approval Order" has the meaning given to such term in Section 9.1(c);

"Directors' Subordinated Charge" has the meaning given to such term in the Initial Order;

"Distribution Date" means the date of any Plan Distribution;

"Dividend Actions" means the LT/TUV Litigation and Pension/Dealer Litigation regarding the 2013 dividend authorized and paid by Sears Canada in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice at Toronto (Commercial List) under Court File Nos. CV-18-00611219-00CL, CV-18-00611214-00CL, CV-18-00611217-00CL, and CV-19-00617792-00CL;

"**Duplicate Claim**" means a Proven Affected Unsecured Claim against more than one of the Sears Canada Entities based on the same underlying obligation;

"Effective Time" means 12:01 a.m. on the Plan Implementation Date or such other time on the Plan Implementation Date as the Monitor shall determine or as otherwise ordered by the Court;

"Eligible Voting Claims" means a Voting Claim or an Unresolved Voting Claim;

"**Eligible Voting Creditors**" means, subject to Section 4.2(b), Affected Unsecured Creditors holding Voting Claims or Unresolved Voting Claims;

"**Employee**" means any (i) active or inactive union or non-union employee of any one or more of the Sears Canada Entities on or after the Filing Date, including an employee of any one or more of the Sears Canada Entities who received notice of termination of employment dated on or after the Filing Date or who resigned or otherwise ceased employment on or after the Filing Date; and (ii) former employee of any one of the Sears Canada Entities, including without limitation any former employee whose employment terminated with or without cause at any time, any former employee who received notice, on or after the Filing Date, of the cessation of his or her termination or severance payments, and any former employee who had an outstanding active action, claim or complaint as of the Filing Date;

"Employee Claim" means an "Employee Claim" as defined in the Claims Procedure Order (E&R);

**"Employee Priority Claims**" means, in respect of a Sears Canada Entity, the following claims of Employees of such Sears Canada Entity:

- (a) claims equal to the amounts that such Employees would have been qualified to receive under paragraph 136(1)(d) of the BIA if the Sears Canada Entity had become bankrupt on the Filing Date, which for greater certainty, excludes any OPEB, pension contribution, and termination and severance entitlements; and
- (b) claims for wages, salaries, commissions or compensation for services rendered by such Employees after the Filing Date and on or before the Plan Implementation Date together with, in the case of travelling salespersons, disbursements properly incurred by them in connection with the Business during the same period, which for greater certainty, excludes any OPEB, pension contribution, and termination and severance entitlements;

**"Employee Representative Counsel**" means Ursel, Phillips, Fellows, Hopkinson LLP as appointed pursuant to the Employee Representative Counsel Order made July 13, 2017, as amended;

"**Employee Representatives**" means Paul Webber, Nancy Demeter, Sheena Wrigglesworth, Barb Wilser, and Darrin Whitney, or such other representatives as may be duly appointed by Employee Representative Counsel;

"Equity Claim" has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 2 of the CCAA;

"ERC Employee" means any Employee other than a Non-ERC Employee;

"ESL Parties" means Sears Holdings Corporation and its affiliates Edward S. Lampert, ESL Investments, Inc., ESL Partners, LP, SPE I Partners, LP, SPE Master I, LP, ESL Institutional Partners, LP, Edward S., Lampert and any other Person (other than a Director or Officer) against whom a claim is made under the LT/TUV Litigation, the Dealer 2013 Dividend Claim, or by or on behalf of the Pension Plan Administrator or the beneficiaries of the Pension Plan under the Pension 2013 Dividend Claim<u>SPE Master I, LP, SPE I</u> Partners, LP, ESL Investors, LLC, RBS Partners, LP, CRK Partners, LLC, RBS Investment Management, LLC, and "ESL Party" means any one of them;

"ESL Parties Settlement" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Recitals;

"ESL Settlement Approval Order" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 9.1(c);

"FA Charge" has the meaning given to such term in the Initial Order;

"Former Corbeil" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Recitals;

"Former SLH" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Recitals;

"Filing Date" means June 22, 2017;

"Final Determination" and "Finally Determined" as pertains to a Claim, matter or issue, means either:

- (a) in respect of a Claim, such Claim has been finally determined for distribution purposes in accordance with the applicable Claims Procedure Order (or Warranty Claims Protocol, if such Claim is a Reimbursable Warranty Claim) and the Plan;
- (b) there has been a Final Order in respect of the matter or issue; or
- (c) there has been an agreed and binding settlement of the issue or matter by the relevant parties;

**"Final Distribution**" means the final Plan Distribution made under the Plan by the Monitor, on behalf of the Sears Canada Entities;

"Final Distribution Bar Date" has the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 7.5(b);

"Final Distribution Certificate" means a certificate of the Monitor to be posted by the Monitor on the Website indicating that the Monitor intends to make a Final Distribution on a specified date not less than ninety (90) days following the date of the certificate, and a copy of which certificate shall be served on the Service List in the CCAA Proceedings and filed with the Court;

**"Final Order**" means an Order of the Court, which has not been reversed, modified or vacated, and is not subject to any stay or appeal, and for which any and all applicable appeal periods have expired;

"FSRA CEO" means the Chief Executive Officer of the Financial Services Regulatory Authority of Ontario as administrator of the Pension Benefits Guarantee Fund (Ontario) in his capacity as administrator of the Pension Benefit Guarantee Fund;

"FTI" means FTI Consulting Canada Inc.;

"Governance Protocol Order" means the Governance Protocol and Stay Extension Order of the Court made December 3, 2018 (as such order may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time) establishing a governance protocol for the Sears Canada Entities;

"Governmental Authority" means any government, including any federal, provincial, territorial or municipal government, and any government department, body, ministry, agency, tribunal, commission, board, court, bureau or other authority exercising or purporting to exercise executive, legislative, judicial, regulatory or administrative functions of, or pertaining to, government including without limitation any Taxing Authority;

"**Government Priority Claims**" means all claims of Governmental Authorities that are described in section 6(3) of the CCAA;

"**Guarantee**" means any guarantee, indemnity, surety or similar agreement granted by a Person to guarantee, indemnify or otherwise hold harmless any other Person from or against any losses, liabilities or damages of that other Person;

"**Hardship Process**" means the former employee hardship application process that was established pursuant to Order of the Court dated August 18, 2017, as same has been amended and extended from time to time as approved by the Court;

"Initial Order" has the meaning given to it in the Recitals;

"Initial Distribution Date" means the first date on which Plan Distributions are made under the Plan;

"Insurance Policy" means any insurance policy pursuant to which any Sears Canada Entity is insured, and for greater certainty excludes any insurance policy pursuant to which any Director, Officer or third party is insured;

"Insured Claim" means all or that portion of a Claim against a Sears Canada Entity that is insured under an Insurance Policy, but solely to the extent that such Claim, or portion thereof, is so insured, and only as against such insurance, but does not include Settled Litigation Claims;

"KERP Priority Charge" has the meaning given to such term in the Initial Order;

"KERP Subordinated Charge" has the meaning given to such term in the Initial Order;

"Landlord" means a landlord under any real property lease or occupancy agreement for any of the Applicants' premises;

"Landlord Cost Payment" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 5.105.9;

"Landlord Settlement Agreement" means, in respect of a Landlord, either (i) the Landlord Claim Formula Term Sheet dated July 26, 2018 entered into among such Landlord and the Monitor, (ii) any joinder agreement entered into among such Landlord and the Monitor with respect to the same, or (iii) the settlement agreement dated November 30, 2018 entered into between the Monitor and Blaney McMurtry LLP on behalf of such Landlord;

"Liability" means any indebtedness, obligations and other liabilities of a Person whether absolute, accrued, contingent, fixed or otherwise, or whether due or to become due;

"Lien" means any lien, mortgage, charge, security interest, hypothec or deemed trust, arising pursuant to contract, statute or Applicable Law;

"Litigation Approval Orders" means the TUV Proceedings Approval Order and the Litigation Trustee Appointment Order;

"Litigation Costs" means costs incurred from and after December 3, 2018 in respect of: (a) the Monitor's fees and disbursements (including of its legal counsel and other consultants and advisors) in connection with the pursuit of the TUV Claim; (b) the Litigation Trustee's fees and disbursements (including of its legal counsel and other consultants and advisors) in connection with the pursuit of the LT Claims: (c) any third party fees in connection with the pursuit of the TUV Claim and LT Claims; (d) any adverse cost awardsagainst Sears Canada, the Monitor or the Litigation Trustee in connection with the pursuit of the TUV-Claim and LT Claims; and (e) any other reasonable amounts in respect of any contingency desirable ornecessary for the pursuit of the TUV Claim and LT Claims, as the Monitor may determine, in consultationwith the Litigation Trustee and Creditors' Committee (as continued in the Litigation Trustee Appointment-Order);"Litigation Costs Recovery Fund" means a cash fund to be established from the aggregate of the Litigation Cost Recovery Amounts, to be reserved by the Monitor on an accounting basis, for the purpose of paying or recovering the Litigation Costs, from time to time, which amount may be increased by the Monitor from time to time as deemed necessary to satisfy any Monitor's Cost Indemnity Claim orthe Litigation Trustee's Indemnity or any adverse cost awards against Sears Canada, the Monitor or the Litigation Trustee in connection with the pursuit of the TUV Claim and LT Claims, provided that any such increase shall be funded pro rata from distributions otherwise payable to all Sears Opt-In Creditors. The Monitor will consult with the Litigation Trustee and the Creditors' Committee prior to any increase in the Litigation Cost Recovery Fund to an amount in excess of the Litigation Cost Recovery Amount, except in the case of any increases determined by the Monitor or by order of the Court to be necessary to satisfy any potential Monitor's Cost Indemnity Claim or Litigation Trustee's Indemnity orand (d) any adverse cost awards against Sears Canada, the Monitor or the Litigation Trustee in connection with the pursuit of the TUV Claim and LT Claims;

"Litigation Cost Recovery Amount" means, in respect of the first Plan Distribution to be made to each Sears Opt-In Creditor with a Proven Affected Unsecured Claim, whether at the Initial Distribution Date or otherwise, an amount equal to the product of (a) such first Plan Distribution; and (b) a fraction, the numerator of which is \$12 million, and the denominator of which is the aggregate the amount of all Plan-Distributions to be made to Sears Opt-In Creditors with Proven Affected Unsecured Creditors on the Initial-Distribution Date, without considering any deduction of Litigation Cost Recovery Amounts; a portion of the Litigation Recoveries in an amount equal to the Litigation Costs, which shall be transferred to the Sears Cash Pool as a reimbursement of Litigation Costs previously paid by Sears Canada;

"Litigation Recoveries" means any-net recoveries received by or on behalf of any of the Sears Canada Entities from time to time on account of the LT Claims and TUV Claim;

"Litigation Recoveries Pool" means the aggregate amount of Litigation Recoveries, determined on the Distribution Date immediately prior to any Cash Pool/Holdback Adjustment;"Litigation Reimbursement Amount" means the amount of Litigation Costs paid or accrued up to the Initial Distribution Date; net of the Litigation Cost Recovery Amount;

"Litigation Trustee" means the Honourable J. Douglas Cunningham, Q.C. in his capacity as litigation trustee in respect of the LT Claims, as appointed pursuant to the Litigation Trustee Appointment Order, and any individual replacing Mr. Cunningham in such capacity pursuant to an Order of the Court;

"Litigation Trustee Appointment Order" means the Order of the Court dated December 3, 2018 (as such order may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time), and which, among other things, appointed the Litigation Trustee and authorized and directed him to pursue the LT Claims;

"Litigation Trustee's Charge" means the charge over the Property of Sears Canada created by paragraph 12 of the Litigation Trustee Appointment Order, and which has the priority provided by such paragraph;

"Litigation Trustee's Indemnity" means the indemnity provided by Sears Canada in favour of the Litigation Trustee pursuant to paragraph 9 of the Litigation Trustee Appointment Order;

"**LT Claims**" means any claims pursued by the Litigation Trustee pursuant to the Litigation Trustee Appointment Order;

"**LT/TUV Litigation**" means, collectively, the TUV Claim and the LT Claims<del>. "**LT/TUV Litigation Payment Reduction**" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 5.6(a);</del>

"Mediated Claim Settlements" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Recitals;

"**Meetings**" means the meetings of Affected Unsecured Creditors in the Unsecured Creditor Classes in respect of the SLH Parties and the Sears Parties, and called for the purposes of considering and voting in respect of the Plan, which has been set by the Meetings Order to take place at the times, dates and locations as set out in the Meetings Order;

"Meetings Order" means the Order of the Court dated February 15, 2019, <u>as amended and restated</u>, among other things, setting the time, date and location of the Meetings and establishing meeting procedures for the Meetings (as such order may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time);

"Monitor" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Recitals;

**"Monitor's Cost Indemnity Claim**" means the claim provided for under paragraph 8 of the TUV Proceeding Approval Order allowing the Monitor to claim for indemnity against the Property to satisfy any legal costs associated with the TUV Claim and which may be awarded against the Monitor;

"**Non-ERC Employee**" means any of the following Employees (i) Unionized Employee; (ii) any Employee who is currently or was previously a member of senior management of any of the Sears Canada Entities and who was not eligible for representation by Employee Representative Counsel; and (iii) any Employee who was eligible for representation by Employee Representative Counsel and who opted out of such representation in accordance with the requirements contained in the Employee Representative Counsel Order made July 13, 2017, as amended;

"Non-Released Claim" means, collectively:

(a) Sears Canada Entities' obligations under the Plan (including the right of Affected Unsecured Creditors to receive distributions pursuant to the Plan);

- (b) any claim against a Released Party that is determined by a Final Order of a court of competent jurisdiction to have arisen from such Released Party's fraud or wilful misconduct; (c) any claim that arises out of or relates to the dividend paid to shareholders of Sears Canada on December 6, 2013 in the amount of approximately \$509 million, including, but not limited to, (i) claims asserted in the LT/TUV Litigation or the Pension/Dealer Litigation, (ii) any crossclaims against named defendants in the LT/TUV Litigation or Pension/Dealer Litigation, or (iii) any claims over arising from the LT/TUV Litigation or Pension/Dealer Litigation against any other Person; and not otherwise a Settled Litigation Claim released by the Director Settlement Approval Order or the ESL Settlement Approval Order;
- (c) (d) any Unaffected Claims as against the Sears Released Parties;
- (d) (e) any D&O Claim that is not permitted to be released pursuant to section 5.1 (2) of the CCAA, other than a Settled Litigation Claim released pursuant to the Director Settlement Approval Order or the ESL Settlement Approval Order;
- (e) (f) any obligation secured by any of the CCAA Charges; and
- (f) (g) claims against Employees to the extent described in Section 9.1(a)(ii);

"**Notice of Transfer or Assignment**" means a written notice of transfer or assignment of a Claim, together with satisfactory evidence of such transfer or assignment in accordance with the applicable Claims Procedure Order and the Meetings Order;

"**Officer**" means any Person who is or was, or may be deemed to be or have been, whether by statute, operation of law or otherwise, an officer or *de facto* officer of any of the Sears Canada Entities;

**"OPEB**" means health and dental post-employment benefits and/or life insurance benefits, each as provided by any of the Sears Canada Entities as a post-employment benefit;

"Ordinary Course Post-Filing Intercompany Position" means, in respect of a Debtor Group, the net aggregate of all amounts payable by and receivable of such Debtor Group to or from the other Debtor Groups on account of transactions (which for greater certainty shall exclude all (a) post-filing professional fees, (b) amounts repaid on account of principal, interest and fees under the DIP Loan Agreements, and (c) shared services overhead) between such Debtor Groups after the Filing Date;

"Payee Party" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 7.3;

"Payment Amount" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 7.3;

"Payor Party" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 7.3;

**"Pension 2013 Dividend Claim**" means the claim bearing court file number CV-18-00611217-00CL commenced by the Pension Plan Administrator against ESL Investments, Inc., certain Affiliates of ESL Investments, Inc., Edward S. Lampert, and certain former directors and officers of Sears Canada Inc.;

"Pension Claim Settlement" means the settlement between the Sears Canada Entities, Monitor and the Pension Parties as made further to the Pension Support Agreement, and pursuant to which (a) the Pension Claims will be allowed as Proven Affected Unsecured Claims by the Monitor for the purposes of the Plan in the amounts and subject to the exceptions as agreed to by the partiesaccordance with Section <u>3.2(a)(iii)</u>, (b) the Pension Parties will discontinue the Deemed Trust Motions upon implementation of the Plan; and (c) the Pension Parties have agreed to adjust the value of the Pension Claims for distribution purposes, and reimburse the Sears Canada Parties, as applicable, in accordance with Sections 3.2(b) and 5.2(b) of the Plan;

"**Pension Claims**" means Claims with respect to the administration, funding or termination of the Pension Plan, including any Claim for unpaid normal cost payments, or special/amortization payments or any wind up deficiency, and further including any subrogated claim, and "**Pension Claim**" means any one of them;

"**Pension/Dealer Litigation**" means together the Dealer 2013 Dividend Claim and the Pension 2013 Dividend Claim;

"Pension Litigation Recovery Adjustment" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 3.2(b);

"**Pension Parties**" means the Pension Plan Administrator, the <u>SuperintendentESRA CEO</u> and Pension Representative Counsel on behalf of the Retirees, and "**Pension Party**" means any one of them;

"**Pension Plan**" means the Registered Retirement Plan (Reg. #0360065), a pension plan registered under the Ontario *Pension Benefits Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.8 and *Income Tax Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. 1 (5th Supp.);

"**Pension Plan Administrator**" means Morneau Shepell Ltd. in its capacity as administrator of the Sears Pension Plan;

"**Pension Representative Counsel**" means Koskie Minsky LLP, as appointed by the Court pursuant to the Representative Counsel Order for Pensions and Post-Retirement Benefits made July 13, 2017 (as amended);

"Pension Representatives" means Bill Turner, Ken Eady and Larry Moore;

"**Pension Support Agreement**" means the Pension Support Agreement dated October 18, 2018 among the Pension Plan Administrator, the <u>SuperintendentFSRA CEO</u> and Pension Representative Counsel, and the Sears Canada Entities by and through the Monitor<u>, as amended from time to time</u>;

**"Person**" means any individual, firm, corporation, limited or unlimited liability company, general or limited partnership, association, trust (including a real estate investment trust), unincorporated organization, joint venture, government or any agency or instrumentality thereof or any other entity;

**"Plan**" means this joint plan of compromise and arrangement under the CCAA, including the Schedules hereto, as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time;

"**Plan Distributions**" means, from time to time, distributions made under this Plan to Affected Unsecured Creditors in accordance with Article 7 and Sections 5.2(c), 5.3(a), and <u>5.105.9</u>;

**"Plan Implementation Date**" means the Business Day on which all of the conditions precedent to the implementation of the Plan have been fulfilled, or, to the extent permitted pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Plan, waived, as evidenced by filing of the Monitor's Plan Implementation Date Certificate with the Court;

**"Plan Implementation Date Certificate**" means the certificate substantially in the form to be attached to the Sanction Order to be filed by the Monitor with the Court, declaring that all of the conditions precedent to implementation of the Plan have been satisfied or waived;

"Plan Modification" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Meetings Order;

"**Post-Filing Claim**" means (i) any right or claim of any Sears Supplier against any of the Sears Canada Entities in connection with any non-payment by any such Sears Canada Entity to such Sears Supplier for goods or services supplied to such Sears Canada Entity on or after the Filing Date to the extent such right or claim is a Proven Claim; (ii) a Warranty Claim that arises under a Warranty purchased on or after the Filing Date, as valued in accordance with Section 5.3(b); and (iii) any Claim against any of the Sears Canada Entities that is not included in (i) or (ii) above and is based in whole on facts arising after the Filing Date (which shall exclude, for greater certainty, any Restructuring Period Claim)-:

"**PRC Retiree**" means any Retiree who is represented by Pension Representative Counsel and has primary coverage entitlements with respect to any entitlements to health and dental post-employment benefits and/or life insurance benefits provided by any Sears Canada Entity as a post-employment benefit and ;

"Pre-Filing Claim" means any right or claim of any Person against any of the Sears Canada Entities, whether or not asserted, including in connection with any indebtedness, liability or obligation of any kind whatsoever of any such Sears Canada Entity to such Person, in existence on the Filing Date, whether or not such right or claim is reduced to judgment, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured, unsecured, perfected, unperfected, present, future, known, or unknown, by guarantee, surety or otherwise, and whether or not such right is executory or anticipatory in nature, including rights or claims with respect to any Assessment, Construction Claim, Warranty, any claim brought by any representative plaintiff on behalf of a class in a class action, or contract, or by reason of any equity interest, right of ownership of or title to property or assets or right to a trust or deemed trust (statutory, express, implied, resulting, constructive or otherwise), and any right or ability of any Person to advance a claim for contribution or indemnity or otherwise against any of the Sears Canada Entities with respect to any matter, action, cause or chose in action, whether existing at present or commenced in the future, which right or claim, including in connection with indebtedness, liability or obligation, is based in whole or in part on facts that existed prior to the Filing Date, including for greater certainty any claim against any of the Sears Canada Entities for indemnification by any Director or Officer in respect of a D&O Claim;

**"Pre-Filing Interco Claims**" means the Pre-Filing Claims of the Sears Canada Entities in one Debtor Group against the Sears Canada Entities in any other Debtor Group, as set out in Schedule B to the Plan;

"**Pre-Filing Interco Pro Rata Share**" means, in respect of Debtor Group holding a Pre-Filing Interco Claim against another Debtor Group (after accounting for all applicable set-off amounts), the fraction that is equal to (a) such Pre-Filing Interco Claim, divided by (b) the aggregate of all Affected Unsecured Claims, including all Pre-Filing Interco Claims held by all Sears Canada Entities against such Debtor Group;

"**Pre-Filing Warranty Claim**" means a Warranty Claim in which the underlying Warranty was purchased from a Sears Canada Entity prior to the Filing Date;

"Principal Claim" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 4.5;

"**Priority Claims**" means, collectively, the (a) Employee Priority Claims; and (b) Government Priority Claims;

"**Proof of Claim**" means the applicable proof of claim form that was required to be completed by a Creditor setting forth its applicable Claim and filed with the Monitor (including via the Website), pursuant to the applicable Claims Procedure Order;

"**Property**" means all current and future assets, rights, undertakings and properties of the Sears Canada Entities, of every nature and kind whatsoever, and wherever situate, including all Cash or other proceeds thereof;

**"Proven Affected Third Party Unsecured Claim**" means an Affected Third Party Unsecured Claim that is a Proven Claim;

"Proven Affected Unsecured Claim" means an Affected Unsecured Claim that is a Proven Claim;

"**Proven Claim**" means (a) a Claim as Finally Determined for voting, distribution and payment purposes in accordance with the applicable Claims Procedure Order and the Plan, (b) in the case of a Pre-Filing Interco Claim, as such Claim is valued for the purposes of the Plan pursuant to Section 3.2(a)(i) of the Plan, (c) in the case of the Pension Claims, as such Claims are valued for the purposes of the Plan pursuant to Section 3.2 of the Plan, 3.2, and (d) in the case of a Reimbursable Warranty Claim, as Finally Determined for distribution and payment purposes in accordance with the Warranty Claims Protocol;

"Proven Priority Claim" means a Priority Claim that is a Proven Claim;

"Proven Reimbursable Warranty Claim" means a Reimbursable Warranty Claim that is a Proven Claim;

"Proven Secured Claim" means a Secured Claim that is a Proven Claim;

"**Receivership Order**" means the Amended and Restated Receivership Order dated October 16, 2018 (as such order may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time, and including all schedules and appendices thereof);

"**Reimbursable Warranty Claim**" means the Pre-Filing Warranty Claim of a Creditor that has incurred costs that would be reimbursable under the terms of the underlying Warranty;

"**Released Claim**" means the matters that are subject to release and discharge pursuant to Article 9 hereof<u>and, for greater certainty, shall include Settled Litigation Claims</u>;

"**Released Party**" means any Person who is the beneficiary of a release under the Plan, including the Sears Released Parties and the Third Party Released Parties;

"**Required Majority**" means, with respect to each Unsecured Creditor Class, a majority in number of Affected Unsecured Creditors who represent at least two-thirds in value of the Voting Claims of such Affected Unsecured Creditors in each case who actually vote on the Plan (in person, by proxy or by ballot) at the applicable Meeting or who were deemed to vote on the Plan in accordance with the Plan and the Meeting Order;

"**Reserves**" means, collectively, the Administrative Reserve, the Unresolved Claims Reserve for Former Corbeil, the Unresolved Claims Reserve for the Sears Parties, the Unresolved Claims Reserve for the SLH Parties, and any other reserve the Monitor, considers necessary or appropriate, as each of them may be adjusted from time to time in accordance with the Plan;

"**Restructuring Period Claim**" means any right or claim of any Person against any of the Sears Canada Entities, including in connection with any indebtedness, liability or obligation of any kind whatsoever of any such Sears Canada Entity to such Person, arising on or after the Filing Date, including without limitation rights or claims arising with respect to the restructuring, disclaimer, resiliation, termination or breach by such Sears Canada Entity on or after the Filing Date of any contract, lease or other agreement whether written or oral; but excluding any Post-Filing Claim;

"**Retiree**" means any Person with any (i) entitlements under the Sears Pension Plan; (ii) entitlements under the Supplemental Plan; (iii) primary coverage entitlements with respect to any entitlements to health and dental post-employment benefits and/or life insurance benefits provided by any Sears Canada Entity as a post-employment benefit; (iv) entitlements to the lifetime associate discount provided as a post-employment benefit (including, for greater certainty, current and former Employees who qualify for this discount by virtue of satisfying applicable age and service eligibility criteria); or (v) entitlements under any other pension or retirement plan of the Sears Canada Entities;

"Retiree Claim" means a "Retiree Claim" as defined in the Claims Procedure Order (E&R);

"**Sanction Order**" means the Order of the Court to be sought by the Monitor from the Court as contemplated under the Plan which, *inter alia*, approves and sanctions the Plan and the transactions contemplated thereunder, pursuant to section 6(1) of the CCAA;

"Sears Canada" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Recital A;

"Sears Canada Subordinated Transport Loan" means the loan entered into on January 29, 2016 under which Former SLH borrowed \$160 million from Sears Canada further to the Tax Loss Utilization Structure, and further to which repayment of principal, interest, and other amounts is subordinated in right of payment to the prior payment of all other present and future indebtedness and other obligations of Former SLH;

"Sears Canada Entities" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Recitals, and "Sears Canada Entity" means any one of them;

"**Sears Cash**" means all Cash of the Sears Parties as at the Filing Date, including but not limited to the Sears Parties' Cash on hand, and all Cash that is received by any of the Sears Parties following Filing Date, whether from the sale, disposition or monetization of any remaining assets, receipt of any Tax Refund or any other Cash received by the Sears Parties from time to time, less:

- (a) Cash actually spent or distributed by the Sears Parties since the Filing Date but prior to the Plan Implementation Date,
- (b) the amount of the Sears Reserves, and
- (c) the amount of any Plan Distributions, payments on account of Proven Unaffected Claims, or payments made pursuant to or as contemplated by the Plan, attributable to or on behalf of the Sears Parties

plus or minus, as applicable,

(d) the Sears Parties' Cost Allocation Amount and Ordinary Course Post-Filing Intercompany Position, all as attributable to or on behalf of the Sears Parties,

but excluding any Litigation Recoveries <u>(other than any portion of the Litigation Cost Recovery</u> <u>Amount reimbursed in accordance with this Plan</u>);

**"Sears Cash Pool**" means the Sears Cash available for distribution to the Affected Unsecured Creditors of the Sears Parties with Proven Affected Unsecured Claims under the Plan, calculated on each Distribution Date, immediately prior to any Cash Pool/Holdback Adjustment, and including any amounts re-contributed by the Dealer Representative Plaintiff, on behalf of the Dealers, to the Sears Cash Pool in accordance with Section 5.2(c)(iv)-:

"Sears Opt-In Creditor" means a Creditor of the Sears Parties, other than a Sears Opt-Out Creditor;

"Sears Opt-Out Creditor" means any Creditor of the Sears Parties who provides an opt-out notice to the Monitor in accordance with, and at the times required by, the TUV Proceeding Approval Order;

"Sears Parties" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 3.1(a), and "Sears Party" means any one of them;

"Sears Released Parties" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 9.1(a), and "Sears Released Party" means any one of them;

"Sears Reserves" means, collectively, the Unresolved Claims Reserve for the Sears Parties, that portion of the Administrative Reserve allocated in accordance with the Cost Allocation Methodology to the Sears Parties, and any other reserve the Monitor considers necessary or appropriate, as each of them may be adjusted from time to time in accordance with the Plan;

"**Sears Supplier**" means any Person who has supplied goods or services, including by way of their employment, to any Sears Canada Entity;

"Section 19(2) Claims" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 5.135.12;

"Secured Claims" means a Claim that is secured by a Lien;

"Secured Creditors" means Creditors holding Secured Claims;

**"Service List**" means the service list maintained by the Monitor in the CCAA Proceedings, as updated from time to time and posted on the Website;

**"Settled Litigation Claims"** means both: (i) the "Released Claims" as defined in a Settlement and Release Agreement dated July 27, 2020 among Sears Canada by its Litigation Trustee, the Monitor, the Pension Plan Administrator, the Dealer Representative Plaintiff, the FSRA CEO, and the Director Settling Defendants; and (ii) the "Released Claims" as defined in the Settlement and Release Agreement dated September 17, 2020 among Sears Canada by its Litigation Trustee, the Monitor, the Pension Plan Administrator, the Dealer Representative Plaintiff and the ESL Parties;

"Settling Defendants" means the Director Settling Defendants and the ESL Parties:

"Settling Defendant Released Indemnity Claims" means, in respect of a Settling Defendant, the right of such Settling Defendant to assert, or receive a distribution in respect of, Claims for indemnification for legal expenses, settlement amounts, or judgments or otherwise relating to the subject matter of the Settled Litigation Claims, but does not include other Claims that such Settling Defendant may have that are unrelated to the subject matter of the Settled Litigation Claims;

<u>"Settlement Approval Orders</u>" means (i) the Order of the Court granted on August 25, 2020 approving the Director Settlement; and (ii) the Order of the Court granted on September 18, 2020 approving the ESL Parties Settlement;

"**SLH Cash**" means all Cash on hand of the SLH Parties as at the Filing Date, plus the proceeds of sale of the SLH Transaction, and all Cash that is received by any of the SLH Parties following the Filing Date, whether from the sale, disposition or monetization of any remaining assets, receipt of any Tax Refund or any other Cash received by the SLH Parties from time to time, less:

- (a) Cash actually spent or distributed by the SLH Parties since the Filing Date but prior to the Plan Implementation Date,
- (b) the amount of the SLH Reserves, and
- (c) the amount of any Plan Distributions, payments on account of Proven Unaffected Claims, or payments made pursuant to or as contemplated by the Plan, attributable to or on behalf of the SLH Parties,

plus or minus, as applicable,

(d) the SLH Parties' Cost Allocation Amount and Ordinary Course Post-Filing Intercompany Position;

**"SLH Cash Pool**" means the SLH Cash available for distribution to the Affected Unsecured Creditors of the SLH Parties with Proven Affected Unsecured Claims under the Plan, calculated on the Plan Implementation Date and each Distribution Date, immediately prior to any Cash Pool/Holdback Adjustment;

"SLH Parties" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 3.1(b), and "SLH Party" means any one of them;

"**SLH Reserves**" means, collectively, the Unresolved Claims Reserve for the SLH Parties, that portion of the Administrative Reserve as allocated in accordance with the Cost Allocation Methodology to the SLH Parties, and any other reserve the Monitor considers necessary or appropriate, as each of them may be adjusted from time to time in accordance with the Plan;

"**SLH Transaction**" means the sale transaction contemplated by the asset purchase agreement between Former SLH, Sears Canada, and 168886, as sellers, and 8507597 Canada Inc., as purchaser, dated September 29, 2017 and approved by the Court on October 4, 2017;

"**Specified Advisors**" means, collectively, Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP, BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc., CBRE Limited, Bennett Jones LLP (as legal counsel to the Board of Directors, and Special Committee of the Board of Directors of Sears Canada Inc.), <u>Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP (as counsel to certain Directors and Officers)</u>, and KSV Advisory Inc. (as financial advisor to the Special Committee of the Board of Directors of Sears Canada Inc.);

"Specified Payee Party" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 7.3(b);

**"Superintendent**" means the Ontario Superintendent of Financial Services in his capacity as administrator of the Pension Benefit Guarantee Fund;

**"Supplemental Plan**" means the Sears Canada Inc. Supplementary Retirement Plan, a non-registered supplemental pension plan maintained to provide enhanced pension benefits to eligible members of the defined benefit component of the Sears Pension Plan that are not provided under the Sears Pension Plan;

"**Tax**" and "**Taxes**" means any and all taxes including all income, sales, use, goods and services, harmonized sales, value added, capital gains, alternative, net worth, transfer, profits, withholding, payroll, employer health, excise, franchise, real property, and personal property taxes and other taxes, customs, duties, fees, levies, imposts and other Assessments or similar charges in the nature of a tax, including Canada Pension Plan and provincial pension plan contributions, employment insurance and unemployment insurance payments and workers' compensation premiums, together with any instalments with respect thereto, and any interest, penalties, fines, fees, other charges and additions with respect thereto;

**"Taxing Authorities**" means Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada, Her Majesty the Queen in right of any province or territory of Canada, any municipality of Canada, the Canada Revenue Agency, the Canada Border Services Agency, any similar revenue or taxing authority of Canada and each and every province or territory of Canada (including Revenu Québec) and any political subdivision thereof and any Canadian or foreign government, regulatory authority, government department, agency, commission, bureau, minister, court, tribunal or body or regulation making entity exercising taxing authority or power, and **"Taxing Authority**" means any one of the Taxing Authorities;

**"Tax Loss Utilization Structure**" means the existing tax loss utilization structure of the Sears Canada Entities identified at paragraphs 79 to 82 of the Monitor's Sixteenth Report made April 2, 2018;

**"Tax Refunds**" means refunds of any amounts paid by the Sears Canada Entities on account of Taxes, refunded to such Sears Canada Entities from time to time by the applicable Taxing Authorities;

#### "Third Party Pro Rata Share" means:

- (a) in respect of a distribution (other than in respect of a distribution of Litigation Recoveries or in respect of a Reimbursable Warranty Claim) to an Affected Third Party Unsecured Creditor with Proven Affected Third Party Unsecured Claims in respect of a Debtor Group other than Former Corbeil, the fraction that is equal to (i) the amount of the Proven Affected Unsecured Claim of such Affected Third Party Unsecured Creditor, divided by (ii) the aggregate of all Proven Affected Unsecured Claims held by Affected Third Party Unsecured Creditors, in each case in respect of such Debtor Group;
- (b) in respect of a distribution of Litigation Recoveries to a Sears Opt-In Creditor with Proven Affected Unsecured Claims, the fraction that is equal to (i) the amount of the Proven Affected Unsecured Claim(s) of such Sears Opt-In Creditor against the Sears Parties, divided by (ii) the aggregate of all Proven Affected Unsecured Claims held by Sears Opt-In Creditors against the Sears Parties; and
- (c) in respect of a distribution to an Affected Third Party Unsecured Creditor with Proven Reimbursable Warranty Claims, the fraction that is equal to (i) the amount of the Reimbursable Warranty Claim of such Affected Third Party Unsecured Creditor, divided by (ii) the aggregate of all Proven Reimbursable Warranty Claims held by Affected Third Party Unsecured Creditors;

"Third Party Released Party" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 9.1(b);

**"TUV Claim**" means the claim commenced by the Monitor pursuant to the TUV Proceeding Approval Order;

**"TUV Proceeding Approval Order**" means the Transfer at Undervalue Proceeding Approval Order issued by the Court on December 3, 2018 (as such order may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time), approving, among other things, the pursuit of the TUV Claim by the Monitor;

"Unaffected Claims" means:

- (a) Post-Filing Claims;
- (b) Insured Claims;
- (c) Secured Claims, including any claim secured by any CCAA Charge;
- (d) Landlord Cost Payments;
- (e) amounts payable under sections 6(3), 6(5) and 6(6) of the CCAA; <u>and</u>
- (f) Priority Claims; and
- (g) any adverse cost awards against Sears Canada, the Monitor or the Litigation Trustee in connection with the pursuit of the TUV Claim and LT Claims

"Unaffected Creditors" means Creditors holding Unaffected Claims;

"Undeliverable Distribution" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 7.5(a);

"**Unionized Employee**" means any Employee represented by a union pursuant to a collective agreement in connection with such Employee's employment with any of the Sears Canada Entities; "**Unresolved Affected Unsecured Claim**" means an Affected Unsecured Claim that is an Unresolved Claim;

"**Unresolved Claim**" means a Claim, which at the relevant time, in whole or in part: (a) has not been Finally Determined to be a Proven Claim in accordance with the applicable Claims Procedure Order and this Plan; or (b) is validly disputed and/or remains subject to review in accordance with the applicable Claims Procedure Order, including as to validity and/or quantum;

"Unresolved Claims Reserve" means, in respect of a Debtor Group, the aggregate of the reserves of the applicable Available Cash for such Debtor Group, to be held in respect of each Debtor Group on an accounting basis, in an aggregate amount to be calculated by the Monitor on the Initial Distribution Date, and recalculated as at any subsequent Distribution Date, equal to the amount that would have been paid if the full amount of all Unresolved Claims in respect of such Debtor Group are Proven Claims as at such later date, or such lesser amount as may be ordered by the Court;

"**Unresolved Priority Claim**" means a Government Priority Claim or Employee Priority Claim that is an Unresolved Claim;

"**Unresolved Voting Claim**" means the amount of the Unresolved Affected Unsecured Claim of an Affected Unsecured Creditor as determined in accordance with the terms of the applicable Claims Procedure Order entitling such Affected Unsecured Creditor to vote at the applicable Meeting in accordance with and subject to the limitations of the provisions of the Meetings Order, the Plan and the CCAA;

"Unsecured Claim" means a Claim that is not secured by any Lien;

"Unsecured Creditor Class" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 4.1;

"Upfront Dealer Payment" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 5.2(c);

"Valid Transferee" means the transferee or assignee of a Claim that has provided the Monitor with a Notice of Transfer or Assignment by no later than seven (7) days' prior to the Initial Distribution Date and has had such Claim transferred or assigned to it in accordance with the applicable Claims Procedure Order and the Meetings Order;

"**Voting Claim**" means the amount of the Affected Unsecured Claim of an Affected Unsecured Creditor as Finally Determined in the manner set out in the applicable Claims Procedure Order or as provided pursuant to Section <u>3.2 of the Plan, 3.2</u>, entitling such Affected Unsecured Creditor to vote at the applicable Meeting in accordance with the provisions of the Meetings Order, the Plan and the CCAA;

"**Warranty**" means a customer warranty offered pursuant to a valid and unexpired protection agreement issued by Sears Canada to its customer, and for greater certainty Warranty does not include any manufacturer's warranty;

"**Warranty Administration Costs**" means all costs incurred in connection with the administration of the Warranty Claims Protocol and of all distributions, disbursements, and payments under the Plan in respect of Reimbursable Warranty Claims;

"Warranty Claim" means a Claim in respect of a Warranty;

"**Warranty Claims Administrator**" means the claims administration firm selected by the Monitor for the purpose of administering the Warranty Claims Protocol ;

"Warranty Claims Bar Date" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 5.3(a)(iii);

"**Warranty Claims Protocol**" means a protocol to be developed and established by the Monitor, in consultation with the Warranty Claims Administrator, and pursuant to which the validity and quantum of Reimbursable Warranty Claims is be determined;

"**Warranty Payment Amount**" means, in respect of a Warranty, the original cash purchase price paid for such Warranty;

"Warranty Reimbursement Pool" means that portion of the Sears Cash as calculated pursuant to Section 5.3(a)(ii) and available firstly for the payment of all Warranty Administration Costs, and thereafter for distribution to Affected Unsecured Creditors with Proven Reimbursable Warranty Claims pursuant to Section 5.3(a)(v) of the Plan;

#### "Website"

means

www.cfcanada.fticonsulting.com/searscanadawww.cfcanada.fticonsulting.com/searscanada; and

"Withholding Obligation" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 7.2(b).

# Schedule B Pre-Filing Interco Claims

	Claimant(s)	Debtor(s)	Amount (Cdn\$)
Sum of Claims "Pre-1" and "Pre-8",as detailed in the 16 <sup>th</sup> Report	Sears Parties	Former Corbeil	\$16,158,037
Sum of Claims "Pre-2", "Pre-9", "Pre-10" and Pre-13", as detailed in the 16 <sup>th</sup> Report	SLH Parties	Sears Parties	\$10,654,979

## Schedule C Pension Claims

The Pension Claims of the Pension Parties shall be deemed to be comprised of the following:

- (a) a single Voting Claim against Sears Canada in the amount of Cdn\$249,792,000;
- (b) a single Voting Claim against the SLH Parties in the amount of Cdn\$10,408,000;
- (c) a single Proven Affected Unsecured Claim against Sears Canada solely for distribution purposes in the amount of Cdn\$624,480,000; and
- (d) a single Proven Affected Unsecured Claim against the SLH Parties solely for distribution purposes in the amount of Cdn\$26,020,000.

#### Schedule D Litigation Cost Recovery Amount Illustration

For illustrative purposes:

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- (a) the Monitor requires a Litigation Costs Recovery Fund of not less than \$12 million;-
- (b) as of the Initial Distribution Date, there are 2,000 Sears Opt-In Creditors each with Proven Affected Unsecured Claims against Sears Canada that would receive distributions under the Plan (before the Litigation Cost Recovery Amount) of \$50,000 each (or \$100 million in aggregate); and
- (c) as of the Initial Distribution Date, there are 1,000 Creditors holding Unresolved Affected Unsecured Claims against Sears Canada who would also be Sears Opt-In Creditors if such Claims were Finally Determined to be Proven Claims, and if so Finally Determined, each would receive distributions under the Plan (before the Litigation Cost Recovery Amount) of \$25,000 (or \$25 million in aggregate),

Then the Monitor would deduct a Litigation Cost Recovery Amount of \$6,000 (being 12% of \$50,000, and calculated as the fraction equal to the \$12 million required for the Litigation Costs Recovery Fund divided by \$100 million available for Plan Distributions at the Initial Distribution Date (before the deduction of Litigation Cost Recovery Amounts)) from the first Plan Distribution made to each Sears Opt-In Creditor referred to in subparagraph (B) above for a total of \$12 million. Having thereby already contributed their share to the Litigation Costs Recovery Amounts deducted from any of their future Plan Distributions.

The Monitor would also deduct \$3,000 (being 12% of \$25,000) from the Plan Distribution of \$25,000 madein respect of each Proven Claim of the Creditors referred to in subparagraph (C) above for the Litigation-Costs Recovery Fund, and in such circumstance more than \$12 million would be collected.

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SEARS CANADA INC., AND RELATED APPLICANTS

# TWENTY-NINTH REPORT OF FTI CONSULTING CANADA INC., AS MONITOR

February 6, 2019

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## 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 A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT OF SEARS CANADA INC., 9370-2751 QUÉBEC INC., 191020 CANADA INC., THE CUT INC., SEARS CONTACT SERVICES INC., INITIUM LOGISTICS SERVICES INC., INITIUM COMMERCE LABS INC., INITIUM TRADING AND SOURCING CORP., SEARS FLOOR COVERING CENTRES INC., 173470 CANADA INC., 2497089 ONTARIO INC., 6988741 CANADA INC., 10011711 CANADA INC., 1592580 ONTARIO LIMITED, 955041 ALBERTA LTD., 4201531 CANADA INC., 168886 CANADA INC. AND 3339611 CANADA INC.

APPLICANTS

## TWENTY-NINTH REPORT TO THE COURT SUBMITTED BY FTI CONSULTING CANADA INC., IN ITS CAPACITY AS MONITOR

# A. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY OF CCAA PROCEEDINGS

- On June 22, 2017, Sears Canada Inc. ("Sears Canada") and a number of its operating subsidiaries (collectively, with Sears Canada, the "Applicants") sought and obtained an initial order (as amended and restated on July 13, 2017, the "Initial Order"), under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, as amended (the "CCAA"). The relief granted pursuant to the Initial Order was also extended to Sears Connect, a partnership forming part of the operations of the Applicants (and together with the Applicants, the "Sears Canada Entities"). The proceedings commenced under the CCAA by the Applicants are referred to herein as the "CCAA Proceedings".
- 2. The Initial Order, among other things:

- (a) appointed FTI Consulting Canada Inc. ("FTI") as monitor of the Sears Canada Entities (the "Monitor") in the CCAA Proceedings;
- (b) granted an initial stay of proceedings against the Sears Canada Entities until July
  22, 2017 (the "Stay Period"); and
- (c) scheduled a comeback motion for July 13, 2017 (the "**Comeback Motion**").
- Following the Comeback Motion, the Court extended the Stay Period to October 4, 2017. In addition, the following orders, among others, were issued:
  - (a) the amended and restated Initial Order;
  - (b) an order setting out the terms of the appointment of Ursel Phillips Fellows Hopkinson LLP as representative counsel for the non-unionized active and former employees of the Sears Canada Entities ("Employee Representative Counsel"). A copy of this order is attached hereto as Appendix "B"; and
  - (c) an order setting out the terms of the appointment of Koskie Minsky LLP as representative counsel to the non-unionized retirees and non-unionized active and former employees of the Sears Canada Entities with respect to pension and postemployment benefit matters ("Pension Representative Counsel"). A copy of this order is attached hereto as Appendix "C".
- 4. On July 18, 2017, the Court issued an order approving an agreement and a process for the liquidation of inventory and FF&E at certain initial closing Sears Canada locations, which liquidation process was completed earlier in these proceedings.
- 5. On October 13, 2017, the Court issued, among other orders, an order approving an agreement and a process for the liquidation of the inventory and FF&E at all remaining Sears Canada retail locations, which liquidation commenced shortly thereafter and is now complete.

- 6. On December 8, 2017, the Court issued an Order (the "General Claims Procedure Order") approving a claims process for the identification, determination and adjudication of claims of creditors against the Sears Canada Entities and their Officers and Directors.
- 7. On February 22, 2018, the Court issued an Employee and Retiree Claims Procedure Order approving a process for the identification, determination and adjudication of claims of employees and retirees of the Sears Canada Entities. This Order also expanded the mandate of Pension Representative Counsel to include the representation of all unionized Retirees who do not opt out of such representation.
- 8. As described in prior reports, a mediation process (the "Mediation"), which was approved by the Court on May 9, 2018, was initiated to facilitate a resolution of certain of the most material disputed claims in the estate. The Mediation commenced on June 13, 2018 and continued thereafter with Regional Senior Justice Morawetz acting as mediator.
- 9. Further to the Mediation, the Monitor reached an agreement with substantially all landlords on a formula for the valuation of claims filed by landlords, excluding postfiling claims, environmental claims and D&O Claims.
- 10. The Monitor also reached an agreement with Morneau Shepell Ltd., as administrator of Sears Canada's Pension Plan (the "Pension Plan Administrator"), the Ontario Superintendent of Financial Services, as Administrator of the Pension Benefits Guarantee Fund, and Pension Representative Counsel (collectively, the "Pension Parties") on the terms of a resolution of the priority and quantum of the claim (the "Pension Claim") for the wind-up deficiency under the defined benefit component of the Pension Plan of Sears Canada (the "Pension Resolution").
- 11. Finally, the Mediation also recently resulted in an agreement on the resolution (the "Dealer Resolution") of a significant class action claim by certain of the "Sears Hometown" store dealers (collectively, the "Dealers"), as made by the Dealer Representative Plaintiff on their behalf.
- 12. The terms of each of these resolutions are to be implemented as part of the proposed joint plan of compromise and arrangement (the "**Plan**") that is the subject of this Report.

- 13. On December 3, 2018, the Court granted orders (the "**Litigation Orders**") that, among other things:
  - (a) authorized and empowered the Monitor to commence and continue a claim (the "Monitor 2013 Dividend Claim") against ESL Investments Inc., ESL Partners, LP, SPE I Partners, LP, SPE Master I, LP, ESL Institutional Partners, LP, Edward Lampert, William Harker and William Crowley, pursuant to Section 96 of the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. B-3, as amended, as incorporated into the CCAA under Section 36.1, relating to a dividend paid to shareholders of Sears Canada Inc. on December 6, 2013 in the amount of approximately \$509 million (the "2013 Dividend");
  - (b) appointed the Honourable J. Douglas Cunningham, Q.C. as an officer of the Court to be the litigation trustee (the "Litigation Trustee") over and in respect of certain claims of the Applicants arising from the 2013 Dividend and authorized the Litigation Trustee to commence claims, in his own name or on behalf of the Applicants, (the "Litigation Trustee Claims" and, together with the Monitor 2013 Dividend Claim, the "Estate 2013 Dividend Claims") against ESL Investments Inc. (and certain affiliates), Edward Lampert, William Crowley, William Harker, Donald Ross, Ephraim J. Bird, Deborah Rosati, R. Raja Khanna, James McBurney and Douglas Campbell; and
  - (c) lifted the stay of proceedings provided for in the Initial Order to allow these claims, as well as a claim by the Pension Plan Administrator (the "Pension 2013 Dividend Claim") and a claim by the Dealers (the "Dealer 2013 Dividend Claim"), each also arising from the 2013 Dividend, to be commenced or continued against the foregoing parties.

Copies of the Litigation Orders are attached hereto as Appendices "D" and "E".

 Statements of Claim in connection with the Estate 2013 Dividend Claims and the Pension 2013 Dividend Claim were issued on December 19, 2018. The Dealer 2013 Dividend Claim was commenced on October 21, 2015.

- 15. Also on December 3, 2018, the Court granted an Order extending the Stay Period to May 2, 2019 and establishing a governance protocol pursuant to which the Monitor has taken over supervision of the Sears Canada Entities' participation in the remaining matters to be completed in these proceedings (the "Governance Protocol Order"). A copy of the Governance Protocol Order is attached hereto as Appendix "F".
- 16. On January 7, 2019, in accordance with an Order of the Court granted on October 16, 2018, FTI was appointed as receiver of certain specified bank accounts of the Applicants (in such capacity, the "**Receiver**"). This appointment has been granted for the limited purpose of permitting former employees of the Applicants to access the Wage Earner Protection Program.
- 17. The liquidation of assets at Sears Canada's retail locations is now complete, all retail locations are closed, and leases in respect of such locations have been disclaimed or surrendered back to the landlord.
- 18. The only remaining material asset of Sears Canada, other than possible litigation-related assets, that has not been sold or is not subject to a binding sale agreement is a real property asset located in Barrie, Ontario.
- 19. In connection with the CCAA Proceedings, the Monitor has provided twenty-eight reports and twenty-one supplemental reports (collectively, the "**Prior Reports**"), and prior to its appointment as Monitor, FTI also provided to this Court a pre-filing report of the proposed Monitor dated June 22, 2017 (the "**Pre-Filing Report**"). The Pre-Filing Report, the Prior Reports and other Court-filed documents and notices in these CCAA Proceedings are available on the Monitor's website at cfcanada.fticonsulting.com/searscanada/ (the "**Monitor's Website**").

#### **B. PURPOSE**

20. The purpose of this twenty-ninth report of the Monitor (the "**29th Report**") is to provide:

- (a) the Court with information regarding the Monitor's request for an Order (the "Meetings Order") *inter alia* accepting the filing of the Sears Canada Entities' proposed Plan; and
- (b) the Monitor's description and assessment of the Plan.
- 21. This 29th Report will be included in the materials to be delivered to certain creditors and posted on the Monitor's Website in accordance with the Meetings Order, if granted.

#### C. TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 22. In preparing this 29th Report, the Monitor has relied upon audited and unaudited financial information of the Sears Canada Entities, the Sears Canada Entities' books and records, certain financial information and forecasts prepared by the Sears Canada Entities and discussions and correspondence with, among others, the senior management ("Management") of, and advisors to, the Sears Canada Entities (collectively, the "Information").
- 23. Except as otherwise described in this 29th Report:
  - (a) the Monitor has not audited, reviewed or otherwise attempted to verify the accuracy or completeness of the Information in a manner that would comply with Generally Accepted Assurance Standards pursuant to the *Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada Handbook*; and
  - (b) the Monitor has not examined or reviewed the financial forecasts or projections referred to in this 29th Report in a manner that would comply with the procedures described in the *Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada Handbook*.
- 24. Future-oriented financial information reported in or relied on in preparing this 29th Report is based on Management's assumptions regarding future events. Actual results will vary from these forecasts and such variations may be material.

- 25. The Monitor has prepared this 29th Report in connection with the Monitor's motion for the Meetings Order and to provide general information regarding the Plan. The 29th Report should not be relied on for any other purpose.
- 26. Unless otherwise stated, all monetary amounts contained herein are expressed in Canadian Dollars.
- 27. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan or, where not so defined, in the following documents filed as part of the CCAA Proceedings: (a) the affidavits of Mr. Billy Wong, the former Chief Financial Officer of Sears Canada; (b) the affidavit of Ms. Becky Penrice, the former Executive Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer of Sears Canada; (c) the affidavits of Mr. Philip Mohtadi, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Sears Canada; and (d) the Prior Reports.

# D. OVERVIEW OF PLAN

- 28. The Monitor, on behalf of the Sears Canada Entities, is seeking the granting of the Meetings Order which if granted would, *inter alia*:
  - (a) accept the filing of the Plan;
  - (b) approve the partial substantive consolidation of certain estates for the limited purposes of the Plan;
  - approve the classification of creditors for the purposes of voting on and receiving distributions under the Plan;
  - (d) authorize the convening of meetings of creditors to consider and vote on the Plan; and
  - (e) appoint Employee Representative Counsel and Pension Representative Counsel as deemed proxy holder for the creditors they respectively represent.
- 29. Capitalized terms used in this section and not otherwise defined have the meanings given to them in the Plan, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Appendix "A"**.

# Purpose of the Plan

- 30. The Governance Protocol Order provides that all matters related to a Plan, including, without limitation, the drafting of the Plan and bringing of any motion to the Court with respect thereto will be supervised and administered by the Monitor for the benefit of all creditors whose distributions will be determined in accordance with their legal entitlements or any negotiated resolutions resulting from the Claims Resolution Process (as defined in the Governance Protocol Order).
- 31. The Monitor proposes the Plan on behalf of all of the Applicants jointly and for the primary purposes of:
  - (a) implementing a distribution of the Applicants' remaining funds to their creditors in accordance with such creditors' legal entitlements and the settlements agreed to through the Mediation; and
  - (b) providing a mechanism for the Estate 2013 Dividend Claims to proceed for the benefit of the unsecured creditors of Sears Canada who have not opted out of sharing the costs of and the benefit of any recoveries from such claims; and
  - (c) implementing the terms of the settlements agreed to under the Mediation, including the Pension Resolution.
- 32. The Plan provides for interim distributions to be made from time to time on account of Proven Affected Unsecured Claims. No distributions in respect of an Affected Unsecured Claim will be made until it is a Proven Claim.

# Classification of Creditors and Substantive Consolidation

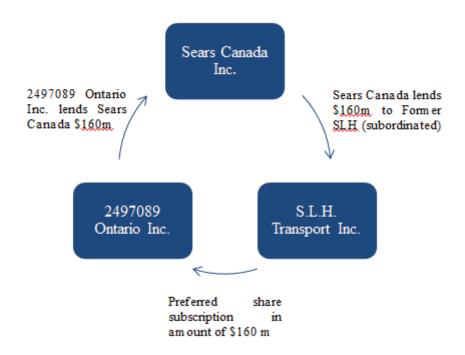
- 33. For the purposes of voting on the Plan and receiving distributions thereunder, the Plan provides for two classes of Affected Unsecured Creditors (each an "Unsecured Creditor Classe"), which are:
  - (a) the Sears Creditor Class, being all Affected Unsecured Creditors of any of the Sears Canada Entities other than 9370-2751 Québec Inc. ("Former Corbeil"),

191020 Canada Inc. ("Former SLH") and 168886 Canada Inc. ("168886") (collectively, the "Sears Parties"); and

- (b) the SLH Creditor Class, being all Affected Unsecured Creditors of Former SLH and 168886 (collectively, the "SLH Parties").
- 34. This voting structure is proposed to match the distribution structure under the Plan through which members of the Sears Creditor Class would be paid out of the assets of the Sears Parties, who would be partially substantively consolidated under the Plan, while the members of the SLH Creditor Class would be paid out of the assets of the SLH Parties, who would be similarly substantively consolidated.
- 35. With respect to Former Corbeil, as its creditors will be fully repaid under the Plan from its assets, they will not be entitled to vote on or approve the Plan.
- 36. The Monitor believes that the substantive consolidation of the Sears Parties is appropriate as each of them, other than Sears Canada, is a subsidiary of Sears Canada and has no material assets or creditors of its own other than inter-company receivables and claims. The substantive consolidation of these parties will not have any material impact on the recoveries of third party creditors of Sears Canada or any other Sears Party, relative to the recoveries that would have been obtained on a stand-alone basis for each of these entities. The Monitor notes however that such substantive consolidation will negate the pre-filing tax structuring transaction (defined in the Plan as the "Tax Loss Utilization Structure") described in greater detail below.
- 37. The Monitor views the limited substantive consolidation of Former SLH and 168886 as similarly appropriate. Former SLH is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sears Canada that carried on a stand-alone transportation and logistics business that was sold during these CCAA Proceedings. 168886 is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Former SLH that employed individuals to provide services to the business of Former SLH and did not have business operations independent of Former SLH. The substantive consolidation of these entities has the effect of increasing the pool of claims against the assets of Former SLH as 168886 has substantial claims against it that arise primarily from employees, but no

assets. The Monitor believes this outcome is justified in view of the fact that Former SLH had the benefit of the employees of 168886 during its operation and the two entities operated in a highly integrated manner.

- In 2016, Sears Canada and certain of its affiliates implemented the Tax Loss Utilization Structure as follows:
  - (a) Sears Canada incorporated a new subsidiary, 2497089 Ontario Inc., of which Sears Canada was the sole shareholder;
  - (b) Former SLH borrowed \$160 million from Sears Canada evidenced by a promissory note bearing interest at 10%. The payment of interest, principal and other amounts under this note are stated to be subordinated to the right of payment of all other present and future indebtedness and other obligations of Former SLH;
  - (c) Former SLH used the proceeds of this subordinated loan to subscribe for \$160 million of preferred shares in 2497089 Ontario Inc. with a stated return of 10.1% annually; and
  - (d) 2497089 Ontario Inc. then used the proceeds from the preferred share subscription to lend \$160 million on an interest-free basis back to Sears Canada (the "249-SCI Loan"), evidenced by a promissory note with no stated maturity and which is payable on demand.
- 39. A diagram illustrating the Tax Loss Utilization Structure is set out below:



- 40. As a result of the proposed substantive consolidation of the Sears Parties set out above and the implementation of the Plan:
  - (a) the claim of 2497089 Ontario Inc. against Sears Canada that would otherwise have arisen on the 249-SCI Loan would be effectively cancelled upon the consolidation of these entities' assets and claims;
  - (b) no distribution would be received by Former SLH on its preferred shares of 2497089 Ontario Inc. as this is an equity claim; and
  - (c) no distribution would be received by Sears Canada on account of its subordinated loan to Former SLH, as other non-subordinated creditors of Former SLH will not be paid in full.

The Monitor believes this is the appropriate result as it negates any substantive economic effect of a tax loss consolidation structure that was itself designed to be economically substantially neutral for all entities in a solvent going-concern scenario.

41. As indicated above, while Former Corbeil is a party to the Plan, the creditors of Former Corbeil will be fully repaid from the assets of Former Corbeil under the Plan and any residual assets of Former Corbeil will be distributed to Sears Canada, as the sole shareholder of Former Corbeil.

- 42. In the Monitor's view, the substantive consolidation as proposed under the Plan is appropriate in the circumstances. It recognizes that the Sears Parties all ultimately functioned to support the Sears Canada business and their respective creditors should share in its value to the extent there are any claims against such entities, which are minimal. Similarly, it recognizes that 168886 existed to support the business of Former SLH and its creditors should share in the value of that business.
- 43. Finally, the proposed structure recognizes that Former SLH and Former Corbeil carried on businesses that were independent from Sears Canada, had separate and unrelated creditor pools, and should provide recoveries to those separate creditor pools that reflect the value of the respective businesses of Former Corbeil and Former SLH, each on a stand-alone basis.
- 44. Under the structure of the Plan, the estimated recoveries to unsecured creditors of the SLH Parties and Former Corbeil are substantially higher than the estimated recoveries to unsecured creditors of the Sears Parties, as detailed in the table below.<sup>1</sup> If the Sears Canada Entities were all treated as one substantially consolidated debtor group, the result would be substantially lower recoveries for unsecured creditors of Former Corbeil and of the SLH Parties, with only modest increases to the estimated recoveries for unsecured creditors of Sears Canada.

Partia	lly Consolidated	Basis	Fully Consolidated Basis		
Sears Parties	Former Corbeil	SLH Parties	Sears Parties	Former Corbeil	SLH Parties
7.6%	100.0%	18.6%	7.9%	7.9%	7.9%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The estimated recoveries are based on certain forward-looking assumptions relating to each debtor group's cash realizations and claims pool, and include claims that are currently in dispute and subject to final determination. The estimated recovery figures may be subject to change.

# Pension Resolution

- 45. As described in the Twenty-Eighth Report of the Monitor, the Monitor and the Pension Parties reached agreement on the terms of Pension Resolution settling the priority and quantum of the Pension Claim for the purposes of the Plan.
- 46. The terms of the Pension Resolution are reflected in the Plan. The Pension Claim will be allowed as a single general unsecured claim for voting purposes in the amount of \$260.2 million (allocated 96% against Sears Canada and 4% against Former SLH) and allowed for distribution purposes at a value at 2.5 times the value of such claim as filed, resulting in a claim for distribution purposes of approximately \$26 million against Former SLH and approximately \$624.5 million against Sears Canada. No portion of the Pension Claim will be entitled to priority recovery and there would be no joint and several liability among any of the Sears Canada Entities for the Pension Claim. Certain adjustments are made to the value of the Pension Claim and the distributions on account of such claim in circumstances where litigation commenced by the Pension Plan Administrator in connection with the 2013 Dividend is successful.

# Distributions To Affected Unsecured Creditors Generally, Litigation Recoveries and Other Exceptions

47. Affected Unsecured Creditors with proven claims will receive a pro-rata share of the cash pool available to unsecured creditors in each substantively consolidated debtor group, after all costs of the CCAA Proceedings, priority payment amounts, reserves and intercompany distributions are accounted for. There are three exceptions to this *pro rata* treatment of Affected Unsecured Creditors under the Plan, which are described below.

# (a) Litigation Recoveries

48. The first exception to the *pro rata* treatment of all Affected Unsecured Creditors arises in connection with the claims being pursued by the Monitor and the Litigation Trustee regarding the 2013 Dividend. These claims are pursued for the benefit of creditors of the Sears Parties (other than creditors who opt out of such participation in accordance with the TUV Proceeding Approval Order). The Estate 2013 Dividend Claims do not benefit the creditors of the SLH Parties or Former Corbeil.

- 49. In accordance with the Litigation Order approving the pursuit of the Monitor 2013 Dividend Claim issued December 3, 2018 (the "TUV Proceeding Approval Order"), Affected Unsecured Creditors of Sears Canada are entitled to opt out of bearing the costs of and sharing in any recoveries from the Estate 2013 Dividend Claims. To do so, Affected Unsecured Creditors of Sears Canada must return a completed Opt-Out Notice (as defined in the TUV Proceeding Approval Order) so that it is received by the Monitor within 60 days after delivery of such Opt-Out Notice by the Monitor to such creditor. Any creditor who does opt out will not be required to share *pro rata* in the costs of pursuing the Estate 2013 Dividend Claims, but consequently will also not be entitled to share *pro rata* in any litigation recoveries that result.
- 50. In order to recover the existing and potential future costs associated with such Estate 2013 Dividend Claims from those Affected Unsecured Creditors of Sears Canada who do not opt out of participation in such litigation, the Monitor will hold back an amount from each such Affected Unsecured Creditor's distribution under the Plan. To the extent such amounts are never expended in connection with the Estate 2013 Dividend Claims, such amounts will be returned *pro rata* to the contributing Affected Unsecured Creditors. The ultimate result of this mechanism will be to ensure that each such creditor bears its *pro rata* share of the overall costs of the pursuit of the Estate 2013 Dividend Claims.
- 51. The Monitor cannot provide an estimate of the quantum or timing of any such litigation recoveries that may be available.

# (b) Indemnity and Contribution Claims

52. The second exception to *pro rata* treatment relates to potential indemnity claims of former directors and officers against Sears Canada as well as any claims for contribution by the other defendants to the Estate 2013 Dividend Claims or Sears Holdings Corporation and its affiliates (referred to in the Plan as the "ESL Parties"). Under the Plan, such claims will receive their notional *pro rata* recovery to the extent they are valid. However, the mechanism of achieving this *pro rata* distribution is different than the standard mechanism used for other Affected Unsecured Creditors. The amount otherwise payable by the director, officer or ESL Party to the Monitor or the Litigation Trustee on

account of the Estate 2013 Dividend Claims shall be subject to set-off of an amount equal to the distribution that such director, officer or ESL Party would otherwise have received on account of its indemnity or contribution claim as an Affected Unsecured Claim under the Plan, such that only the net payment by the director, officer or ESL Party, as applicable, shall be made. Pursuant to the Pension Resolution and the Dealer Resolution, the Pension Plan Administrator and the Dealer Representative Plaintiff have agreed to separate mechanisms that achieve the same goal.

#### (c) Warranty Claims

- 53. Claims arising from customer warranties issued by the Sears Canada Entities are the third exception to the *pro rata* treatment of Affected Unsecured Claims. Under the Plan, potential Warranty Claims arising from Warranties purchased prior to the Filing Date would be addressed as follows:
  - (a) the Monitor will establish a pool of funds (referred to in the Plan as the "Warranty Reimbursement Pool") in an amount equivalent to the amounts which would otherwise be distributable under the Plan on account of all Affected Unsecured Claims arising from Warranties purchased prior to the Filing Date ("Pre-Filing Warranty Claims"). For this purpose, these Pre-Filing Warranty Claims would be valued at the remaining unamortized value of their purchase price;
  - (b) the Monitor will provide public notice (by way of publication in *The Globe and Mail* and *La Presse*) of the treatment of Warranty Claims and of the right of a Warranty holder to submit a Reimbursable Warranty Claim (as defined below);
  - (c) a third party administrator selected by the Monitor that specializes in claims administration, will, subject to Monitor oversight, administer the Warranty reimbursement process, including the evaluation of claims and the administration of the Warranty Reimbursement Pool itself;
  - (d) holders of such Warranties would have 180 days from the date of implementation of the Plan to submit an application for reimbursement of any expenses that

would otherwise have been covered by the Warranty they hold (referred to in the Plan as a "**Reimbursable Warranty Claim**"). Following closure of the application period, applicants would no longer be permitted to submit an application for a Reimbursable Warranty Claim;

- (e) once all Reimbursable Warranty Claims have been determined, and all costs associated with administration of the warranty reimbursement process are paid, creditors who are determined to have proven Reimbursable Warranty Claims would receive payment in an amount equal to the lesser of (i) their Reimbursable Warranty Claim; or, (ii) their *pro rata* share of the Warranty Reimbursement Pool based upon the value of their Reimbursable Warranty Claims;
- (f) holders of claims arising under Warranties purchased on or after the Filing Date would, to the extent not previously refunded, receive payment equal to the remaining unamortized value (as at October 19, 2017)<sup>2</sup> of the original purchase price of the Warranty underlying their claim.

#### Unaffected Claims and Payments Other Than General Unsecured Creditor Distributions

- 54. The Plan does not affect: (a) post-filing claims; (b) secured claims; and (c) claims referred to in Sections 6(3) and 6(5) of the CCAA, if any. These amounts, if any, will be paid in full. With respect to the claims referred to in Section 6(6) of the CCAA, no such claims exist in this case.
- 55. The Plan does not affect insured claims to the extent of the Sears Canada Entities' available insurance, which claims will be paid from such available insurance if such insurance is finally determined to cover such claims.
- 56. The Plan also provides for a payment of \$2,272.72 per leased store location to each landlord that entered into a settlement agreement with the Sears Canada Entities as soon

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> On October 16, 2017, the Sears Canada Entities publicly announced by way of press release that from and after October 18, 2017, they would cease honouring Warranties.

as practicable after implementation of the Plan as a reimbursement of such landlords' costs incurred as part of the negotiation of the global landlord claim settlement entered into in connection with the Mediation. The landlord claim settlement was integral to ensuring the viability of this Plan as it provides certainty on landlord claim values, subject to limited exceptions.

57. The Dealer Representative Plaintiff will receive a payment of \$334,495 as soon as practicable following implementation of the Plan. The Dealer Representative Plaintiff will also share *pro rata* (based upon a claim valued at \$80,000,000) in any recoveries from the Estate 2013 Dividend Claims. The Dealer Representative Plaintiff will receive no other recoveries under the Plan. The Dealer Representative Plaintiff has also agreed to return the first \$334,495 received by the Dealer Representative Plaintiff from the Estate 2013 Dividend Claims recoveries for redistribution among the Affected Unsecured Creditors generally.

#### De Minimis Claims

58. The Monitor estimates recoveries for Affected Unsecured Creditors under the Plan to be less than 10% before any contingent litigation recoveries. In light of such estimated recoveries as well as the anticipated cost of making each individual distribution payment on Affected Unsecured Claims, it is uneconomical to make distributions on Affected Unsecured Claims of \$80 or less. For this reason, the Plan provides that no holder of Affected Unsecured Claim that is proven at \$80 or less (except Pre-Filing Warranty Claims, which are entitled solely to the recoveries described above) shall be entitled to any distributions under the Plan, and all such *de minimis* claims shall be cancelled and barred.

#### <u>Releases</u>

59. The Plan provides for releases in favour of (i) current and former directors, officer and employees, as well as certain counsel and advisors who have assisted in these CCAA Proceedings (the "Sears Released Parties"), (ii) the Monitor, FTI Consulting Canada Inc., in its capacity as Receiver (pursuant to the Order granted on October 16, 2018) and their respective current and former affiliates, directors, officers and employees and each

of their respective advisors, legal counsel and agents (the "**FTI Released Parties**"); and (iii) Employee Representative Counsel, Pension Representative Counsel, and the Courtappointed pension and employee representatives (the "**Third Party Released Parties**"), in each case from claims based in whole or in part on any act, omission, transaction, duty, responsibility, indebtedness, liability, obligation, dealing or other occurrence existing or taking place on or prior to Plan implementation that are in any way relating to, arising out of or in connection with the business and affairs of the Sears Canada Entities whenever or however conducted, the Plan, the CCAA Proceedings, Claims filed in the CCAA Proceedings, or any matter or transaction involving any of the Sears Canada Entities occurring in or in connection with the CCAA Proceedings.

- 60. The releases do not apply to Non-Released Claims, being claims that are finally determined to have arisen from fraud or wilful misconduct, any claims defined as Unaffected Claims under the Plan, any claims secured by the court-ordered charges granted in these proceedings, any claims arising out of or relating to the 2013 Dividend (including the Estate 2013 Dividend Claims, the Pension 2013 Dividend Claim, and the Dealer 2013 Dividend Claim), certain claims against employees of the Sears Canada Entities to the extent of available insurance, and claims against directors or former directors of the Sears Canada Entities that cannot be released pursuant to Section 5.1(2) of the CCAA.
- 61. The releases further do not affect, release or prejudice any of the claims currently being pursued in connection with the 2013 Dividend.
- 62. In addition, persons who have commenced claims against an employee personally solely as a result that employee performing their duties as an employee of a Sears Canada Entities would be entitled to continue to pursue recovery but only as against the proceeds of applicable insurance.

# Undeliverable Distributions

63. Where any creditor's distribution cheque in respect of a claim under the Plan is not cashed and becomes stale dated or is returned as undeliverable, or where a social insurance number required to deliver payments to an employee or retiree has not been

provided (each, an "**Undeliverable Distribution**"), the Monitor would hold such payment in reserve until the issues preventing payment are resolved.

64. Once the Monitor is ready to complete the final distribution under the Plan, it will serve notice on the service list and post a notice on the Monitor's Website advising that it is ready to make such final distribution. Creditors would then have sixty (60) days from the date that such notice is posted to write to the Monitor to claim their Undeliverable Distribution, after which: (a) any claims underlying any Undeliverable Distribution will be forever barred and (b) the funds being held in reserve on account of all remaining and unclaimed Undeliverable Distributions would be returned to the applicable Cash Pools for distribution to Affected Unsecured Creditors on the final distribution.

#### Conditions Precedent to Plan Implementation

- 65. The implementation of the Plan, including distributions thereunder, shall be conditional upon the fulfilment or waiver, to the extent permitted by the CCAA, of the following conditions precedent by the date specified therefor:
  - (a) each of the Unsecured Creditor Classes shall have approved the Plan in the Required Majority;
  - (b) each of the Meetings Order and the order of the Court approving the Plan (the "Sanction Order") shall have been granted;
  - (c) each of the Meetings Order and the Sanction Order shall have become final orders;
  - (d) the Monitor shall have received such clearance certificates, or comfort letters in lieu thereof from the Canada Revenue Agency or any other applicable taxing authority, as the Monitor considers necessary or advisable, to make any Plan distributions;
  - (e) the Plan implementation shall have occurred before April 30, 2019, or such later date as agreed to by the Pension Parties and the Monitor; and

- (f) the Pension Parties shall be satisfied that:
  - the Plan provides no less than \$155,000,000 available for distribution to Affected Unsecured Creditors under the Plan, net of all reserves and before accounting for any costs or recoveries from the Estate 2013 Dividend Litigation; and
  - (ii) such amounts would be distributable on proven Affected Unsecured Claims (other than those of Sears Canada Entities themselves) of not more than \$1,550,000,000 excluding the Pension Claims and indemnification or contribution claims from directors, officers and the ESL Parties.

#### E. REQUEST FOR MEETINGS ORDER

- 66. Capitalized terms used in this section and not otherwise defined have the meanings given to them in the Plan, or where not so defined, in the draft Meetings Order, a copy of which is enclosed in the Monitor's Motion Record at Tab 3.
- 67. The proposed Meetings Order provides for voting on the Plan by the Unsecured Creditor Classes described above at meetings of each class to be held on March 28, 2019 (each a "**Meeting**") at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre in Toronto. The Meeting for the SLH Creditor Class will be held at 10:00 a.m. and the Meeting for the Sears Creditors Class will immediately follow at 10:30 a.m. Each of the two Unsecured Creditor Classes will vote separately at the meeting.
- 68. Notice of the Meetings and the Sanction Hearing will be given in the following ways:
  - (a) to each ERC Employee by delivery by Employee Representative Counsel of the ERC Letter and the Notice of Meetings and Sanction Hearing;
  - (b) to each PRC Retiree by delivery by Pension Representative Counsel of the PRC Letter and the Notice of Meetings and Sanction Hearing;
  - (c) to each Affected Unsecured Creditor that is not an ERC Employee, a PRC Retiree, or a Creditor who holds (i) only a Warranty Claim, or (ii) an Affected

Unsecured Claim of less than \$5,000 (a "**Below Threshold Creditor**"), by delivery by the Monitor of the Notice of Meetings and Sanction Order, the Creditor Proxy, Creditor Letter, the Plan, and a copy of this 29th Report (collectively with the ERC Letter and PRC Letter, the "**Meeting Materials**");

- (d) the Monitor will post copies of the Meeting Materials on the Monitor's Website and will provide copies of the Meeting Materials to any Affected Unsecured Creditor that requests them within specified time limits; and
- (e) the Monitor will cause the Notice of Meetings and Sanction Hearing to be published for a period of two days in *The Globe and Mail* (National Edition) and the electronic edition of *La Presse*, and in such other publications and with such frequency as the Monitor may deem appropriate.
- 69. The notice procedures described above will provide specific notice of the Meetings and of the Sanction Hearing to each Affected Unsecured Creditor, as well as public notice to all stakeholders.
- 70. With respect to Below Threshold Creditors, the Meetings Order does not prevent them from voting, but does not contemplate the direct mailing of Meeting Materials in light of the anticipated recoveries to such creditors and the costs of mailing these materials on an individual basis.
- 71. Affected Unsecured Creditors may attend the applicable Meeting in person, in the case of Affected Unsecured Creditors that are individuals, or by proxy. Affected Unsecured Creditors must file their proxy such that it is received by 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) five Business Days before the Meetings (*i.e.* by March 21, 2019) (the "**Proxy Deadline**").
- 72. The Meetings Order directs that a representative of the Monitor will preside as the Chair of the Meetings and, subject to further order of the Court, will decide all matters related to the conduct of the Meetings. The Chair and the Monitor are each entitled to adjourn a Meeting to such date, time or place as the Chair or the Monitor deems necessary or advisable.

- 73. Affected Unsecured Creditors holding Voting Claims or Unresolved Voting Claims (collectively, "**Eligible Voting Claims**") (or such Affected Unsecured Creditors' proxy holders) will be allowed to vote on the Plan. However, the votes of Affected Unsecured Creditors holding Unresolved Voting Claims will be separately tabulated and reported to the Court, provided that the vote cast in respect of any Unresolved Voting Claim shall not be considered for Plan approval purposes unless and until it is finally determined to be a Proven Claim.
- 74. In respect of the Eligible Voting Claims of ERC Employees and PRC Retirees:
  - (a) Employee Representative Counsel shall be deemed to be a proxy holder in respect of each Eligible Voting Claim of ERC Employees in connection with their Employee Claims; and
  - (b) Pension Representative Counsel shall be deemed to be a proxy holder in respect of each Eligible Voting Claim of PRC Retirees (other than in connection with any Employee Claims or the Pension Claims filed in respect of the wind-up deficiency of the Pension Plan).
- 75. Only the Pension Plan Administrator or its designated proxy holder may vote the Pension Claims.
- 76. The Monitor will file a report to the Court by no later than two Business Days after the Meetings (i.e. by April 1, 2019) with respect to the results of the vote, including whether:
  - (a) the Required Majority in each Unsecured Creditor Class has approved the Plan; and
  - (b) the votes cast in respect of Unresolved Voting Claims, if applicable, would affect the result of the vote.
- 77. If the Plan is accepted by the Required Majority of each Unsecured Creditor Class, the Monitor anticipates bringing a motion seeking the Sanction Order on April 3, 2019. Materials must be filed by anyone opposing the Sanction Order by no later than 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) four Business Days before the Sanction Hearing (*i.e.* by March 28, 2019).

78. The Meetings Order also proposes to amend the style of cause of these CCAA Proceedings to reflect a change in the legal name of the Applicant 9845488 Canada Inc. (formerly, "Initium Commerce Labs Inc."), which was recently effected on January 31, 2019 following a sale of the rights to its former name.

# F. THE MONITOR'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE RELIEF SOUGHT

- 79. The Plan is a joint plan of compromise and arrangement of all of the Sears Canada Entities. Implementation of the Plan would effect a comprehensive settlement of various significant matters in the CCAA Proceedings, including the Pension Claims, and establish a mechanism for the funding of the pursuit of the Estate 2013 Dividend Claims. Effecting that settlement and these mechanisms through the Plan on a joint basis significantly simplifies matters as compared to having individual plans of arrangement for each of the Sears Canada Entities, or for the three individual debtor groups. Furthermore, in the Monitor's view, there is no apparent material prejudice to any creditor of any of the Sears Canada Entities from the Plan being a joint plan.
- 80. Finally, the structure of each of the resolutions embodied by the Plan would require any separate plans to be conditional upon each other in any case.
- 81. The granting of the Meetings Order would provide the forum for Affected Unsecured Creditors to consider and vote on the Plan, as well as the proposed settlements that underpin it.
- 82. As described earlier in this 29th Report, the Meeting Order and Plan provide for substantive consolidation of the Sears Parties and the SLH Parties, respectively.
- 83. The Monitor is of the view that this limited substantive consolidation for the purposes of the Plan is reasonable and appropriate and that there is no apparent material prejudice arising therefrom. As noted in part above:
  - (a) Former SLH and Former Corbeil operated businesses that were separate and apart from each other and from that of Sears Canada, and each of the three debtor groups have separate and unrelated creditor pools;

- (b) the Sears Parties' assets and operations were intertwined and cannot easily segregated. Moreover, each of the Sears Parties (other than Sears Canada) is a subsidiary of Sears Canada itself and all ultimately functioned to support its business;
- (c) the consolidation of the SLH Parties recognizes that Former SLH's subsidiary 168886 existed solely to support the business of its parent and the operations of the two entities were highly integrated; and
- (d) if the Sears Canada Entities were treated as one consolidated debtor group, estimated recoveries for unsecured creditors of the Sears Parties would increase only modestly by 0.3%, while by contrast those for the SLH Parties and Former Corbeil would decrease by more than 10.7% and 92.1%, respectively.
- 84. The Monitor has considered the factors set out in Section 22 of the CCAA when recommending the proposed classification of creditors under the Plan. In particular:
  - (a) each of the classes is composed solely of unsecured creditors; and
  - (b) the types of remedies available to the unsecured creditors against their respective debtors are substantially the same and their rights outside of the Plan would also be substantially the same after giving effect to the substantive consolidation of these entities, being the enforcement of a claim to a *pro rata* share of each debtor group's unencumbered assets.
- 85. In the Monitor's view, no alternative classification method is reasonable or required in the circumstances for the unsecured creditors of each of the Sears Canada Entities. The Monitor notes that the creditors of the Sears Parties and the SLH Parties will vote in separate classes in view of the different asset pools against which they claim. In the Monitor's view, this aspect of the classification is important as it ensures the SLH Parties' votes have meaningful input into the approval of the Plan, which would be lost if the SLH Parties' creditors were consolidated with the Sears Parties' creditors.

- 86. The Monitor further views the proposed inclusion of the Pension Parties (via the Pension Claim) in the same Unsecured Creditor Classes as other Affected Unsecured Creditors as equitable and reasonable in the circumstances and in light of such Creditors' relative rights with respect to the Applicants. Although the Pension Claim is valued for distribution purposes under the Plan at 2.5 times its "face" value, its voting claim has not been increased. The Pension Claim, at this increased amount, remains an unsecured claim and will receive its *pro rata* unsecured distribution under the Plan. The Pension Settlement that resulted in this increase for distribution purposes reflects a commercial resolution that was negotiated at the Mediation over many months.
- 87. With respect to the balance of the Meetings Order, the Monitor believes that:
  - (a) the Meetings Order provides for reasonable, wide and sufficient notice of the Meetings to be provided to Affected Unsecured Creditors;
  - (b) the Proxy Deadline is reasonable in the circumstances;
  - (c) it is reasonable and efficient in the circumstances that Pension Representative Counsel and Employee Representative Counsel be proxy holders for the Affected Unsecured Creditors that they represent. While such a deemed proxy may not be appropriate in every case, the circumstances of this case support the use of such a deemed proxy for efficiency. The Monitor has considered in particular: (i) the large volume of individual creditors that Pension Representative Counsel and Employee Representative Counsel represent, (ii) the potential recoveries based upon known distributable asset values at this time; (iii) the fact that the proposed Plan serves primarily to distribute the remaining assets of the Sears Canada Entities to creditors in accordance with their legal entitlements, and (iv) the reasonable assumption that, given the purpose of this Plan, individual employees and retirees are not likely to have divergent views and interests;
  - (d) it is reasonable and cost-effective in the circumstances that Below-ThresholdCreditors not receive a direct mailing of the Meeting Materials in light of the costs

of mailing such materials individually as weighed against the anticipated distributions to such creditors; and

- (e) the provisions of the Meetings Order governing the conduct of the Meetings as well as the timing of the service of materials with respect to the Sanction Hearing are customary, reasonable and appropriate.
- Accordingly, the Monitor respectfully requests that its motion on behalf of the Sears Canada Entities for the Meetings Order be granted.

# G. THE MONITOR'S ASSESSMENT OF THE PLAN

- 89. Subject to the terms of the limited settlement arrangements described above, the Plan provides the Affected Unsecured Creditors with *pro rata* recoveries in accordance with their entitlements as unsecured creditors. In the Monitor's view, the Plan is fair in its treatment of creditors. Where the Plan deviates from such direct pro rata treatment, such deviations are justified for practical and/or commercial reasons.
- 90. Implementation of the Plan would effect a settlement of various significant matters in the CCAA Proceedings, and as detailed below, would provide substantial incremental benefits to Affected Unsecured Creditors in comparison to the available alternatives.

# Joint Plan and Substantive Consolidation

91. With respect to the partial substantive consolidation and the resulting joint plan, for the purposes of the Plan, the Monitor believes that it is appropriate and reasonable in the circumstances—particularly given the independence of the three debtor groups' respective businesses and the intertwined nature of the assets and operations of the Sears Parties and SLH Parties themselves, as detailed above.

#### Compliance with Statutory Requirements

92. A plan of compromise or arrangement can only be sanctioned by the Court if, among other things, it complies with all statutory requirements.

- 93. Section 5.1(1) of the CCAA contemplates the compromise of claims against directors provided that such claims do not include those that relate to the contractual rights against one or more directors or that are based in allegations of misrepresentations made by directors to creditors or of wrongful or oppressive conduct by directors. By virtue of the definition of "Non-Released Claims", section 9.1(a) of the Plan ensures the Plan releases comply with these statutory restrictions.
- 94. Section 6(3) of the CCAA requires that the Plan provide for the payment in full of certain Crown claims within six months of the Court's sanctioning of the Plan, while section 6(5) of the CCAA requires that the Plan provide for the payment of certain amounts owing to employees and former employees immediately after sanction. Section 5.8 of the Plan stipulates that any Government Priority Claims and Employee Priority Claims must be paid in compliance with sections 6(3) and 6(5) of the CCAA.
- 95. Section 6(6) of the CCAA requires that the Plan provide for the payment of certain unpaid amounts relating to pension plans and that the Court be satisfied that such claims can and will be paid. In the present case however, no such amounts that would be payable by the Sears Canada Entities are outstanding, and so this requirement of the CCAA is not engaged.
- 96. Pursuant to section 6(8) of the CCAA, no plan of compromise or arrangement that provides for payment of an equity claim may be sanctioned by the Court unless all non-equity claims are paid in full. In light of the shortfall on account of the claims of Affected Unsecured Creditors of the Sears Parties and the SLH Parties, Section 5.7 of the Plan provides that no payments will be made on account of equity claims, and stipulates further that such claims will be fully, finally, irrevocably and forever compromised released cancelled are barred. The Monitor notes that in the case of Former Corbeil, amounts will be paid on account of Sears Canada's equity claim as the shareholder of Former Corbeil as all other claims against Former Corbeil will be paid in full.
- 97. Pursuant to section 19(2) of the CCAA, a plan of compromise or arrangement may not deal with any claim that relates to the debts or liabilities described in section 19(2) unless the plan explicitly provides for the compromise of such claim and the creditor holding the

claim votes in favour of the plan. Section 5.13 of the Plan provides that claims listed under Section 19(2) of the CCAA shall be Affected Claims for the purposes of the Plan; provided that such claims shall be deemed to be Unaffected Claims to the extent held by any creditors who have not voted in favour of the Plan.

98. Based on the foregoing, the Monitor is not aware of any aspect of the Plan that is not in compliance with the statutory requirements of the CCAA.

# Treatment of Pre-Filing Warranty Claims

- 99. As indicated above, the Plan provides that the holders of Pre-Filing Warranty Claims will not receive payment on account of the allowed value of their claims, but rather (a) establishes the Warranty Reimbursement Pool in an amount equal to the notional distributions that Pre-Filing Warranty Claims would have otherwise received based on the remaining unamortized value of the original purchase price of the Warranties at issue, up to an aggregate amount of \$8,000,000; and (b) grants to any holders of Warranties purchased prior to the Filing Date 180 days from the Plan Implementation Date to establish that they have incurred expenses that would otherwise be reimbursable under the terms of such Warranty, and assert a claim for this expense against the Warranty Reimbursement Pool.
- 100. In the Monitor's view this approach is reasonable and appropriate in the circumstances as:
  - (a) <u>It avoids making large numbers of very small distributions</u>: There are approximately 800,000 Pre-Filing Warranty claim holders. Given the relatively low remaining unamortized value of individual Warranty claims (estimated to be approximately \$125 per claim on average), if the Monitor were to apply the De Minimis Claim Amount threshold, only 32%, or approximately 256,000 claimants, would receive a distribution and each of those distributions, aside from exceptional circumstances, would be very low in value;
  - (b) <u>It addresses a practical difficulty with the reliability of creditor contact details:</u> Although the Sears Canada Entities have records with respect to most of the key

details of the Warranties, such as date of purchase, purchase price, and product covered, given the amount of time that has passed since most of these Warranties were sold, they cannot ensure they have accurate contact details for most Warranty holders. As such, the Monitor expects that if cheques were delivered based upon such records, a high number of those cheques would be returned; and

(c) <u>It addresses the damages actually suffered</u>: Making distributions against expenses actually incurred and reimbursable under the terms of a Warranty compensates those claimants for the actual damage that they have suffered as a result of losing the benefit of that Warranty.

# <u>Releases</u>

- 101. As outlined above, the Plan provides for full and final releases of the Sears Released Parties, the FTI Released Parties, and the Third Party Released Parties, subject to certain exceptions, including that (a) the Plan does not release any of the Non-Released Claims identified above, and (b) does not affect, release or prejudice any of the claims currently being pursued or that may arise in connection with the 2013 Dividend, including the Estate 2013 Dividend Claims, the Pension 2013 Dividend Claim, and the Dealer 2013 Dividend Claim.
- 102. The releases contained in the Plan are important components of the Plan and rationally connected to it. Among other things:
  - (a) pursuant to the Claims Procedure Orders, the Applicants have already granted persons ample opportunity to make claims against the current and former officers and directors. Many of the officers and directors who held those positions at the commencement of these CCAA Proceedings have contributed materially to the resolution of these CCAA Proceedings;
  - (b) the Sears Canada Entities' advisors have assisted with and provided guidance through the restructuring and ultimate liquidation process and these CCAA Proceedings generally;

- (c) the Monitor has overseen every aspect of these CCAA Proceedings from the outset, and together with its legal counsel and the other FTI Released Parties, has developed and would implement the Plan, if approved; and
- (d) each of Employee Representative Counsel and Pension Representative Counsel, as well as the individual employee and pension representatives, were appointed in their roles by this Court, and have contributed throughout these CCAA Proceedings, including towards the achievement of the Pension Resolution and the development and implementation of the Employee and Retiree Claims Procedure.
- 103. As such, the Monitor views the releases provided for under the Plan as reasonable and justified in the circumstances.

# Estimated Recoveries for Affected Unsecured Creditors under the Plan

- 104. The amounts available for payment to Affected Unsecured Creditors under the Plan remains uncertain because of a variety of unresolved matters in the CCAA Proceedings, including the resolution of remaining unresolved claims, potential realizations of the Sears Canada Entities' remaining real estate property and other minor assets and potential litigation costs and recoveries.
- 105. The Monitor has estimated the range of the potential amount to be distributed to Affected Unsecured Creditors (calculated as a potential recovery percentage), leaving aside any potential litigation recoveries, as follows:<sup>3</sup>

Sears Parties	Former Corbeil	SLH Parties
6 - 8%	100%	15 - 20%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The estimated recoveries are based on certain forward-looking assumptions relating to each debtor group's cash realizations and claims pool, and include claims that are currently in dispute and subject to final determination. The estimated recovery figures may be subject to change.

#### Alternatives to the Plan and Estimated Recoveries

- 106. If the Plan is not implemented and the settlement of the Pension Claims not effected thereby, the Pension Plan Administrator and other Pension Parties would most likely resume their motions asserting, among other things, that:
  - (a) the wind-up deficiency under the Pension Plan has a deemed trust priority over the claims of unsecured creditors (the "Deemed Trust Motion");
  - (b) the Pension Plan Administrator has a statutory lien and charge for the amount of the wind-up deficiency in connection with the Pension Plan (the "Lien Motion"); and
  - (c) the Sears Canada Entities have joint and several liability for the wind-up deficiency (the "Joint and Several Motion", and together with the Deemed Trust Motion and Lien Motion, the "Pension Motions").
- 107. Given that the quantum of the wind-up deficiency of the Pension Plan (estimated at approximately \$250 million) is likely to significantly exceed the aggregate of realizations available to creditors (leaving aside any potential litigation recoveries in connection with the 2013 Dividend), if the Deemed Trust Motion or Lien Motion were successful, the Pension Claims would have priority for the full quantum of the wind-up deficiency and unsecured creditors of the Sears Parties would receive no distributions at all.
- 108. If the Joint and Several Motion were also to succeed along with the Deemed Trust Motion and/or Lien Motion, creditors of each of Former Corbeil and the SLH Parties would similarly receive no distributions. If only the Joint and Several Motion succeeded, and the Deemed Trust Motion and Lien Motion did not, distributions for the creditors of Former Corbeil and the SLH Parties would not be reduced to zero, but would nevertheless still be significantly reduced.
- 109. Given the impact of the Pension Motion on potential estimated recoveries therefore, no distributions could be made to unsecured creditors generally until such issues were resolved.

- 110. The impact on estimated distributions to the three different unsecured creditor groups under the different scenarios presented by the potential recommencement of the Pension Motions is summarized in the table below,<sup>4</sup> in which:
  - (a) <u>Scenario 1</u> contemplates the failure of the Deemed Trust Motion and Lien Motion and the Joint and Several Motion;
  - (b) <u>Scenario 2</u> contemplates the failure of the Deemed Trust Motion and Lien Motion but the success of the Joint and Several Motion;
  - (c) <u>Scenario 3</u> contemplates the success of the Deemed Trust Motion and/or Lien Motion but the failure of the Joint and Several Motion; and
  - (d) <u>Scenario 4</u> contemplates the success of the Deemed Trust Motion and/or the Lien Motion and the success of the Joint and Several Motion.

		Sears Parties	Former Corbeil	SLH Parties	Total
Scenario 1	Pension Parties Other 3rd Party Creditors	23,000,000 138,200,000	- 500,000	2,900,000	25,900,000 144,700,000
	other star any creators	161,200,000	500,000	8,900,000	170,600,000
Scenario 2	Pension Parties Other 3rd Party Creditors	19,700,000 113,700,000 133,400,000	28,400,000 100,000 28,500,000	8,100,000 600,000 8,700,000	56,200,000 114,400,000 170,600,000
Scenario 3	Pension Parties Other 3rd Party Creditors	162,100,000	- 500,000 500,000	8,000,000 - 8,000,000	170,100,000 500,000 170,600,000
Scenario 4	Pension Parties Other 3rd Party Creditors	132,400,000 - 132,400,000	30,200,000 - 30,200,000	8,000,000 - 8,000,000	170,600,000 - 170,600,000

111. While the Monitor, together with Employee Representative Counsel, opposed the Pension Motions and believes that the merits of such opposition remains strong, particularly considering the impact of a possible intervening bankruptcy, the uncertainty as to the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The estimated distributions under each scenario are based on the same set of underlying assumptions relating to realizations and claims except for the treatment of the Pension Claim, as described in each scenario. The figures presented are for illustrative purposes only and are subject to change.

outcome of this issue and related delay justifies the resolution proposed in the Plan. Given the potential impact of the outcome of the Pension Motions on the recoveries of both the Pension Plan and other unsecured creditors, it can be expected that these motions would be both pursued and opposed vigorously, and accordingly there would be significant risk, time and expense associated with litigating such motions. Of further significance would be the time associated with pursuing all potential appeals in connection with the Pension Motions, which could delay distributions for potentially years.

112. Employee Representative Counsel previously brought a motion in connection with the Pension Motions (and currently adjourned *sine die* with those motions in light of the Pension Resolution) to lift the stay of proceedings to commence a bankruptcy application for the Sears Canada Entities. However what effect any bankruptcy of the Sears Canada Entities might have on the Deemed Trust Motion and Lien Motions is a matter that one would expect to be similarly vigorously contested by the Pension Parties. A bankruptcy would also not eliminate the Joint and Several Motion. As such, even in a bankruptcy context distributions to unsecured creditors would need to be delayed until these issues were resolved.

# The Monitor's Recommendation

- 113. In the Monitor's view the Plan is a compromise that is reasonable and appropriate and is the best available alternative in the circumstances. Among other things, it:
  - (a) resolves the Pension Motions without the significant time and expense that would otherwise be incurred to litigate such motions;
  - (b) resolves significant further claims against the Sears Canada Entities, including that of the Dealer Representative Plaintiff, without the significant time and expense that would otherwise be incurred to further investigate and adjudicate such claims;
  - (c) enables Affected Unsecured Creditors to opt-in or opt-out of participating in the sharing of the costs and benefits of the Estate 2013 Dividend Claims, which in the

Monitor's view is unlikely to be possible to implement in a bankruptcy context without significant legal and administrative complexity and expense;

- (d) permits post-filing and Pre-Filing Warranty Claims to be addressed in an efficient manner;
- (e) respects the relative rights, priorities and entitlements of creditors of the Sears
  Canada Entities generally; and
- (f) avoids unnecessary intercompany allocation disputes.
- 114. Accordingly, the Monitor is of the view that the Plan is fair, equitable and reasonable to affected parties, and recommends that Affected Unsecured Creditors vote in favour of the Plan.

The Monitor respectfully submits to the Court this, its 29th Report.

Dated this 6th day of February, 2019.

FTI Consulting Canada Inc. in its capacity as Monitor of the Sears Canada Entities

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

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THE HONOURABLE MR.

THURSDAY, THE 22ND

JUSTICE HAINEY

DAY OF OCTOBER, 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 SEARS CANADA INC., 9370-2751 QUÉBEC INC., 191020 CANADA INC., THE CUT INC., SEARS CONTACT SERVICES INC., INITIUM LOGISTICS SERVICES INC., 9845488 CANADA INC., INITIUM TRADING AND SOURCING CORP., SEARS FLOOR COVERING CENTRES INC., 173470 CANADA INC., 2497089 ONTARIO INC., 6988741 CANADA INC., 10011711 CANADA INC., 1592580 ONTARIO LIMITED, 955041 ALBERTA LTD., 4201531 CANADA INC., 168886 CANADA INC., AND 3339611 CANADA INC.

Applicants

#### AMENDED AND RESTATED MEETINGS ORDER

THIS MOTION made by FTI Consulting Canada Inc., in its capacity as Court-appointed

monitor (the "Monitor") pursuant to the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act, R.S.C. 1985, c.

C-36, as amended (the "CCAA"), for an Order, *inter alia*:

- (a) accepting the filing of the A&R Plan (as defined below);
- (b) authorizing the classification of creditors for purposes of voting on the A&R Plan and the substantive consolidation of the Sears Parties and the SLH Parties (each as defined below) for the purposes of the A&R Plan;

- (c) authorizing and directing the Monitor to call, hold and conduct the Meetings (as defined below) of two classes of affected creditors to consider and vote upon a resolution to approve the A&R Plan;
- (d) approving the procedures to be followed for the calling, holding and conduct of the Meetings; and
- setting a date for the hearing of the motion to this Court for approval of the A&R
  Plan,

proceeded by way of videoconference via Zoom at Toronto, Ontario, due to the COVID-19 crisis.

**ON READING** the Notice of Motion, the Twenty-Ninth Report of the Monitor dated February 6, 2019 (the "**Plan Report**") and the Second Supplement to the Plan Report dated October 16, 2020 (the "**Second Supplementary Plan Report**"), and on hearing the submissions of counsel for the Monitor, Employee Representative Counsel, each of the Pension Parties and those other parties present, no one else appearing for any other person although duly served as appears from the affidavit of service of • sworn •;

#### SERVICE

1. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the time for service of the Notice of Motion and the Motion Record is hereby abridged and validated so that this Motion is properly returnable today and further service thereof is hereby dispensed with.

#### DEFINITIONS

2. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, in addition to the capitalized terms defined in the Joint Amended and Restated Plan of Compromise and Arrangement of the Sears Canada Entities attached as Appendix "B" to the Second Supplementary Plan Report (as it may be amended, supplemented, or restated or amended and restated in accordance with its terms and the terms hereof, the "**A&R Plan**"), the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

- (a) **"A&R Plan**" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2 hereof;
- (b) **"Additional Information**" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 7 hereof;
- (c) "Adjourned Meeting" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 23 hereof;
- (d) "Below-Threshold Creditors" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 10 hereof;
- (e) "Chair" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 33 hereof;
- (f) "Creditor Letter" means the letter to be sent from the Monitor to certain AffectedUnsecured Creditors substantially in the form attached as Schedule "C" hereto;
- (g) "Creditor Proxy" means the form of proxy for all Affected Unsecured Creditors substantially in the form attached as Schedule "B" hereto;
- (h) "ERC Information Package" means, together, the ERC Letter and the Notice of Meetings and Sanction Hearing;
- (i) "ERC Letter" means the letter to be sent by Employee Representative Counsel to all ERC Employees providing notice of the A&R Plan and Meetings, such ERC Letter to be prepared by Employee Representative Counsel, in consultation with the Monitor;

- (j) "General Creditor Information Package" means, collectively, the Creditor Letter, the Notice of Meetings and Sanction Hearing, the A&R Plan, the Second Supplementary Plan Report, and the Creditor Proxy;
- (k) "Governance Protocol Order" means the Order made by the Court on December 3, 2018, among other things, establishing a governance protocol for the Sears Canada Entities;

#### (I) **"Meeting Materials**" means:

- (i) the Creditor Letter;
- (ii) the A&R Plan;
- (iii) the Notice of Meetings and Sanction Hearing;
- (iv) the Creditor Proxy;
- (v) the ERC Letter;
- (vi) the PRC Letter;
- (vii) the Plan Report;
- (viii) the Second Supplementary Plan Report;
- (ix) the Virtual Meeting Protocol; and
- (x) any Plan Modifications;
- (m) **"Meetings**" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 19 hereof;
- (n) "Monitor's Website" means http://cfcanada.fticonsulting.com/searscanada/

- (o) "Notice of Meetings and Sanction Hearing" means the notice of the Meetings for Affected Unsecured Creditors and Sanction Hearing substantially in the form attached as Schedule "A" hereto;
- (p) **"Plan Modification**" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 4 hereof;
- (q) "PRC Information Package" means, together, the PRC Letter and the Notice of Meetings and Sanction Hearing;
- (r) "PRC Letter" means the letter to be sent by Pension Representative Counsel to PRC Retirees providing notice of the A&R Plan and Meetings, such PRC Letter to be prepared by Pension Representative Counsel, in consultation with the Monitor;
- (s) **"Proxy Deadline**" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 23 hereof;
- (t) **"Sanction Hearing**" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 45 hereof;
- (u) **"Scrutineers**" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 34 hereof;
- (v) "Sears Parties" has the meaning given to it in subparagraph 16(a) hereof;
- (w) **"Secretary**" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 34 hereof;
- (x) **"SLH Parties**" has the meaning given to it in subparagraph 16(b) hereof;
- (y) "Unsecured Creditor Class" has the meaning given to it in paragraph 17 hereof; and

(z) **"Virtual Meeting Protocol**" means the protocol establishing the process for the holding of the Meetings on a virtual meeting platform substantially in the form attached as Schedule "D" hereto.

#### PLAN OF COMPROMISE AND ARRANGEMENT

3. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the A&R Plan is hereby accepted for filing with the Court, and that the Monitor is authorized to seek approval of the A&R Plan by the Affected Unsecured Creditors holding Eligible Voting Claims at the Meetings in the manner set forth herein.

4. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor is hereby authorized to file, in accordance with its terms, any amendment, restatement, modification of or supplement to the A&R Plan (each a **"Plan Modification"**), in which case any such Plan Modification shall, for all purposes, be and be deemed to form part of and be incorporated into the A&R Plan. If the Monitor files a Plan Modification prior to the Meetings, the Monitor shall give notice of any such Plan Modification by service upon the Service List, posting on the Monitor's Website, and distribution to all parties in attendance at the Meetings.

5. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that after the Meetings and both prior to and subsequent to the obtaining of the Sanction Order, the Monitor may effect a Plan Modification in accordance with the terms of the A&R Plan. The Monitor shall forthwith serve on the Service List and post on the Monitor's Website any such Plan Modification.

# NOTICE OF MEETINGS

6. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the following documents are approved and replace the materials that were provided for the Adjourned Meetings (as defined below):

 (a) the Notice of Meetings and Sanction Hearing substantially in the form attached as Schedule "A" hereto;

- (b) the Creditor Proxy substantially in the form attached as Schedule "**B**" hereto;
- (c) the Creditor Letter substantially in the form attached as Schedule "C" hereto; and
- (d) the Virtual Meeting Protocol substantially in the form attached as Schedule "D" hereto.

7. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor is hereby authorized to make such amendments, restatements, modifications and/or supplements of or to the Meeting Materials (other than the A&R Plan, which may only be amended in accordance with its terms and the terms of this Order), as the Monitor may consider necessary or desirable to conform the content thereof to the terms of the A&R Plan or this Order or any further Order of the Court ("**Additional Information**"), provided that notice of such Additional Information shall be distributed by the Monitor using the method most reasonably practicable in the circumstances, as the Monitor may determine.

8. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that on or before October 30, 2020 the Monitor shall cause the Notice of Meetings and Sanction Hearing to be published for a period of two (2) days in *The Globe and Mail* (National Edition) and the electronic edition of *La Presse* and in such other publications and with such frequency as the Monitor may deem appropriate.

9. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, as soon as practicable after the granting of this Order, the Monitor shall cause the Meeting Materials, any Additional Information and this Order to be posted on the Monitor's Website, which shall replace the meeting materials previously posted on the Monitor's Website in connection with the Adjourned Meetings. The Monitor shall ensure that the Meeting Materials and any Additional Information remain posted on the Monitor's Website until at least one (1) Business Day after the Plan Implementation Date.

10. THIS COURT ORDERS that, as soon as practicable after the granting of this Order, the Monitor shall cause the General Creditor Information Package to be sent in English and in French (with the exception of the Second Supplementary Plan Report, which shall all only be in English) to (a) Employee Representative Counsel, (b) Pension Representative Counsel and (c) all Affected Unsecured Creditors with Eligible Voting Claims, except for (w) ERC Employees, (x) PRC Retirees, (y) any Creditors in respect of their Warranty Claims, and (z) holders of Affected Unsecured Claims of less than \$5,000 (the "Below Threshold Creditors"). Subject to the last sentence of this paragraph, the Monitor shall send the General Creditor Information Package by regular mail, facsimile, courier or e-mail: (a) subject to subparagraph (b) below, if the Affected Unsecured Creditor duly filed a Proof of Claim that set out an address for such Affected Unsecured Creditor, to the address set out in such Proof of Claim; (b) if any address was subsequently provided to the Monitor in accordance with the applicable Claims Procedure Order, to such address; and (c) in all other cases, to the address on file for such Affected Unsecured Creditor in the books and records of the Sears Canada Entities. In the case of a Valid Transferee, the General Creditor Information Package shall be sent by regular mail, facsimile, courier or e-mail to the address set out in such Valid Transferee's Notice of Transfer or Assignment.

11. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, as soon as practicable after the granting of this Order: (a) the ERC Information Package shall be sent by Employee Representative Counsel to all ERC Employees; and (b) the PRC Information Package shall be sent by Pension Representative Counsel to all PRC Retirees. The ERC Information Package and the PRC Information Package shall be sent in English and in French to ERC Employees and PRC Retirees respectively by regular mail, facsimile, courier or e-mail: (a) subject to subparagraph (b), if the addressee duly filed a Proof of Claim that set out an address for such Creditor, to the address set out in such Proof of Claim; (b) if any address was subsequently provided to the Monitor in accordance with

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the applicable Claims Procedure Order, to such address; (c) if no address was provided to the Monitor under subparagraphs (a) and (b), and such addressee is a ERC Employee or PRC Retiree in respect of whom Employee Representative Counsel or Pension Representative Counsel, as applicable, has provided an address, to such address; and (d) in all other cases, to the address on file in the books and records of the Sears Canada Entities. In the case of a Valid Transferee of an Eligible Voting Claim of an ERC Employee or PRC Retiree, the ERC Information Package or the PRC Information Package, as applicable, should be sent by regular mail, facsimile, courier or e-mail to the address set out in such Valid Transferee's Notice of Transfer or Assignment.

12. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that upon request by any Affected Unsecured Creditor with an Eligible Voting Claim, received not less than ten (10) business days before the Meetings, the Monitor shall provide electronic copies of the applicable Meeting Materials to such Affected Unsecured Creditor.

13. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the sending of the applicable Meeting Materials to Affected Unsecured Creditors in accordance with paragraphs 10 to 12 above, the posting of the Meeting Materials on the Monitor's Website and the publication of the Notice of Meetings and Sanction Hearing in accordance with paragraphs 8 and 9 above shall constitute good and sufficient notice of the Meeting Materials on all Persons who may be entitled to receive notice thereof, or who may wish to attend a virtual Meeting, and no other form of notice need be made on such Persons and no other document or material need be delivered to such Persons in respect of the Meetings or these proceedings. Notice shall be effective, in the case of mailing, three (3) Business Days after the date of mailing, in the case of delivery by courier, on the day after the courier was sent, and in the case of delivery by fax or e-mail, on the day the fax or e-mail was transmitted, unless such day is not a Business Day, or the fax or e-mail transmission was made after 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time), in which case, on the next Business Day.

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14. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the (a) non-receipt by any Person of a copy of any of the Meeting Materials, or (b) inability of any Person to access a Meeting on the virtual meeting platform, shall not invalidate any resolution passed or proceedings taken at the Meetings.

# **EMPLOYEE INFORMATION**

15. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor is hereby authorized to deliver to Employee Representative Counsel and Pension Representative Counsel, for distribution to ERC Employees and PRC Retirees with Eligible Voting Claims, and directly to Non-ERC Employees and Non-PRC Retirees with Eligible Voting Claims, in each case for whom the Monitor does not have a social insurance number, a notice that such Employees and Retirees must provide their respective social insurance numbers to the Monitor as a condition to receiving any distribution under the A&R Plan.

# SUBSTANTIVE CONSOLIDATION

16. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Sears Canada Entities except for Former Corbeil shall be partially substantively consolidated into two Debtor Group estates in the manner set out below for voting and distribution purposes under the A&R Plan:

- (a) Sears Canada, The Cut Inc, Sears Contact Services Inc., Initium Logistics Services Inc., 9845488 Canada Inc., Initium Trading and Sourcing Corp., Sears Floor Covering Centres Inc., 173470 Canada Inc., 2497089 Ontario Inc., 6988741 Canada Inc., 10011711 Canada Inc., 1592580 Ontario Limited, 955041 Alberta Ltd., 4201531 Canada Inc., 3339611 Canada Inc. and SearsConnect (collectively, the "Sears Parties"); and
- (b) Former SLH and 168886 (together, the "**SLH Parties**").

# AFFECTED UNSECURED CREDITORS CLASSES

17. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that for the purposes of considering and voting on the A&R Plan, the Affected Unsecured Creditors shall be grouped into the following classes (in respect of their Eligible Voting Claims) (each an "**Unsecured Creditor Class**", and collectively, the "**Unsecured Creditor Classes**"):

- (a) **Sears Creditor Class**: Affected Unsecured Creditors of any Sears Parties; and
- (b) **SLH Creditor Class**: Affected Unsecured Creditors of any SLH Parties.

18. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that for the purposes of voting at the Meetings, each Affected Unsecured Creditor with an Eligible Voting Claim shall be entitled to one vote equal to the dollar value of its Eligible Voting Claim as a member of its Unsecured Creditor Class.

# THE MEETINGS

19. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor is hereby authorized and directed to call, hold and conduct the following Meetings on a virtual meeting platform for the purpose of considering and voting on the resolution to approve the A&R Plan in accordance with the Virtual Meeting Protocol, and transacting such other business as may be properly brought before the Meetings:

- (a) Meeting of the SLH Creditor Class: November 16, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. (Toronto time) on a virtual meeting platform held in accordance with the Virtual Meeting Protocol; and
- (b) Meeting of the Sears Creditor Class: November 16, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. (Toronto time) on a virtual meeting platform held in accordance with the Virtual Meeting Protocol

(together, the "Meetings" and each such meeting, a "Meeting").

20. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that in the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the provisions of the Virtual Meeting Protocol and this Order, the provisions of the Virtual Meeting Protocol shall govern and be paramount.

21. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the only Persons entitled to notice of or to attend at the virtual Meetings are the Eligible Voting Creditors (or their respective duly-appointed proxyholders), representatives of the Monitor, the Sears Canada Entities, Employee Representative Counsel, the Pension Parties, the Pension Representatives, the Employee Representatives, all such parties' financial and legal advisors, and the Chair, the Secretary and Scrutineers. Any other person may be admitted to the virtual Meeting only by invitation of the Monitor or the Chair.

22. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, due to the public meeting restrictions declared under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020* caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Meetings will only be held on a virtual meeting platform and only those Eligible Voting Creditors who submit proxies in accordance with paragraph 23 below shall be entitled to vote their Eligible Voting Claims at the applicable Meeting.

## **VOTING BY PROXIES**

23. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that all proxies submitted in respect of a Meeting (or any adjournment thereof) must be: (a) submitted to the Monitor so that they are received by the Monitor at the email address provided in the form of proxy on or before 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) five (5) Business Days before the Meeting (the "**Proxy Deadline**"); and (b) in substantially the form attached to this Order as Schedule "**B**" or in such other form acceptable to the Monitor or the Chair. The Monitor is hereby authorized to accept and rely upon any proxy or such other forms as may be acceptable to the Monitor and to use reasonable discretion as to the adequacy of compliance with respect to the manner in which any proxy is completed and executed, and

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may waive strict compliance with the requirements in connection with the deadlines imposed in connection therewith. Any proxies validly delivered in connection with an adjourned Meeting (including the Meetings as adjourned on March 25, 2019 (the "Adjourned Meetings")) shall be acceptable as proxies in respect of any Meeting held after an adjournment if, and only if, such proxies have named Mr. Paul Bishop, of FTI Consulting Canada Inc. as Monitor, or such person as he in his sole discretion may designate, as proxy. For greater certainty, such proxies validly delivered in connection with the Adjourned Meetings, if not validly revoked, shall be deemed accepted as proxies in respect of the Meetings.

24. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that in respect of Eligible Voting Claims of ERC Employees and PRC Employees:

- (a) Employee Representative Counsel shall be deemed to be the proxy holder in respect of each Eligible Voting Claim of an ERC Employee that is an Employee Claim and shall be entitled to vote such Claims by proxy on the ERC Employee's behalf, without the requirement for any ERC Employee to submit a Creditor Proxy to the Monitor; and
- (b) Pension Representative Counsel shall be deemed to be the proxy holder in respect of each Eligible Voting Claim of a PRC Retiree (other than relating to the Pension Claims or Employee Claims) and shall be entitled to vote such Claims by proxy on the PRC Retiree's behalf, without the requirement for any PRC Retiree to submit a Creditor Proxy to the Monitor. For greater certainty, only the Pension Plan Administrator or its designated Proxy may vote the Pension Claims.

25. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, for the purposes of tabulating the votes cast on any matter that may come before the Meetings, the Chair shall be entitled to rely on any vote cast by

holders of all proxies that have been duly submitted to the Monitor in the manner set forth in this Order without independent investigation.

26. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that paragraph 23 hereof, and the instructions contained in the Creditor Proxy, shall govern the submission of such documents and any deficiencies in respect of the form or substance of such documents filed with the Monitor.

27. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that in the absence of instruction to vote for or against the approval of the resolution to approve the A&R Plan, any duly signed and returned proxy shall be deemed to include instructions to vote for the approval of the resolution to approve the A&R Plan.

# TRANSFERS OR ASSIGNMENTS OF CLAIMS

28. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that a Creditor may transfer or assign the whole of its Claim prior to the Meeting, in accordance with the applicable Claims Procedure Order. If a Creditor transfers or assigns the whole of a Claim to another Person, such transferee or assignee shall not be entitled to attend and vote the transferred or assigned Claim at the applicable Meeting unless (a) the assigned Claim is a Voting Claim or an Unresolved Voting Claim, or a combination thereof, and (b) satisfactory notice of and proof of transfer or assignment has been delivered to the Monitor in accordance with the applicable Claims Procedure Order so that it is received by the Monitor no later than the Proxy Deadline.

# UNRESOLVED VOTING CLAIMS

29. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, in the event that an Eligible Voting Creditor holds an Eligible Voting Claim that is an Unresolved Voting Claim as at the date of a Meeting, such Eligible Voting Creditor may attend the Meeting and such Unresolved Voting Claim may be voted at such Meeting by such Eligible Voting Creditor

(or its duly appointed proxy holder) in accordance with the provisions of this Order, without prejudice to the rights of the Monitor or the holder of the Unresolved Voting Claim with respect to the final determination of the Claim for distribution purposes, and such vote shall be separately tabulated from votes in respect of Voting Claims at (a) the dollar value of such Unresolved Voting Claim, to the extent a dollar value was ascribed to such claim in the corresponding Proof of Claim, or (b) at a value of \$10, if no value was ascribed to such claim in the corresponding Proof of Claim, provided that, other than as set out herein, the vote cast in respect of any Unresolved Voting Claim shall not be considered for any other purpose, unless, until and only to the extent that such Unresolved Claim is finally determined to be a Proven Claim.

# ENTITLEMENT TO VOTE AT THE MEETINGS

30. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, any Person with an Equity Claim shall have no right to, and shall not, vote at the Meetings.

31. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, in accordance with the CCAA, the Sears Canada Entities, as related parties and as Affected Unsecured Creditors, shall only be permitted to vote their Eligible Voting Claims, if any, against, but not for, the A&R Plan.

32. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that no holder of an Affected Unsecured Claim against Former Corbeil shall be entitled to vote on the A&R Plan or attend at any Meeting in respect of such Affected Unsecured Claim.

# PROCEDURE AT THE MEETINGS

33. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that a representative of the Monitor shall preside as the chair of each of the Meetings (the "**Chair**") and, subject to this Order or any further Order of the Court, shall decide all matters relating to the conduct of the Meetings.

34. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that a person designated by the Monitor shall act as secretary at each of the Meetings (the "**Secretary**") and the Monitor may appoint scrutineers for the supervision and tabulation of the attendance, quorum and votes cast at the Meetings (the "**Scrutineers**"). The Scrutineers shall tabulate the votes in respect of all Eligible Voting Claims at the Meetings.

35. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that an Eligible Voting Creditor that is not an individual may only attend and vote at a Meeting if it has appointed a proxy holder to attend and act on its behalf at such Meeting.

36. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the quorum required at each Meeting shall be one Affected Unsecured Creditor with a Voting Claim present at such Meeting in person or by proxy.

37. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that a Meeting shall be adjourned on one or more occasions to such date, time and place as may be designated by the Chair or the Monitor as the Chair or the Monitor deems necessary or advisable, if:

- (a) the requisite quorum is not present at such Meeting;
- (b) such Meeting is postponed by a vote of the majority in value of the Affected Unsecured Creditors with Eligible Voting Claims for such Unsecured Creditor Class present in person or by proxy at the Meeting; or
- (c) prior to or during such Meeting, the Chair or the Monitor otherwise decides to adjourn such Meeting.

The announcement of the adjournment by the Chair at such Meeting (if the adjournment is during the Meeting), the posting of a notice of such adjournment on the Monitor's Website and the service of notice on the Service List shall constitute sufficient notice of the adjournment and neither the Applicants nor the Monitor shall have any obligation to give any other or further notice to any Person of the adjourned Meeting.

38. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Chair be and is hereby authorized to direct a vote at the Meetings, by confidential written ballot or by such other means as the Chair may consider appropriate, with respect to: (i) a resolution to approve the A&R Plan and any amendments thereto; and (ii) any other resolutions as the Monitor may consider appropriate.

39. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that in order to be approved, the A&R Plan must receive the affirmative vote by the Required Majority from each Unsecured Creditor Class.

40. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that following the votes at the Meetings, the Scrutineers shall tabulate the votes and the Monitor shall determine whether the A&R Plan has been approved by the Required Majority from each Unsecured Creditor Class.

41. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor shall file a report to this Court by no later than two (2) Business Days after the Meetings or any adjournment thereof, as applicable, with respect to the results of the vote, including whether:

- the A&R Plan has been approved by the Required Majority in each Unsecured Creditor Class; and
- (b) the votes cast in respect of Unresolved Voting Claims, if applicable, would affect the result of the vote.

42. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that a copy of the Monitor's report regarding the Meetings and the A&R Plan shall be posted on the Monitor's Website prior to the Sanction Hearing.

43. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that if the votes cast by the holders of Unresolved Voting Claims would affect whether the A&R Plan has been approved by the Required Majority, the Monitor shall report this to the Court in accordance with paragraph 41 of this Order, in which case the Monitor may: (a) request this Court to direct an expedited determination of any material Unresolved Voting Claims, (b) request that this Court defer the date of the Sanction Hearing, (c)

request that this Court defer or extend any other time periods in this Order or the A&R Plan, and/or (d) seek such further advice and direction as may be considered appropriate.

# **TREATMENT OF CREDITORS**

44. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the result of any vote conducted at a Meeting shall be binding upon all Affected Unsecured Creditors of each Unsecured Creditor Class, whether or not any such Affected Unsecured Creditor was present or voted at such Meeting.

# SANCTION HEARING AND ORDER

45. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that if the A&R Plan has been accepted by the Required Majority of each Unsecured Creditor Class, the Monitor may bring a motion seeking the Sanction Order on November 23, 2020, or such later date as the Monitor may advise the Service List (the "**Sanction Hearing**").

46. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that service of the Notice of Meetings and Sanction Hearing to the parties on the Service List, the delivery of the applicable Meeting Materials in accordance with paragraphs 10 to 12 above and publication of the Notice of Meetings and Sanction Hearings and posting of the Meeting Materials and this Order to the Monitor's Website pursuant to paragraphs 8 and 9 hereof shall constitute good and sufficient service and notice of the Sanction Hearing upon all Persons who may be entitled to receive such service and notice and no other form of service or notice need be made on such Persons and no other materials need be served on such Persons in respect of the Sanction Hearing.

47. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that any Person wishing to receive materials in connection with the Sanction Hearing shall, if they have not already done so, serve upon the lawyers for the Monitor and all other parties on the Service List and file with this Court a Notice of Appearance pronto time) on the date that is seven (7) days prior to the Sanction

by no later than 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on the date that is seven (7) days prior to the Sanction Hearing.

48. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that any Person who wishes to oppose the motion for the Sanction Order shall serve upon the lawyers for the Monitor and upon all other parties on the Service List, and file with this Court, a copy of the materials to be used to oppose the motion for the Sanction Order by no later than 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on the date that is three (3) Business Days prior to the Sanction Hearing.

49. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that if the Sanction Hearing is adjourned, only those Persons who are listed on the Service List (including those Persons who have complied with paragraph 47 of this Order) shall be served with notice of the adjourned date of the Sanction Hearing.

### MONITOR'S ROLE

50. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor, in addition to its prescribed rights and obligations under (a) the CCAA; (b) the Initial Order; (c) the Claims Procedure Orders, and (d) the Governance Protocol Order, is hereby directed and empowered to take such other actions and fulfill such other roles as are authorized by this Order.

51. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that: (a) in carrying out the terms of this Order, the Monitor shall have all the protections given to it by the CCAA, the Initial Order, the Claims Procedure Orders, and the Governance Protocol Order, or as an officer of the Court, including the stay of proceedings in its favour; (b) the Monitor may, if it deems it advisable to do so, waive strict compliance with the requirements of this Order, including by waiver of any time limit imposed on any Creditor under this Order; (c) the Monitor and any Authorized Representative (as defined in the Governance Protocol Order) shall incur no liability or obligation as a result of carrying out the provisions of this Order, save and except for any gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its or their parts; (d) the Monitor shall be entitled to rely on the books and records of the

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Applicants and any information provided by the Applicants without independent investigation;

and (e) the Monitor shall not be liable for any claims or damages resulting from any errors or

omissions in such books, records or information.

# AMENDMENT TO STYLE OF CAUSE

52. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the change of the title of these proceedings as follows is

hereby approved:

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 Sears Canada Inc., 9370-2751 Québec Inc., 191020 Canada Inc., The Cut Inc., Sears Contact Services Inc., Initium Logistics Services Inc., 9845488 Canada Inc., Initium Trading and Sourcing Corp., Sears Floor Covering Centres Inc., 173470 Canada Inc., 2497089 Ontario Inc., 6988741 Canada Inc., 10011711 Canada Inc., 1592580 Ontario Limited, 955041 Alberta Ltd., 4201531 Canada Inc., 168886 Canada Inc., and 3339611 Canada Inc.

# GENERAL

53. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that any notice or other communication to be given pursuant to

this Order by or on behalf of any Person to the Monitor shall be in writing and will be sufficiently

given only if by mail or email addressed to:

FTI Consulting Canada Inc., Court-appointed Monitor of the Sears Canada Entities

TD South Tower 79 Wellington Street West, Suite 2010, P.O. Box 104 Toronto, Ontario M5K 1G8

Attention: Hrvoje Muhek

E-mail: <u>searscanada@fticonsulting.com</u>

54. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor shall be entitled to rely upon any communication given pursuant to this Order (including any delivery of Creditor Proxies) by e-mail.

55. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that if any deadline set out in this Order falls on a day other than a Business Day, the deadline shall be extended to the next Business Day.

56. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that all references to time herein shall mean local time in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and any reference to an event occurring on a Business Day shall mean prior to 5:00 P.M. (Toronto time) on such Business Day unless otherwise indicated herein.

57. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor may from time to time apply to this Court to amend, vary, supplement or replace this Order or for advice and directions concerning the discharge of its powers and duties under this Order or the interpretation or application of this Order.

58. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that subject to any further Order of this Court, in the event of any conflict, inconsistency or ambiguity between the provisions of the A&R Plan and this Order, the provisions of the A&R Plan, if sanctioned by the Court and implemented, shall govern and be paramount.

## EFFECT, RECOGNITION AND ASSISTANCE

59. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that this Order shall have full force and effect in all provinces and territories in Canada, outside Canada and against all Persons against whom it may be enforceable.

60. **THIS COURT REQUESTS** the aid and recognition of any court, tribunal, regulatory or administrative body having jurisdiction in Canada or elsewhere to give effect to this Order and to assist 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 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 Monitor and their respective agents in carrying out the terms of this Order.

61. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Meetings Order granted by this Court on February 15, 2019 is hereby amended and restated on the terms set out in this Order.

#### SCHEDULE "A"

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 SEARS CANADA INC., 9370-2751 QUÉBEC INC., 191020 CANADA INC., THE CUT INC., SEARS CONTACT SERVICES INC., INITIUM LOGISTICS SERVICES INC., 9845488 CANADA INC., INITIUM TRADING AND SOURCING CORP., SEARS FLOOR COVERING CENTRES INC., 173470 CANADA INC., 2497089 ONTARIO INC., 6988741 CANADA INC., 10011711 CANADA INC., 1592580 ONTARIO LIMITED, 955041 ALBERTA LTD., 4201531 CANADA INC., 168886 CANADA INC., AND 3339611 CANADA INC.

#### NOTICE OF MEETINGS AND SANCTION HEARING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a joint amended and restated plan of compromise and arrangement (as further amended, supplemented, restated or amended and restated from time to time, the "**Plan**") under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* (Canada) ("**CCAA**") has been filed with the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) in respect of Sears Canada Inc. and certain of its affiliates (collectively, the "**Sears Canada Entities**"). Capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined in this notice are as defined in the Plan. A copy of the Plan, the twenty-ninth report of FTI Consulting Canada Inc., in its capacity as Monitor (the "**Monitor**") in respect of the Plan (the "**Plan Report**"), and the First and Second Supplements to the Plan Report can be found on the website of the Monitor at: http://cfcanada.fticonsulting.com/searscanada/ (the "**Monitor**").

**NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN** that Meetings of each of the following Unsecured Creditor Classes of Affected Unsecured Creditors of the Sears Canada Entities will be held at the following date, times and location for the purpose of considering and voting to approve the Plan:

Unsecured Creditor Class	Meeting Information
<b>SLH Creditor Class</b> : Affected Unsecured Creditors of any SLH Parties <sup>1</sup>	November 16, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. ON24 Virtual Meeting Platform <sup>2</sup>
<b>Sears Creditor Class</b> : Affected Unsecured Creditors of any of the Sears Parties <sup>3</sup>	November 16, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. ON24 Virtual Meeting Platform <sup>4</sup>

The Meetings are being held pursuant to the Order of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) dated February 15, 2019, as amended and restated on October 22, 2020 (the "**Meetings Order**") and the Virtual Meeting Protocol attached as Schedule "**D**" thereto, copies of which are available on the Monitor's Website.

For information regarding the virtual creditors meetings, and how to register to attend, please visit the Monitor's Website.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The "SLH Parties" are 191020 Canada Inc. (formerly known as SLH Transport Inc.) and 168886 Canada Inc.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Registration is required to attend the Meeting on the virtual meeting platform. Please refer to the Virtual Meeting Protocol for registration details.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The "**Sears Parties**" are Sears Canada Inc., The Cut Inc., Sears Contact Services Inc., Initium Logistics Services Inc., 9845488 Canada Inc. (formerly "Initium Commerce Lab Inc."), Initium Trading and Sourcing Corp., Sears Floor Covering Centres Inc., 173470 Canada Inc., 2497089 Ontario Inc., 6988741 Canada Inc., 10011711 Canada Inc., 1592580 Ontario Limited, 955041 Alberta Ltd., 4201531 Canada Inc., 3339611 Canada Inc. and SearsConnect.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Registration is required to attend the Meeting on the virtual meeting platform. Please refer to the Virtual Meeting Protocol for registration details.

The Plan provides for the compromise of the Affected Claims of Affected Unsecured Creditors of any of the SLH Parties or Sears Parties. The quorum for each Meeting will be one Affected Unsecured Creditor holding a Voting Claim present by proxy.

The Plan must receive an affirmative vote of the Required Majority of each Unsecured Creditor Class in order to be approved by the Affected Unsecured Creditors. The Required Majority is, for each Unsecured Creditor Class, a majority in number of Affected Unsecured Creditors representing at least two-thirds in value of the Voting Claims of Affected Unsecured Creditors, in each case, voting at the applicable Meeting. The Plan must also be sanctioned by a final order of the Court (the "**Sanction Order**") pursuant to the CCAA.

**NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN** that, if the Plan is approved by the Required Majority of each Unsecured Creditor Class at the Meetings, the Monitor intends to bring a motion before the Court on November 23, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. (Toronto time) (or such other date or time as may be set in accordance with the Meetings Order) seeking the granting of the Sanction Order and for relief ancillary to such sanction. Any person wishing to oppose the motion for the Sanction Order must serve upon the parties on the Service List (as posted on the Monitor's Website) and file with the Court, a copy of the materials to be used to oppose the Sanction Order by no later than 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on November 18, 2020.

### **Completion of Proxies**

Any Affected Unsecured Creditor with an Eligible Voting Claim who wishes to vote at a Meeting must complete, sign and return the form of proxy included in its creditor package and deliver its proxy to the Monitor in accordance with the enclosed instructions.

Proxies, once duly completed, dated and signed, must be sent by email to the Monitor, or if it cannot be sent by email, delivered to the Monitor at the address set out on the proxy form. Proxies must be received by the Monitor by no later than 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on November 9, 2020.

If you previously submitted a proxy prior to the applicable deadline for the Meetings that were adjourned on March 25, 2019, appointing Mr. Paul Bishop of FTI Consulting Canada Inc., in its capacity as Monitor, as your proxy and you do not wish to revoke such proxy, you do not need to re-submit a proxy.

# Creditors represented by Employee Representative Counsel or Pension Representative Counsel

If you are an Employee or Retiree of any of the Sears Canada Entities and have not opted out of such representation, then you are represented by Employee Representative Counsel or Pension Representative Counsel, as applicable, and such representative counsel will be voting on your behalf and will be voting FOR approval of the Plan. Accordingly, you should <u>not</u> submit a separate proxy.

# **Creditors with Warranty Claims**

If you are a Creditor holding a customer warranty pursuant to a valid and unexpired protection agreement issued by Sears Canada, please be advised that any Claim you may have that results from that warranty will be addressed under the terms of the Plan.

This notice is given by the Sears Canada Entities pursuant to the Meetings Order. Copies of the Meeting Materials, including the Plan and the Plan Report, may be obtained from the Monitor's Website (<u>http://cfcanada.fticonsulting.com/sears</u>), or by emailing the Monitor at <u>searscanada@fticonsulting.com</u>

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2020.

#### SCHEDULE "B"

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 SEARS CANADA INC., 9370-2751 QUÉBEC INC., 191020 CANADA INC., THE CUT INC., SEARS CONTACT SERVICES INC., INITIUM LOGISTICS SERVICES INC., 9845488 CANADA INC., INITIUM TRADING AND SOURCING CORP., SEARS FLOOR COVERING CENTRES INC., 173470 CANADA INC., 2497089 ONTARIO INC., 6988741 CANADA INC., 10011711 CANADA INC., 1592580 ONTARIO LIMITED, 955041 ALBERTA LTD., 4201531 CANADA INC., 168886 CANADA INC., AND 3339611 CANADA INC.

# CREDITOR PROXY

# Before completing this proxy, please read carefully the accompanying "Instructions For Completion of Proxy".

Capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the joint amended and restated plan of compromise and arrangement of Sears Canada Inc. and certain of its affiliates (collectively, the "**Sears Canada Entities**")<sup>5</sup> dated October 22, 2020 (as may be further amended, restated, supplemented, or amended and restated from time to time, the "**Plan**") filed pursuant to the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* with the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) (the "**Court**") or in the meetings order dated February 15, 2019, as amended and restated on October 22, 2020 (the "**Meetings Order**").

**THIS FORM OF PROXY IS FOR USE BY ALL CREDITORS.** In accordance with the Plan and the Meetings Order, this proxy may only be filed by Affected Unsecured Creditors having a Voting Claim or an Unresolved Voting Claim ("**Eligible Voting Creditors**") in respect of the Sears Canada Entities other than 9370-2571 Québec Inc. (formerly Corbeil Électrique Inc.).

A PROXY, ONCE DULY COMPLETED, DATED AND SIGNED, MUST BE DELIVERED BY EMAIL OR MAIL TO THE MONITOR SO THAT IT IS RECEIVED BY NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. (TORONTO TIME) ON NOVEMBER 9, 2020. (Note: Delivery by email is strongly recommended and preferred to ensure the proxy is received by the Monitor prior to the deadline. Those who send their proxies by mail should take into account potential delays and allow for substantial additional delivery time.)

Due to public meeting restrictions declared under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020*, S.O. 2020, c 17, and the regulations made thereunder, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Meetings will be held on a virtual meeting platform. Only Eligible Voting Creditors who submit a proxy appointing Mr. Paul Bishop of FTI Consulting Canada Inc., in its capacity as Monitor of the Sears Canada Entities, or such other Person as he in his sole discretion may designate, to attend, act and vote for and on behalf of such Eligible Voting Creditor at the applicable Meeting shall be entitled to have their Eligible Voting Claims voted at the applicable Meeting. **No votes on the Plan will be collected at the Meetings**.

If you previously submitted a proxy prior to the applicable deadline for the Meetings that were adjourned on March 25, 2019, appointing Mr. Paul Bishop of FTI Consulting Canada Inc., in its capacity as Monitor, as your proxy and you do not wish to revoke such proxy, **you do not need to re-submit a proxy**.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The "**Sears Canada Entities**" are Sears Canada Inc., The Cut Inc., Sears Contact Services Inc., Initium Logistics Services Inc., 9845488 Canada Inc. (formerly "Initium Commerce Lab Inc."), Initium Trading and Sourcing Corp., Sears Floor Covering Centres Inc., 173470 Canada Inc., 2497089 Ontario Inc., 6988741 Canada Inc., 10011711 Canada Inc., 1592580 Ontario Limited, 955041 Alberta Ltd., 4201531 Canada Inc., 3339611 Canada Inc., SearsConnect, 191020 Canada Inc., 168886 Canada Inc. and 9370-2571 Québec Inc.

THE UNDERSIGNED ELIGIBLE VOTING CREDITOR hereby revokes all proxies previously given, if any, and nominates, constitutes and appoints Mr. Paul Bishop of FTI Consulting Canada Inc. in its capacity as Monitor of the Sears Canada Entities, or such other Person as he, in his sole discretion, may designate, to attend on behalf of and act for the undersigned Eligible Voting Creditor at the applicable Meeting(s) to be held in connection with the Plan and at any and all adjournments, postponements or other rescheduling of such Meeting(s), and to vote the dollar value of the Eligible Voting Claim(s) of the undersigned for voting purposes as determined by and accepted for voting purposes in accordance with the Meetings Order and as set out in the Plan as follows:

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#### APPROVAL OF THE PLAN

# (mark one only):

The nominee shall vote at the nominee's discretion and otherwise act for and on behalf of the undersigned Affected Unsecured Creditor with respect to any amendments, modifications, variations or supplements to the Plan and to any other matters that may come before the applicable Meeting or any adjournment, postponement or other rescheduling of such Meeting.

In absence of instruction to vote for or against the approval of the resolution to approve the Plan, any duly signed and returned proxy shall be deemed to include instructions to vote for the approval of the resolution to approve the Plan.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

VOTE

Print Name of Sears Canada Entity the Eligible<br/>Voting Claim is held againstClaim Reference Number (if known further to a<br/>Notice of Revision or Disallowance sent to you by<br/>the Monitor)Print Name of Eligible Voting CreditorPrint name and title of the authorized signing<br/>officer of the corporation, partnership or trust, if<br/>applicable signing this formSignature of Eligible Voting Creditor or, if such<br/>creditor is a corporation, partnership or trust,<br/>signature of an authorized signing officer of the<br/>corporation, partnership or trustTelephone number of Eligible Voting Creditor or<br/>authorized signing officer

Mailing Address of Eligible Voting Creditor

E-mail address of Eligible Voting Creditor

#### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF PROXY**

- 1. These instructions for completion of proxy should be read in conjunction with the joint amended and restated plan of compromise and arrangement of Sears Canada Inc. and certain of its affiliates (collectively, the "Sears Canada Entities") dated October 22, 2020 (as may be further amended, restated, supplemented, or amended and restated from time to time, the "Plan") filed pursuant to the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* with the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) (the "Court") and in connection with the meetings order dated February 15, 2019, as amended and restated on October 22, 2020 (the "Meetings Order"). Capitalized terms used herein that are not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan or Meetings Order.
- 2. Due to public meeting restrictions declared under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020,* S.O. 2020, c 17, and the regulations made thereunder, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Meetings will be held on a virtual meeting platform on November 16, 2020.
- 3. In accordance with the Virtual Meeting Protocol approved pursuant to the Meetings Order, no person other than Mr. Paul Bishop of FTI Consulting Canada Inc., in its capacity as Monitor, or such other Person as he, in his sole discretion may designate, shall be appointed as the Eligible Voting Creditor's proxy holder.
- 4. In that regard, each Eligible Voting Creditor wishing to vote at a Meeting must submit a completed proxy appointing Mr. Paul Bishop, of FTI Consulting Canada Inc., in its capacity as Monitor, to attend, act and vote for and on behalf of such Eligible Voting Creditor at the applicable Meeting. If you previously submitted a proxy prior to the applicable deadline for the Meetings that were adjourned on March 25, 2019, appointing Mr. Paul Bishop as your proxy and you do not wish to revoke such proxy, you do not need to re-submit a proxy.
- 5. An Eligible Voting Creditor who has given a proxy may revoke it as to any matter on which a vote has not already been cast pursuant to its authority by delivering written notice to the Monitor at the contact details set out below prior to 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on November 9, 2020 (the "**Proxy Deadline**").
- 6. If this proxy is not dated in the space provided, it shall be deemed to be dated as of the date on which it is received by the Monitor.
- 7. A valid proxy from the same Eligible Voting Creditor bearing or deemed to bear a later date shall revoke this proxy. If more than one valid proxy from the same Eligible Voting Creditor in the same capacity and bearing or deemed to bear the same date are received with conflicting instructions, such proxies shall not be counted for the purposes of the vote.
- 8. This proxy confers discretionary authority upon the proxy holder with respect to other matters that may properly come before the applicable Meeting or any adjournment or postponement of the applicable Meeting.
- 9. The proxy holder shall vote the Voting Claim or Unresolved Voting Claim of the Eligible Voting Creditor in accordance with the direction of the Eligible Voting Creditor appointing him or her on any ballot that may be called for at the applicable Meeting or any adjournment or postponement of such Meeting.

#### IF AN ELIGIBLE VOTING CREDITOR SUBMITS THIS PROXY AND FAILS TO INDICATE ON THIS PROXY A VOTE FOR OR AGAINST APPROVAL OF THE PLAN, THIS PROXY SHALL BE VOTED FOR APPROVAL OF THE PLAN, INCLUDING ANY AMENDMENTS, VARIATIONS OR SUPPLEMENTS THERETO.

- 10. If the Eligible Voting Creditor is an individual, this proxy must be signed by the Eligible Voting Creditor or by a person duly authorized (by power of attorney) to sign on the Eligible Voting Creditor's behalf. If the Eligible Voting Creditor is a corporation, partnership or trust, this proxy must be signed by a duly authorized officer or attorney of the corporation, partnership or trust. You may be required to provide documentation evidencing your power and authority to sign this proxy.
- 11. An electronic signature of the applicable signatory or a photo of the dated and signed signature page will be acceptable.

#### 12. A PROXY, ONCE DULY COMPLETED, DATED AND SIGNED, MUST BE DELIVERED BY EMAIL OR MAIL TO THE MONITOR SO THAT IT IS RECEIVED BY NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. (TORONTO TIME) ON NOVEMBER 9, 2020.

(**Note**: Delivery by email is strongly recommended and preferred to ensure the proxy is received by the Monitor prior to the deadline. Those who send their proxies by mail should take into account potential delays and allow for substantial additional delivery time.)

By email: <u>searscanada@fticonsulting.com</u>

13. The Monitor is authorized to use reasonable discretion as to the adequacy of compliance with respect to the manner in which any proxy is completed and executed, and may waive strict compliance with the requirements in connection with the deadlines imposed by the Meetings Order.

## SCHEDULE "C"

# [LETTERHEAD OF MONITOR]

October ●, 2020

TO: Affected Unsecured Creditors of Sears Canada Inc., The Cut Inc., Sears Contact Services Inc., Initium Logistics Services Inc., 9845488 Canada Inc. (formerly "Initium Commerce Lab Inc."), Initium Trading and Sourcing Corp., Sears Floor Covering Centres Inc., 173470 Canada Inc., 2497089 Ontario Inc., 6988741 Canada Inc., 10011711 Canada Inc., 1592580 Ontario Limited, 955041 Alberta Ltd., 4201531 Canada Inc., 3339611 Canada Inc. and SearsConnect (collectively, the "Sears Parties"), 191020 Canada Inc. (formerly known as SLH Transport Inc.) and 168886 Canada Inc. (together, the "SLH Parties") and 9370-2571 Québec Inc. ("Former Corbeil", and collectively with the Sears Parties and SLH Parties, the "Sears Canada Entities").

#### Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

#### Proposed Joint Plan of Compromise and Arrangement of the Sears Canada Entities

Please find enclosed the joint amended and restated plan of compromise and arrangement (as may be further amended, restated, supplemented or amended and restated from time to time, the "**Plan**") under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* (Canada) (the "**CCAA**") of the Sears Canada Entities, as presented for filing with the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) (the "**Court**") on October 22, 2020 by FTI Consulting Canada Inc., in its capacity as the Court-appointed Monitor in the CCAA proceedings of the Sears Canada Entities (the "**Monitor**"). Capitalized terms used in this letter that are not otherwise defined in this letter are as defined in the Plan.

The Plan amends and restates the Joint Plan of Compromise and Arrangement of the Sears Canada Entities dated February 15, 2019, which was previously filed with the Court and delivered to creditors (the **"Original Plan"**). The modifications that have been made to the Original Plan are summarized below.

#### <u>Overview</u>

As you may know, on June 22, 2017, Sears Canada Inc. and certain of its affiliates (as defined above, the "**Sears Canada Entities**") obtained creditor protection under the CCAA. The Sears Canada Entities have closed all of their stores, discontinued their operations and liquidated all of their assets in an effort to maximize recoveries for their creditors.

In addition, the Monitor and the Honourable J. Douglas Cunningham, Q.C., as Court-appointed litigation trustee (the "Litigation Trustee"), were authorized by the Court to pursue litigation against certain third parties on behalf of Sears Canada Inc. and its creditors, in connection with the payment of certain dividends made by Sears Canada Inc. to its shareholders in 2013 (the "Dividend Litigation").

On March 17, 2020, August 25, 2020 and September 18, 2020, the Court approved the settlement agreements entered into in connection with the Dividend Litigation, such that the Dividend Litigation has now been finally settled and concluded.

In order to distribute the net proceeds from the liquidation of the assets of the Sears Canada Entities and the settlements of the Dividend Litigation, the Monitor has developed the Plan, which is now proposed on behalf of the Sears Canada Entities. The Plan must be approved by a majority in number of Affected Unsecured Creditors in each of two Unsecured Creditor Classes, representing at least two-thirds in value of the Voting Claims of such Affected Unsecured Creditors, in each case who actually vote by proxy at

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the applicable Meeting. Effectiveness of the Plan is also subject to the approval of the Court pursuant to the CCAA.

If the Plan is approved by the required majorities of creditors and sanctioned by the Court, the Plan will:

- (a) effect a compromise and settlement of all Affected Claims, in exchange for the distributions to Affected Unsecured Creditors with Proven Affected Unsecured Claims;
- (b) facilitate the payment of distributions in respect of Proven Affected Unsecured Claims, Proven Priority Claims and Proven Secured Claims;
- (c) implement the resolution of a number of significant claims against the Sears Canada Entities, including (i) claims relating to the wind-up deficit in the Sears Canada Pension Plan, and (ii) certain class action claims; and
- (d) allow those Affected Unsecured Creditors of Sears Canada Inc. who have not opted out of participation in the Dividend Litigation (such litigation being referred to in the Plan as the "TUV Claim" and the "LT Claims", with such Creditors being "Sears Opt-In Creditors") to receive the benefit of the net proceeds from the settlements of the TUV Claim and LT Claims;

all in the expectation that all persons with an economic interest in the Sears Canada Entities will derive a greater benefit from the implementation of the Plan than would result from any alternative, including and in particular, a bankruptcy.

#### Summary of Amendments to Plan<sup>6</sup>

The Plan includes the following amendments to the Original Plan:

- (a) <u>Litigation Cost Recovery Amount</u>: As a result of the settlements of the Dividend Litigation, the Plan no longer requires a mechanism to provide for ongoing funding of this litigation. The Plan now provides that Sears Canada shall be reimbursed from the proceeds of the settlement of the TUV Claim and the LT Claims for the costs of this litigation funded by Sears Canada Inc. This reimbursed amount will be available for distribution to creditors of Sears Canada Inc. with Proven Affected Unsecured Claims, regardless of whether such creditors are Sears Opt-In Creditors. The recoveries received by Sears Canada Inc. from the settlement of the Dividend Litigation (net of the Litigation Cost Recovery Amount) will be distributed in accordance with the Plan to the Sears Opt-In Creditors holding Proven Affected Unsecured Claims.
- (b) <u>D&O Claims, Director Indemnities and Claims for Contribution from the ESL Parties</u>: The Plan no longer requires a mechanism for distributions to be made on account of indemnity claims asserted by any Director, Officer or ESL Party in connection with the Dividend Litigation. Those indemnity claims have been released as part of the settlement of the Dividend Litigation.
- (c) <u>Releases</u>: The Plan now provides for releases in favour of the Settling Defendants, being Edward Lampert, ESL Investments, Inc., and those former directors and officers and affiliates of ESL Investments, Inc. who were defendants in the Dividend Litigation. Sears Canada is required to seek approval of these releases as a term of the settlements of the Dividend Litigation that was previously approved by the Court.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> This summary is provided for general information purposes only. The Plan is the governing document.

- (d) <u>Warranty Reimbursement Pool</u>: As a result of additional asset sale proceeds and cash inflows, the cash attributable to the Warranty Reimbursement Pool has increased from \$8,000,000 to \$9,000,000.
- (e) <u>Revised Dates</u>: The Plan Implementation Date must have occurred by December 31, 2020 or such later date as agreed by the Pension Parties and the Monitor.

# Classes of Affected Unsecured Creditors and Voting

The Plan is a single joint Plan that will be subject to approval at the Meetings by the vote of each of two Unsecured Creditor Classes, being:

- (f) the Sears Creditor Class, being Affected Unsecured Creditors of any of the Sears Parties; and
- (g) the SLH Creditor Class, being Affected Unsecured Creditors of any of the SLH Parties.

Since Former Corbeil has sufficient funds to pay all of its Affected Unsecured Creditors in full, such creditors will have no shortfall on their claims and so will not be entitled to vote.

Affected Unsecured Creditors in each class will be entitled to vote the amount of their Affected Unsecured Claim as finally determined in accordance with the applicable Claims Procedure Order and the Plan. To the extent that an Affected Unsecured Claim, or any part thereof, remains unresolved, the Affected Unsecured Creditor will also be able to vote its Unresolved Voting Claim and such vote shall be tabulated separately from the votes of Affected Unsecured Creditors with Proven Claims.

#### Estimated Recoveries

While the value of distributions to Affected Unsecured Creditors cannot be calculated with certainty at this time, the current estimated range of recoveries for Affected Unsecured Creditors of the SLH Parties is approximately  $\bullet$  to  $\bullet$  cents on the dollar. For Affected Unsecured Creditors of the Sears Parties who are Sears Opt-In Creditors, this figure is estimated at approximately  $\bullet$  to  $\bullet$  cents on the dollar. For Affected Unsecured Creditors of the dollar. For Affected Unsecured Creditors of the sears Parties who are Sears Opt-In Creditors who are not Sears Opt-In Creditors, these recoveries will be lower as they will not include any recoveries from the settlements of the Dividend Litigation.

Distributions on account of Proven Claims of Affected Unsecured Creditors in the SLH Creditor Class and Sears Creditor Class will be based on the pro rata share of the net funds available in the SLH Parties and Sears Parties' respective estates. As indicated above, Affected Unsecured Creditors of Former Corbeil will be paid in full.

Sears Opt-In Creditors will additionally be entitled to their pro rata share of the net proceeds from the settlements of the Dividend Litigation.

### Pension Claims

The Sears Canada Entities, the Monitor and the Pension Parties reached a settlement pursuant to which the Pension Claims will be allowed as Proven Affected Unsecured Claims for the purposes of distributions at the value of \$624,480,000 against the Sears Parties and \$26,020,000 against the SLH Parties, subject to certain adjustments. As part of the settlement, the Pension Parties agreed to discontinue the Deemed Trust Motions upon implementation of the Plan.

In conjunction with the settlement, the Monitor reached a support agreement with the Pension Plan Administrator whereby the Pension Plan Administrator or its designated proxy will vote in favour of the Plan, provided that the conditions of the settlement are met.

# <u>Releases</u>

The Plan provides for customary releases in favour of the Sears Released Parties and the Third Party Released Parties.

As discussed above, the Plan also provides for releases in favour of Edward Lampert, ESL Investments, Inc., and those former directors and officers and affiliates of ESL Investments, Inc. who were defendants in the Dividend Litigation.

## Consideration of and Vote on the Plan

The information provided in this letter is intended to give a high level overview of the Plan. You should note, however, that the governing document is the Plan. Accompanying this letter are the following important documents:

- The Plan;
- The Notice of Meetings and Sanction Hearing;
- The Second Supplement to the Monitor's Report on the Plan;
- A form of Creditor Proxy and instructions for its completion; and
- The Virtual Meeting Protocol.

You should read each of these documents carefully and in their entirety. You may wish to consult legal, financial, tax or other professional advisors regarding the Plan and should not construe the contents of this letter as investment, legal or tax advice.

Due to public meeting restrictions declared under the Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act. 2020. and the regulations made thereunder. as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. the Meetings will be held on a virtual meeting platform on November 16. 2020. Details of the Meetings and the Sanction Hearing are contained in the Notice of Meetings and Sanction Hearing. The process by which the Meetings will be held on the virtual meeting platform is described in the Virtual Meeting Protocol.

To vote on the Plan, all Eligible Voting Creditors must submit a properly completed proxy so that it is received by no later than **5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on November 9, 2020** (the "**Proxy Deadline**") appointing Mr. Paul Bishop of FTI Consulting Canada Inc., as Monitor (or any party designated by Mr. Bishop), as proxy holder to attend and vote at the applicable Meeting. If you previously submitted a proxy prior to the applicable deadline for the Meetings that were adjourned on March 25, 2019, appointing Mr. Paul Bishop as your proxy and you do not wish to revoke such proxy, you do not need to re-submit a proxy.

Any Eligible Voting Creditor (or its respective authorized representative if such Eligible Voting Creditor is not an individual) who would like to attend the applicable Meeting must register on the virtual meeting platform in accordance with the Virtual Meeting Protocol.

### The Monitor recommends that Affected Unsecured Creditors vote FOR approval of the Plan.

Pursuant to the Meetings Order, Employee Representative Counsel and Pension Representative Counsel have been appointed as proxy holder for the Employees ("**ERC Employees**") and Retirees ("**PRC Retirees**") that they respectively represent.

Accordingly, **ERC Employees and PRC Employees do not need to complete a proxy**. Employee Representative Counsel and Pension Representative Counsel will be voting their proxies **FOR** approval of the Plan.

The Pension Plan Administrator, being the largest unsecured creditor in the estate, has also confirmed that, subject to satisfaction of the conditions contained in the Plan, it will vote **FOR** approval of the Plan.

# Further Information

If you have any questions regarding the Plan, the vote, or matters with respect to the Meetings or Sanction Hearing, please contact the Monitor by email at <u>searscanada@fticonsulting.com</u>.

Yours sincerely,

FTI Consulting Canada Inc., in its capacity as Court-appointed Monitor of the Sears Canada Entities

#### SCHEDULE "D"

#### VIRTUAL MEETING PROTOCOL

1. This virtual meeting protocol should be read in conjunction with the joint amended and restated plan of compromise and arrangement of Sears Canada Inc. and certain of its affiliates (collectively, the "Sears Canada Entities") dated October 22, 2020 (as may be further amended, restated, supplemented, or amended and restated from time to time, the "Plan") filed pursuant to the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* with the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) (the "Court") and in conjunction with the meetings order dated February 15, 2019, as amended and restated on October 22, 2020 (the "Meetings Order"). Capitalized terms used herein that are not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan or Meetings Order.

In the case of any conflict or inconsistency between this protocol and the Meetings Order, this protocol shall govern.

- 2. Due to public meeting restrictions declared under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020,* S.O. 2020, c 17, and the regulations made thereunder, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Meetings will be held on a virtual meeting platform on November 16, 2020.
- 3. <u>Registration and Access to the Meetings</u>:
  - a. All Eligible Voting Creditors who wish to vote at a Meeting must submit a completed and signed proxy form including an email address at which such Eligible Voting Creditor may be contacted so that it is received by the Monitor no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 9, 2020 (the "**Proxy Deadline**").
  - b. If an Eligible Voting Creditor (or its authorized representative if such Eligible Voting Creditor is not an individual) would like to attend the applicable Meeting, the Eligible Voting Creditor must return this form to the Monitor by November 9, 2020 with the information completed below:

Print name of Sears Canada Entity the Eligible Voting Claim is held against	Claim Reference Number (if known)
Print full name of the Eligible Voting Creditor	Print full name of the authorized representative of the corporation, partnership or trust, if applicable, who will be attending the Meeting

Print email address of the Eligible Voting Creditor or the authorized representative, if applicable, who will be attending the Meeting

- c. All Eligible Voting Creditors are strongly encouraged to submit any questions regarding the Plan to the Monitor by 5:00 p.m. on November 12, 2020 at the email address below.
- d. All Eligible Voting Creditors (or their respective authorized representatives, if such Eligible Voting Creditor is not an individual) who wish to attend the applicable Meeting must register on the virtual meeting platform using the steps outlined below to attend the Meeting(s).
- 4. <u>To Attend the Meeting(s)</u>, each Eligible Voting Creditor or its respective authorized representative (if such Eligible Voting Creditor is not an individual) must follow the steps below:
  - a. **Register**. On or before November 12, 2020, Eligible Voting Creditors who have submitted a duly completed proxy form and this form by the Proxy Deadline will receive an email from the Monitor with a web link to register for the Meeting(s) on the virtual meeting platform. Once registered, Eligible Voting Creditors or their respective authorized representative (if such Eligible Voting Creditor is not an individual) will receive an email confirmation and a calendar invite.
  - b. Click to Open Virtual Meeting Platform. On November 16, 2020, Eligible Voting Creditors or their respective authorized representative (if such Eligible Voting Creditor is not an individual) must click on

the meeting link in the confirmation email or calendar invite to open the virtual meeting platform website.

- c. Enter the Virtual Meeting Platform. To enter the Meeting(s) on the virtual meeting platform, each Eligible Voting Creditor or authorized representative (if such Eligible Voting Creditor is not an individual) must enter his or her name and the email that was used to register for the Meeting(s). If the party attending the meeting is an authorized representative of an Eligible Voting Creditor that is not an individual, such authorized representative must also enter the name of the Eligible Voting Creditor that he or she represents.
  - i. **Note**: The Monitor cannot ensure that all parties who wish to attend the Meetings will be able to do so or will not experience technical difficulties accessing the Meeting(s). The fact that any person may not be able to access a Meeting will not invalidate any resolution passed or proceedings taken at the Meetings.

#### 5. At the Meetings:

- a. A representative of the Monitor will present the Plan and address questions that (i) were submitted in advance by email, and (ii) are raised in real-time at the Meetings.
- b. Only representatives of the Monitor, the Monitor's counsel, the Employee Representative Counsel, the Pension Representative Counsel and the Pension Plan Administrator's counsel will have the ability to speak at the Meetings due to the practical limitations of the virtual meeting platform.
- c. The virtual meeting platform will accept written questions submitted in real-time by any other attendees using the "Q&A" feature on the virtual meeting platform.
- d. The Monitor will:
  - i. review and moderate the written questions in real-time,
  - ii. answer questions that are material to the Plan, the Meeting or the implementation of the Plan and submitted during each Meeting, and
  - iii. keep a record of all such questions.
- e. The Monitor will respond to as many material questions as possible during the Meetings.
- f. If necessary, the Monitor will respond to any other questions that are submitted during the Meetings and are material to the Plan, the Meeting or the implementation of the Plan after the Meetings (the "Overflow Questions"). The Overflow Questions and responses will be posted on the Monitor's website as soon as practicable after the Meetings and by no later than November 18, 2020.
- 6. <u>Voting at the Meetings</u>:
  - a. Each Eligible Voting Creditor wishing to vote at a Meeting must appoint as his or her proxy Mr. Paul Bishop, of FTI Consulting Canada Inc., as Monitor, to attend, act and vote for and on behalf of such Eligible Voting Creditor at the applicable Meeting. No person other than Mr. Paul Bishop of FTI Consulting Canada Inc., as Monitor, or such other Person as he, in his sole discretion may designate, shall be appointed as the Eligible Voting Creditor's proxy holder.
  - b. Mr. Paul Bishop, of FTI Consulting Canada Inc., as Monitor, or such other Person as he, in his sole discretion may designate, will vote such proxies in accordance with the instructions set out therein and the Meetings Order.
  - c. No votes on the Plan will be collected at the Meetings.
- 7. A PROXY, ONCE DULY COMPLETED, DATED AND SIGNED, MUST BE DELIVERED BY EMAIL OR MAIL TO THE MONITOR SO THAT IT IS RECEIVED BY NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. (TORONTO TIME) ON NOVEMBER 9, 2020. (Note: Delivery by email is strongly recommended and preferred to ensure the proxy is received by the Monitor prior to the deadline. Those who send their proxies by mail should take into account potential delays and allow for substantial additional delivery time.)
  - By email: searscanada@fticonsulting.com
  - By mail: FTI Consulting Canada Inc., as Monitor of the Sears Canada Entities TD South Tower 79 Wellington Street West, Suite 2010, P.O. Box 104 Toronto, Ontario M5K 1G8

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