

Court File No.: CV-24-00720567-00CL

## ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE (COMMERCIAL LIST)

THE HONOURABLE	)	TUESDAY, THE 21st
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JUSTICE PENNY	)	DAY OF MAY, 2024

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

AND IN THE MATTER OF RED LOBSTER MANAGEMENT LLC, RED LOBSTER HOSPITALITY LLC and RED LOBSTER CANADA INC.

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

### INTERIM STAY ORDER (FOREIGN PROCEEDING)

THIS APPLICATION, made pursuant to the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, as amended (the "CCAA") and section 106 of the *Courts of Justice Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.43, by Red Lobster Management LLC. ("RL Management") in its capacity as the proposed foreign representative (in such capacity, the "Proposed Foreign Representative") in respect of the proceedings commenced on May 19, 2024, in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida pursuant to chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Foreign Proceeding"), for an Order substantially in the form enclosed in the Application Record, was heard this day by judicial videoconference in Toronto, Ontario.

**ON READING** the Notice of Application and the affidavit of Jonathan Tibus sworn May 20, 2024.

**AND ON HEARING** the submissions of counsel for the Proposed Foreign Representative, counsel for FTI Consulting Canada, Inc., in its capacity as the proposed information officer (the "**Proposed Information Officer**"), counsel for the Pre-Petition Term Loan Lenders and counsel for such other parties as were present and wished to be heard:

#### **SERVICE**

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

#### **STAY OF PROCEEDINGS**

2. **THIS COURT ORDERS** from the date hereof and until such date as this Court may order (the "Stay Period"), no proceeding or enforcement process in any court or tribunal in Canada (each, a "Proceeding") shall be commenced or continued against or in respect of Red Lobster Canada Inc. ("RL Canada"), Red Lobster Hospitality LLC ("RL Hospitality") and RL Management (together with RL Canada and RL Hospitality, the "Debtors") or affecting their business (the "Business") or their current and future assets, undertakings and properties of every nature and kind whatsoever, and wherever situate, including all proceeds thereof (the "Property"), except with the written consent of the applicable Debtor, or with leave of this Court, and any and all proceedings currently under way against or in respect of any of the Debtors, or affecting the Business or the Property, are hereby stayed and suspended pending further Order of this Court.

#### NO EXERCISE OF RIGHTS OR REMEDIES

3. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that during the Stay Period, all rights and remedies of any individual, firm, corporation, governmental body or agency, or any other entities or person (all of

the foregoing, collectively being "**Persons**" and each being a "**Person**") against or in respect of the Debtors, or affecting the Business or the Property, are hereby stayed and suspended except with the written consent of the applicable Debtor, or with leave of this Court, provided that nothing in this Order shall (i) prevent the assertion of or the exercise of rights and remedies in the Foreign Proceeding, (ii) empower any Debtor to carry on any business in Canada which such Debtor is not lawfully entitled to carry on, (iii) affect such investigations or proceedings by a regulatory body as are permitted by section 11.1 of the CCAA, (iv) prevent the filing of any registration to preserve or perfect a security interest, or (v) prevent the registration of a claim for lien.

#### NO INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS

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

#### ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS

5. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, during the Stay Period, all Persons having oral or written agreements with the Debtors or statutory or regulatory mandates for the supply of goods and/or services in Canada, including without limitation, all licencing arrangements, manufacturing arrangements, computer software, communication and other data services, centralized banking services, payroll services, insurance, transportation services, utility, fuel, maintenance, customs broker services or other services provided in respect of the Property or Business of the Debtors, are hereby restrained until further Order of this Court from discontinuing, altering, interfering with

or terminating the supply of such goods or services as may be required by the Debtors, and that the Debtors shall be entitled to the continued use in Canada of their current premises, bank accounts, telephone numbers, facsimile numbers, internet addresses and domain names, provided in each case that the normal prices or charges for all such goods or services received after the date of this Order are paid by the Debtors in accordance with normal payment practices of the Debtors or such practices as may be agreed upon by the supplier or service provider and the Debtors, or as may be ordered by this Court.

6. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that during the Stay Period, and except as permitted by subsection 11.03(2) of the CCAA, no Proceeding may be commenced or continued against any of the former, current or future directors or officers of the Debtors with respect to any claim against the directors or officers that arose before the date hereof and that relates to any obligations of the Debtors whereby the directors or officers are alleged under any law to be liable in their capacity as directors or officers for the payment or performance of such obligations.

#### NO SALE OF PROPERTY

- 7. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, except with the leave of this Court, each of the Debtors is prohibited from selling or otherwise disposing of:
  - (a) outside the ordinary course of their Business, any of their Property in Canada that relates to the Business; and
  - (b) any of their other Property in Canada.

#### **SERVICE AND NOTICE**

8. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that The Guide Concerning Commercial List E-Service (the "**Protocol**") is approved and adopted by reference herein and, in this proceeding, the service of

documents made in accordance with the Protocol (which can be found on the Commercial List website at <a href="https://www.ontariocourts.ca/scj/practice/regional-practice-directions/eservice-commercial/">https://www.ontariocourts.ca/scj/practice/regional-practice-directions/eservice-commercial/</a>) shall be valid and effective service. Subject to Rule 17.05, this Order shall constitute an order for substituted service pursuant to Rule 16.04 of the Rules of Civil Procedure. Subject to Rule 3.01(d) of the Rules of Civil Procedure, service of documents in accordance with the Protocol will be effective on transmission.

- 9. THIS COURT ORDERS that if the service or distribution of documents in accordance with the Protocol is not practicable, the Debtors, the Proposed Foreign Representative, the Proposed Information Officer, and their respective counsel are at liberty to serve or distribute this Order, any other materials and orders in these proceedings, and any notices or other correspondence, by forwarding true copies thereof by prepaid ordinary mail, courier, personal delivery, facsimile transmission or electronic transmission to the Debtors' creditors or other interested parties at their respective addresses (including e-mail addresses) as last shown on the records of the applicable Debtor and that any such service or distribution shall be deemed to be received (a) in the case of delivery by personal delivery, facsimile or electronic transmission, on the date of delivery or transmission, (b) in the case of delivery by prepaid ordinary mail, on the third business day after mailing, and (c) in the case of delivery by courier, on the next business day following the date of forwarding thereof.
- 10. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Debtors, the Proposed Foreign Representative, the Proposed Information Officer, and their respective counsel are at liberty to serve or distribute this Order and any other materials and orders as may be reasonably required in these proceedings, including any notices or other correspondence, by forwarding true copies thereof by electronic message to the Debtors' creditors or other interested parties and their advisors. For greater

certainty, any such distribution or service shall be deemed to be in satisfaction of a legal or juridical obligation and notice requirements within the meaning of clause 3(c) of the Electronic Commerce Protection Regulations, Reg. 81000-2-175 (SOR/DORS).

#### **GENERAL**

- 11. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that any party may, from time to time, apply to this Court for such further or other relief as it may advise, including for directions in respect of this Order.
- 12. **THIS COURT HEREBY REQUESTS** the aid and recognition of any court, tribunal, or regulatory or administrative body having jurisdiction in Canada, the United States of America or any other foreign jurisdiction, to give effect to this Order and to assist the Debtors, the Proposed Foreign Representative, and their counsel and agents in carrying out the terms of this Order. All courts, tribunals, and regulatory and administrative bodies are hereby respectfully requested to make such orders and to provide such assistance to the Debtors and the Proposed Foreign Representative as may be necessary or desirable to give effect to this Order, or to assist the Debtors and the Proposed Foreign Representative and their agents in carrying out the terms of this Order.
- 13. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that this Order shall be effective as of 12:01 a.m. on the date of this Order without the need for entry or filing of this Order.



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