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Tab 1

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., 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

NOTICE OF MOTION

(Stay Extension and Approval of Mediation Process)

The Applicants will make a motion before a judge of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) on May 9, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., or as soon after that time as the motion can be heard, at 330 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

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

THE MOTION IS FOR:

- 1. An Order substantially in the form attached to the Motion Record, *inter alia*:
 - (a) if necessary, abridging the time for service of this Notice of Motion and the Motion Record and dispensing with service on any person other than those served;
 - (b) extending the Stay Period (defined below) until and including July 31, 2018;

- (c) extending the Application Period (defined below) set out in the Employee Hardship Fund Term Sheet (defined below) to July 31, 2018; and
- (d) approving a process for the mediation of significant outstanding issues in these CCAA proceedings pursuant to the Mediation Process Outline (defined below).
- 2. Such further and other relief as this Court may deem just.

THE GROUNDS FOR THE MOTION ARE:

Background

- 1. The Applicants and SearsConnect (the "Sears Canada Entities") were granted protection from their creditors under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, as amended (the "CCAA"), pursuant to the Initial Order of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) dated June 22, 2017, as amended and restated (the "Initial Order");
- 2. FTI Consulting Canada Inc. was appointed to act as the Monitor (the "Monitor") in the CCAA proceeding;

Stay Extension

- 3. The Initial Order granted a stay of proceedings until July 22, 2017, or such later date as this Court may order (the "**Stay Period**");
- 4. The Court has since extended the Stay Period until and including May 11, 2018;
- 5. The extension of the Stay Period is necessary to (i) allow the claims processes established pursuant to the Claims Procedure Order made on December 8, 2017 and the Employee and Retiree Claims Procedure Order made on February 22, 2018 (collectively, the "Claims Processes") to continue and for the Sears Canada Entities to assist the Monitor in reviewing and attempting to resolve claims that have been submitted in the Claims Processes; (ii) to permit the Sears Canada Entities, the Monitor and significant stakeholders in the estate to participate in the proposed mediation on June 13 and 14, 2018, and to develop and report on any resolutions that

come out of that mediation; and (iii) to allow the Sears Canada Entities to continue the sales process for the real estate assets still owned by Sears Canada;

- 6. The Applicants have been acting in and continue to act in good faith and with due diligence in these CCAA proceedings;
- 7. It is just and convenient and in the interests of the Applicants and their respective stakeholders that the Stay Period be extended;
- 8. It is projected that the Applicants have sufficient liquidity to continue operations through the requested Stay Period;
- 9. The Monitor supports the extension of the Stay Period;

Application Period for Employee Hardship Fund

- 10. On August 18, 2017, this Court granted an order establishing an employee hardship fund pursuant to the terms of an employee hardship fund term sheet dated August 11, 2017 (the "Employee Hardship Fund Term Sheet");
- 11. The Employee Hardship Fund Term Sheet included an application period until October 4, 2017 or, in the event of an extension of the Stay Period, such further date as determined by the Court (the "**Application Period**");
- 12. The Application Period has since been extended to May 11, 2018;
- 13. In light of the proposed extension of the Stay Period, the Applicants are also seeking an Order extending the Application Period until July 31, 2018;

Approval of Mediation Process

14. These CCAA proceedings are at an inflection point as the inventory liquidation processes for Sears Canada are completed, a litigation investigator has been appointed pursuant to the Litigation Investigator Order made on March 2, 2018, and most significant claims bar dates in the Claims Processes have passed;

- 15. Given the projected level of creditor recoveries in these proceedings, the expenditure of significant amounts to thoroughly investigate every claim or to engage in extensive litigation in order to determine the precise amount of potentially-disputed claims is not justified;
- 16. The Sears Canada Entities and the Monitor wish to ensure that the estate's efforts are focussed on the tasks necessary to facilitate a resolution of the CCAA proceedings and a distribution of estate funds as soon as possible;
- 17. The Monitor and the Sears Canada Entities have met, on a without prejudice basis, with counsel who have been active in these proceedings and who represent clients with significant claims to discuss the next steps in these proceedings, including a potential mediation;
- 18. In addition, the Sears Canada Entities, in consultation with the Monitor, have prepared and shared a draft indicative CCAA Plan Term Sheet for discussion purposes with certain creditors who have agreed to keep such information confidential, and for use in seeking support for a resolution to the CCAA proceedings as part of a proposed mediation;
- 19. All the parties that attended the stakeholder meeting described above confirmed to the Monitor that they wished to participate in a mediation;
- 20. As a result, the Applicants are seeking approval for the Mediation Process Outline (as defined and described in the Affidavit of Philip Mohtadi affirmed May 2, 2018);
- 21. The Applicants are seeking approval for the Mediation Process Outline in order to provide a clear timeline and path forward in the CCAA proceedings and with the hope that the proposed mediation will be a step toward the efficient resolution of the estate, while avoiding prolonged and expensive litigation that would only serve to dilute creditor recoveries;

Other Grounds

22. The provisions of the CCAA, including sections 11 and 11.02, and the inherent and equitable jurisdiction of this Honourable Court;

23. Rules 1.04, 1.05, 2.03, 3.02, 16 and 37 of the Ontario *Rules of Civil Procedure*, R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 194, as amended, and section 106 of the Ontario *Courts of Justice Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.43, as amended; and

24. 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 this motion:

- 1. The Affidavit of Philip Mohtadi affirmed May 2, 2018 and the exhibits attached thereto;
- 2. The Eighteenth Report of the Monitor (to be filed); and
- 3. Such further and other evidence as counsel may advise and this Court may permit.

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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

AFFIDAVIT OF PHILIP MOHTADI Affirmed May 2, 2018 (Stay Extension and Approval of Mediation Process)

- I, PHILIP MOHTADI, of the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario, AFFIRM AND SAY:
- 1. I am the General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of the Applicant Sears Canada Inc. ("Sears Canada"). I am also a director of each of the other Applicants. As such, I have personal knowledge of the matters deposed to in this Affidavit. Where I have relied on other sources for information, I have specifically referred to such sources and believe them to be true. In preparing this Affidavit, I have consulted with legal, financial and other advisors to Sears Canada, members of the senior management team of Sears Canada, and the Monitor and its counsel.
- 2. This Affidavit is affirmed in support of a motion by the Applicants seeking an Order, substantially in the form attached to the Motion Record: (i) extending the stay of proceedings in favour of the Applicants and SearsConnect (collectively, the "Sears Canada Entities") until and

including July 31, 2018; (ii) extending the Application Period set out in the Employee Hardship Fund Term Sheet until and including July 31, 2018; and (iii) approving a process for the mediation of significant outstanding issues in these CCAA proceedings pursuant to the Mediation Process Outline defined below.

3. Capitalized terms used in this Affidavit but not defined herein have the meaning given to them in the Affidavit of Billy Wong sworn on June 22, 2017 in these proceedings, the Order of this Court made on December 8, 2017 (the "Claims Procedure Order"), or the Order of this Court made on February 22, 2018 (the "Employee and Retiree Claims Procedure Order").

Update on CCAA Proceedings

A. Update on Claims Process

- 4. On December 8, 2017, the Applicants sought and were granted the Claims Procedure Order establishing a claims procedure for the identification and quantification of claims against the Sears Canada Entities and the current and former directors and officers of the Sears Canada Entities (the "Claims Process").
- 5. The Claims Procedure Order established a number of claims bar dates, all of which have now passed with the exception of rolling bar dates for Restructuring Period Claims and Landlord Claims:
 - (a) The Construction Claims Bar Date was February 15, 2018.
 - (b) The General Creditor Claims Bar Date was March 2, 2018.
 - (c) The General Creditor Post-Filing Claims Bar Date was April 2, 2018.

- (d) The General Creditor Restructuring Period Claims Bar Date is the later of (i) the date that is 45 days after the date on which the Monitor sends a General Creditor Claims Package with respect to a Restructuring Period Claim and (ii) the General Creditor Claims Bar Date.
- (e) The Landlord Claims Bar Date is the later of (i) the date that is 45 days after the date on which the Monitor sends a General Creditor Claims Package with respect to a Landlord Claim and (ii) April 2, 2018.
- 6. The Claims Procedure Order was amended by the endorsement of the Honourable Mr. Justice Hainey made on February 22, 2018 (the "Endorsement") to extend the claims bar date for certain Litigation Claims (as defined in the Endorsement) to April 2, 2018.
- 7. Since the issuance of the Claims Procedure Order and the Employee and Retiree Claims Procedure Order (discussed below), the Monitor and the Sears Canada Entities have responded, and continue to respond, to a large volume of emails and telephone messages received from creditors of the Sears Canada Entities, including suppliers, vendors, landlords, employees, and retirees.
- 8. I understand that the Monitor will be filing a Monitor's Report prior to the return of the motion that will provide a further update on the claims received in the Claims Process. In particular, I understand that the Monitor will provide an update on the total number and amount of claims filed in the Claims Process, which will be adjusted, among other things, to eliminate duplicative claims claims where the claimant appears to have filed multiple claims for the same amount under different claim types (*e.g.*, Pre-Filing, Post-Filing, Restructuring and D&O) or against more than one Sears Canada Entity. The Monitor has advised that it expects the total

amount of claims as filed, as set out in its 17th Report dated April 11, 2018 (the "Seventeenth Report") of approximately \$36 billion, will be substantially reduced.

- 9. The Monitor, with the assistance of its counsel and the Sears Canada Entities, has begun, but not completed, a summary review of Proofs of Claim filed in the Claims Process in order (i) to be in a position to accept, revise or reject all or a portion of each Claim set forth in each such Proof of Claim and (ii) to prepare a claims analysis to be used for the proposed mediation described below.
- 10. Pursuant to paragraph 56 of the Claims Procedure Order, if the Monitor intends to revise or reject a Claim of a General Creditor Claimant, it is required to send a Notice of Revision or Disallowance with its reasons for doing so by July 31, 2018.
- 11. The Monitor and the Sears Canada Entities are working diligently to review the Post-Filing Claims of trade suppliers that have been received and to reconcile them with the books and records of the Sears Canada Entities. The Sears Canada Entities, after review by and with the concurrence of the Monitor, are paying any such Post-Filing Claims that are determined to be valid.

B. Update on Employee and Retiree Claims Processes

12. On February 22, 2018, the Applicants sought and were granted the Employee and Retiree Claims Procedure Order establishing procedures for the identification and quantification of Employee Claims and Retiree Claims against the Sears Canada Entities and the current and former directors and officers of the Sears Canada Entities (the "Employee and Retiree Claims Processes" and, with the Claims Process, the "Claims Processes").

- 13. The Employee and Retiree Claims Procedure Order, among other things, provides that the Monitor, the Applicants, Employee Representative Counsel, and Pension Representative Counsel must take steps to provide notice of the Employee and Retiree Claims Processes.
- 14. The following table sets out the steps required under the Employee and Retiree Claims

 Procedure Order to provide notice and the actions taken to satisfy those requirements:

Step Required	Deadline	Status
Monitor to cause to be sent (i) an ERC Employee Package to each known ERC Employee; (ii) a Non-ERC Employee; (iii) a PRC Retiree Package to each known PRC Retiree; (iv) a Non-PRC Retiree Package to each known Non-PRC Retiree; and (v) a Retiree Letter to each DB Only Retiree	5:00 p.m. on March 5, 2018	 Claims packages were mailed to all Employees for whom the Sears Canada Entities did not have an email address on file and to all Retirees on or before March 2, 2018. Emails were sent to Employees for whom the Sears Canada Entities had email addresses on file on or before March 4, 2018 asking them to access their claims packages through the Employee Claim Portal. A reminder email was sent on March 11, 2018 to all Employees who had received the email described above but had not yet accessed the Employee Claim Portal. Claims packages were mailed on March 23, 2018 to all Employees who had received the emails described above and who had not accessed the Employee Claim Portal by

		March 19, 2018.
Monitor to send a Proof of Claim Package to each known Claimant under the Employee and Retiree Claims Procedure Order who the Sears Canada Entities have advised the Monitor may have an outstanding active action, claim, or complaint as of the Filing Date but who was not sent a Claims Package or letter in accordance with paragraph 40 of the Employee and Retiree Claims Procedure Order	5:00 p.m. on March 5, 2018	 Emails to known Claimants under the Employee and Retiree Claims Procedure Order for whom the Sears Canada Entities had an email address on file were sent on March 2, 2018. Claims packages were mailed out to all other known Claimants under the Employee and Retiree Claims Procedure Order on March 5, 2018.
Monitor to cause the Notice to Claimants to be published at least three times, beginning the week of February 26, 2018, in The Globe and Mail (National Edition) and the electronic edition of La Presse, and in such other publications and with such frequency as is determined by the Monitor in consultation with the Sears Canada Entities	Commencing week of February 26, 2018	 Published in the Globe and Mail on March 2, 7 and 10, 2018. Published in La Presse on March 2, 7 and 12, 2018. No other publications were determined to be necessary.
Monitor to post the Notice to Claimants and blank copies of the Claims Packages (excluding any blank Termination Claim Statement or Retiree Benefit Claim Statement) to the Monitor's Website	5:00 p.m. on February 27, 2018	• The documents were posted to the Monitor's website before 5:00 p.m. on February 27, 2017.
Applicants to post the Notice to Claimants to the my.sears.ca portal	5:00 p.m. on February 27, 2018	• The Notice to Claimants was posted to the my.sears.ca portal before 5:00 p.m. on February 27, 2017.
Employee Representative Counsel to post the Notice to Claimants and a blank copy of the ERC Employee Package (excluding any blank Termination Claim Statement) to Employee Representative Counsel's Website	5:00 p.m. on February 27, 2018	• The documents were posted to the Employee Representative Counsel's Website before 5:00 p.m. on February 27, 2017.

Pension Representative Counsel to post	5:00 p.m. on	The documents were
the Notice to Claimants and a blank	February 27, 2018	posted to the Pension
copy of the PRC Retiree Package		Representative Counsel's
(excluding any blank Retiree Benefit		Website before 5:00 p.m.
Claim Statement) to Pension		on February 27, 2017.
Representative Counsel's Website		,
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- 15. In addition, on March 22 and 23, 2018, the Monitor and Sears Canada assisted Employee Representative Counsel in the presentation of live webinars (in English and in French) for employees who fall under the scope of engagement of Employee Representative Counsel. The webinars provided information on the Employee and Retiree Claims Processes.
- 16. The Employee and Retiree Claims Procedure Order provides for three claims bar dates, which have either passed or (with the exception of rolling bar dates) will pass in the near future:
 - (a) The Proof of Claim Bar Date was April 9, 2018.
 - (b) The Request for Correction Bar Date is the later of (i) May 7, 2018 and (ii) where a Claimant receives a Monitor Corrected Claim Statement, the date that is 30 days after the date on which such Claimant is deemed to receive such Monitor Corrected Claim Statement.
 - (c) The Notice of Proposed Revision Bar Date is May 7, 2018.
- 17. I understand from the Monitor that, as of April 20, 2018, it had sent over 5,000 Retiree Benefit Claim Statements (totalling more than \$420 million) and over 22,000 Employee Termination Claim Statements (totalling more than \$185 million), and had received over 700 Employee and Retiree Requests for Correction. I also understand from the Monitor that it has determined that a total of 19,426 employees and retirees were eligible for the Lifetime Discount Claim (totalling more than \$16 million). Finally, I also understand that the Monitor has received

over 50 Other Employee & Retiree Proofs of Claim (totalling more than \$1 billion) in the Employee and Retiree Claims Process. With respect to the Other Employee & Retiree Proofs of Claim, the \$1 billion amount includes a number of duplicate claims filed by multiple parties (the Superintendent, Pension Plan Administrator, and Pension Representative Counsel) against the Sears Canada Entities and their Directors and Officers in respect of the defined benefit component of the Sears Pension Plan. Therefore, the Monitor expects this amount will be substantially reduced.

- 18. As Proofs of Claim, Notices of Proposed Revision, and Requests for Correction are received, in accordance with the Employee and Retiree Claims Procedure Order, the Monitor, in consultation with the Sears Canada Entities, is reviewing such documents in order to accept, revise or reject each Employee Claim or Retiree Claim.
- 19. Under the Employee and Retiree Claims Procedure Order, if the Monitor intends to accept or reject (in whole or in part) the corrections requested in a Request for Correction, it must respond by July 31, 2018. Similarly, if the Monitor intends to revise or reject an Employee Claim or Retiree Claim submitted in a Proof of Claim, it must send a Notice of Disallowance (Proof of Claim) with its reasons for doing so by July 31, 2018 (with the exception of any Proof of Claim or D&O Proof of Claim filed in respect of any Sears Pension Claim).

C. Update on Phase II Liquidation

20. On October 13, 2017, the Court granted an Order (the "**Phase II Liquidation Order**") that provided for the liquidation of Sears Canada's remaining locations that were not the subject of the Phase I Liquidation Order made July 18, 2017. The Phase II Liquidation sales of inventory were all completed by January 14, 2018, and sales of all furniture, fixtures and equipment at retail locations were completed by January 28, 2018.

21. Sears Canada, the Monitor and the Agent (as defined in the Phase II Liquidation Order) then proceeded to complete a reconciliation of amounts outstanding pursuant to the Agency Agreement approved by the Phase II Liquidation Order. On March 23, 2018, the Agent made a payment to Sears Canada in the amount of approximately \$39 million in full and final settlement of amounts owing in respect of the final reconciliation under the Phase II Liquidation process.

D. <u>Update on Real Estate Sales Process</u>

- 22. As part of the Court-approved Sale and Investment Solicitation Process ("SISP"), Sears Canada, through its financial advisor, BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc. (the "Financial Advisor"), sought offers for the purchase of Sears Canada's owned real property. This resulted in the sale of the Winnipeg Garden City and the Upper Canada Home Store locations, which were approved by the Court and completed in late 2017.
- 23. Following those sales, Sears Canada continues to own the following real estate assets: (i) Upper Canada Mall full-line store in Newmarket, Ontario; (ii) a distribution centre in Belleville, Ontario; (iii) the Fleur de Lys full-line store in Quebec City, Quebec; (iv) the Windsor full-line store in Windsor, Ontario; (v) the Peterborough full-line store in Peterborough, Ontario; (vi) the Barrie full-line store in Barrie, Ontario; (vii) the Trois-Rivières full-line store in Trois-Rivières, Quebec; (viii) the Place Vertu liquidation store in Montréal, Quebec; (ix) the Lévis full-line store in Lévis, Quebec; (x) the Charlottetown full-line store in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island (the "Charlottetown Store"); and (xi) residual land (the "Residual Land") in each of Chicoutimi, Quebec, Edmonton, Alberta and Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts, Quebec (collectively, the "Remaining Owned Real Estate Assets").
- 24. Although expressions of interest were received for several of the Remaining Owned Real Estate Assets in the summer and fall of 2017, Sears Canada determined, in consultation with the

Financial Advisor and the Monitor, as well as Pension Representative Counsel, Employee Representative Counsel, the Superintendent and the Pension Plan Administrator (collectively, the "Owned Real Estate Consultation Parties"), and their respective financial and/or real estate advisors, that better opportunities to monetize the Remaining Owned Real Estate Assets would be available only after additional due diligence materials, including environmental studies, were completed and were made available to potential purchasers.¹

- 25. As of February 7, 2018, the additional required due diligence information had been obtained and Sears Canada, in consultation with the Financial Advisor, the Monitor and the Owned Real Estate Consultation Parties, determined that the sale process for the Remaining Owned Real Estate Assets should continue. They also determined that the sale process should be split, with the Financial Advisor conducting the process for the Remaining Owned Real Estate Assets (other than the Charlottetown Store and the Residual Land) and a second independent party conducting the sale process for the Charlottetown Store and the Residual Land.
- 26. On February 7, 2018, the Financial Advisor delivered an updated sale process letter (the "Updated Sale Process Letter") to those parties who previously expressed an interest in the Remaining Owned Real Estate Assets during the SISP. The Financial Advisor also delivered the Updated Sale Process Letter to potentially interested parties identified by the real estate advisor to the Superintendent. The Updated Sale Process Letter solicited bids for all of the Remaining Owned Real Estate Assets other than the Charlottetown Store and the Residual Land. It provided for a bid deadline of March 7, 2018.

The Sears Canada Entities and the Monitor have consulted extensively with the Owned Real Estate Consultation Parties and their respective advisors regarding the development and progress of an updated process to market the Remaining Owned Real Estate Assets. These parties were identified as appropriate consultation parties as they represent a large and coordinated portion of the unsecured creditor class and do not have conflicting interests as they would have no interest in acquiring any of the Remaining Owned Real Estate Assets for their own benefit. All of these Owned Real Estate Consultation Parties have entered into non-disclosure agreements with Sears Canada.

- On March 7, 2018, the Financial Advisor and the Monitor received a number of offers on the Remaining Owned Real Estate Assets that were the subject of the Updated Sale Process Letter. Since then, the Sears Canada Entities and the Financial Advisor have consulted with the Monitor and the Owned Real Estate Consultation Parties on the offers received and the Sears Canada Entities have prepared revised versions of transaction agreements. Further consultations with the Owned Real Estate Consultation Parties are currently ongoing.
- 28. Following discussions and consultation with the Financial Advisor, the Monitor and the Owned Real Estate Consultation Parties, Sears Canada accepted an alternative structure for the sale of the Charlottetown Store and the Residual Land on the basis that these assets could be sold more efficiently through a more flexible stand-alone process without affecting bids for the other Remaining Owned Real Estate Assets. Sears Canada, in consultation again with the Owned Real Estate Consultation Parties and the Monitor, then conducted a competitive bid process to retain a sales agent, resulting in CBRE Limited being chosen as the exclusive sales listing agent. The sale process for the Charlottetown Store and the Residual Land is underway. Subject to the receipt of environmental reports, and in consultation with the Monitor and the Owned Real Estate Consultation Parties, the Sears Canada Entities are hopeful that sales of these properties will be completed in the near term.

E. Update on Other Asset Sales

29. On December 8, 2017, the Court granted an Omnibus Approval and Vesting Order providing, among other things, for the vesting of residual assets in purchasers of those assets for each transaction that becomes subject to that order. The Omnibus Approval and Vesting Order provides for a seven-day notification process to allow interested parties to object to any transaction that is proposed to be completed pursuant to that Order. Two transaction notices were

sent to the service list pursuant to the terms of the Omnibus Approval and Vesting Order and these transactions were subsequently completed.

30. To date, the Applicants have sold a variety of residual assets, including machinery, IP addresses, IT equipment, trademarks, portions of the HVAC business, parts, vehicles, kitchen and fitness equipment, and photo studio equipment. The Applicants have now substantially completed the sales of all of the residual assets.

F. Wind-Up Proceedings for Sears Pension Plan

31. On November 10, 2017, the Superintendent issued a Notice of Intended Decision indicating that the Superintendent intended to make an order for the wind up of the Sears Canada Inc. Registered Retirement Plan (the "Sears Pension Plan") effective October 1, 2017, unless a request for a hearing before the Financial Services Tribunal ("FST") was submitted within thirty days. 1291079 Ontario Limited, a creditor of Sears Canada, filed a Request for a Hearing with the FST to challenge the intended decision. Sears Canada submitted a request for party status in connection with the requested hearing. However, on March 28, 2018, 1291079 Ontario Limited withdrew its request for a hearing. On March 29, 2018, the Superintendent issued an order winding-up the Sears Pension Plan, effective October 1, 2017.

G. Employee-Related Matters

- 32. As of May 1, 2018, the Applicants had 43 employees, comprising 28 employees at Sears Canada's current headquarters in Toronto and 15 employees overseeing the Remaining Owned Real Estate Assets. This number will decrease as the Remaining Owned Real Estate Assets are sold and as the need for management to assist the Monitor in the Claims Processes is reduced.
- 33. The Monitor, the Sears Canada Entities, and Employee Representative Counsel remain in discussions with representatives of the federal government in connection with the timing and

availability of the Wage Earner Protection Program ("WEPP") to the former employees of the Sears Canada Entities who qualify for the assistance provided under that program. In the 2018 federal budget, the federal government announced an increase of the maximum amount available to qualifying employees under the WEPP. However, the increase is likely not to be in effect for several months. The Monitor, the Sears Canada Entities, and Employee Representative Counsel are working together to ensure that qualifying employees receive the most favourable treatment available to them under the WEPP in the circumstances.

H. Update on Wind-Down Activities

- 34. The Sears Canada Entities, in consultation with the Monitor, have continued to implement a number of cost-saving initiatives as they wind-down their operations in an orderly manner and complete the liquidation of their remaining assets.
- 35. With the consent of the Monitor, and in light of the cessation of normal course business operations, the Sears Canada Entities have continued to disclaim leases and other contracts on a rolling basis that are no longer necessary for their limited activities. In particular, the Sears Canada Entities have disclaimed all retail store leases, with the latest lease disclaimer becoming effective on February 4, 2018. The Sears Canada Entities have also moved their head office space to a smaller location commensurate with the reduction in the number of employees and in order to reduce costs.
- 36. Sears Canada holds a non-exclusive royalty free license to use the Craftsman trademark in Canada (the "License"). As noted in the Monitor's Fourteenth Report, Stanley Black & Decker, Inc. has proposed the consensual termination of the License in view of the cessation of Sears Canada's operations. Sears Canada, in consultation with the Monitor, has determined that it no longer needs to use the Craftsman trademark. Therefore, subject to reaching agreement on

the terms, neither Sears Canada nor the Monitor opposes the consensual termination of the License. Sears Canada, with the assistance of the Monitor, is currently in the process of finalizing the requested consensual termination with Stanley Black & Decker Inc.

37. Sears Canada and the Monitor have informed various environmental regulators and other stakeholders that the Sears Canada Entities will no longer be able to continue various remediation, containment, and monitoring activities at sites in Alberta, Ontario, and Quebec. Each of the parties contacted was provided with notice of the Claims Process as well. On February 28, 2018, Alberta Environment and Parks issued an environmental protection order against Sears Canada and one other party covering the site of Sears Canada's former full-line store in north Calgary as well as the affected community to the south of the site. Sears Canada is in discussions with Alberta Environment and Parks about ongoing compliance with the order.

I. Cooperation with the Litigation Investigator

- 38. On March 2, 2018, this Court made an Order (the "Litigation Investigator Order") appointing Lax O'Sullivan Lisus Gottlieb LLP to the role of Litigation Investigator, with a mandate to identify and report on rights and claims that the Sears Canada Entities and/or any creditors of the Sears Canada Entities may have against any parties.
- 39. The Sears Canada Entities have been cooperating with the Litigation Investigator as it discharges its mandate. In particular, Sears Canada, its counsel and the Monitor have been engaged in discussions regarding the sharing of information between the Applicants and the Litigation Investigator. As a result of those discussions, it became clear that the Litigation Investigator Order would require amendments to facilitate the sharing of information by the Applicants with the Litigation Investigator. These proposed amendments were attached to the Monitor's Seventeenth Report, which was served on the Service List on April 11, 2018.

Subsequently, on April 17, 2018, Pension Representative Counsel served a Notice of Motion seeking these and other proposed amendments to the Litigation Investigator Order. At the return of the motion on April 18, 2018, concerns were raised regarding the proposed amendments and further changes were requested to the Litigation Investigator Order. After discussions between the parties who had expressed an interest in the Litigation Investigator Order, the parties in interest agreed on the terms of an amended order which was issued by this Court on April 26, 2018. A copy of the Amended Litigation Investigator Order is attached as Exhibit "A".

J. Additional Activities Since January 22 Stay Extension Motion

- 40. In addition to the activities described above, the Sears Canada Entities have engaged, among other things, in the following activities in these CCAA proceedings:
 - (a) Provided information and assistance requested by the Monitor in its review of Intercompany Claims and its review of the Transactions of Interest (as defined in the Monitor's Eleventh Report dated January 15, 2018).
 - (b) In connection with the Monitor's attempts to recover accidental payments in respect of pre-filing real property taxes made by the Sears Canada Entities, assisted the Monitor in conducting reconciliations of amounts owed to its landlords and resolving disputes with its various landlords.
 - (c) Considered a transaction proposed by a potentially interested party that would, among other things, have utilized some of Sears Canada's remaining tax losses. Sears Canada ultimately decided not to proceed with the transaction. In coming to this decision, Sears Canada, in consultation with Monitor, considered, among other things, (i) the risk and uncertainty as to the ability to complete this monetization of tax losses, (ii) the near certainty that such a proposed transaction

would result in costly and time consuming Canada Revenue Agency audits of net operating losses and other tax accounts, and (iii) the time and costs required to implement a transaction of this type.

(d) Prepared, in consultation with the Monitor, the CCAA Plan Term Sheet (as discussed in greater detail below) and engaged in preliminary discussions with stakeholders on that term sheet.

The Path Forward

- 41. The Sears Canada Entities believe that these CCAA proceedings are at an inflection point. The store liquidation and reconciliation with the Agent is complete, other asset realizations are substantially complete, the sale process for the Remaining Owned Real Estate Assets is ongoing, a Litigation Investigator has been appointed, and the most significant claims bar dates have passed.
- 42. At the same time, it has become clear that Sears Canada's creditors' recoveries in these proceedings will be limited. The Monitor has reported that recoveries are projected to be between 0 cents and 10 cents on the dollar for Sears Canada creditors². The Sears Canada Entities and the Monitor believe that the projected level of creditor recoveries do not justify the expenditure of significant amounts to thoroughly investigate every Claim or to engage in extensive litigation in order to determine the precise amount of potentially-disputed Claims.
- 43. Given the disparity between the projected range of recoveries and the size of the anticipated claims pool, the Sears Canada Entities and the Monitor wish to ensure that the

² As set out in the Monitor's Sixteenth Report dated April 2, 2018 (the "Sixteenth Report"), if Corbeil and the SLH Group are viewed on a non-consolidated basis from the other Sears Canada Entities, recoveries of creditors of Corbeil and the SLH Group could be significantly higher on a percentage basis based upon initial reviews of claims filed pursuant to the Claims Procedure Order.

estate's efforts are focussed on the tasks necessary to facilitate a distribution in the most efficient manner possible. In particular, the Sears Canada Entities and the Monitor propose to focus primarily on those tasks necessary to facilitate a resolution of the CCAA proceedings and a distribution of estate funds without material opposition.

- 44. As such, during the week of March 26, 2018, the Monitor and the Sears Canada Entities met with counsel who have been active in the CCAA proceedings and who represent clients with significant claims in the estate relative to the overall size of the claims pool, including landlords, Employee Representative Counsel, Pension Representative Counsel, the Superintendent, the Pension Plan Administrator, the Hometown Dealers, and certain of their respective financial advisors. The purpose of that meeting was to discuss the next steps in the CCAA proceedings, including the potential resolution of significant outstanding creditor claims and related issues in the context of a mediation, and completion of distributions to the creditors of the Sears Canada Entities through a possible plan of compromise or arrangement under the CCAA. The meeting was conducted on a without prejudice basis to facilitate a full and frank exchange of ideas and views.
- 45. The Sears Canada Entities, in consultation with the Monitor, have prepared a draft indicative CCAA Plan Term Sheet (the "Term Sheet") for discussion purposes and for use in seeking support for a resolution to the CCAA proceedings as part of a proposed mediation. As foreshadowed in the Monitor's Sixteenth Report, the Term Sheet contemplates a CCAA plan in which (i) all of the Sears Canada Entities (other than 9370-2751 Quebec Inc. ("Corbeil"), 191020 Canada Inc. ("SLH") and its wholly-owned subsidiary, 168886 Canada Inc ("168886")) would be consolidated; (ii) 168886 and SLH would be consolidated separately as the "SLH Group"; and (iii) Corbeil would be treated on a stand-alone basis and would not be consolidated.

The Term Sheet identifies legal and business issues for the stakeholders to consider. However, the Term Sheet does not address economic issues. Instead, it outlines a proposed CCAA Plan structure that the Sears Canada Entities believe is legally implementable and contemplates that the key economic issues and compromises necessary to make a CCAA Plan executable would be negotiated by the key stakeholders interested in those particular matters at the proposed mediation and otherwise.

- 46. The Term Sheet has been shared at in-person meetings with counsel for key stakeholders who attended the stakeholder meetings and have agreed to keep the Term Sheet confidential. The Sears Canada Entities have sought to assist the stakeholders in understanding the Term Sheet by having their counsel outline its proposed terms at such in-person meetings. It is anticipated that further dissemination of the Term Sheet at in-person individual stakeholder meetings, subject to confidentiality obligations, will continue between now and the date of the proposed mediation.
- 47. The Applicants and the Monitor believe the Term Sheet and any financial disclosure associated therewith should only be shared at this stage with a limited group of stakeholders who have agreed to maintain the confidentiality of such information. The proposed Term Sheet structure is at a preliminary stage of development, and until it is further developed into a proposed CCAA Plan that has the support of key stakeholder groups on threshold issues, there would be no material benefit to sharing this information more widely.
- 48. I understand that, during the week of April 2, 2018, all the parties that attended the stakeholder meeting described above confirmed to the Monitor that they wished to participate in a mediation. The following are the key terms of the proposed mediation process for which the Sears Canada Entities are seeking the approval of this Court:
 - (a) *Mediation Dates*: June 13 and 14, 2018.

- (b) *Mediator*: The Honourable Regional Senior Justice Morawetz.
- (c) *Procedural Matters*: Will be at the discretion of Justice Morawetz.
- (d) Confidentiality: Rule 24.1.14 of the Rules of Civil Procedure (Ontario) will apply to the mediation such that all communications at the mediation and the mediator's notes and records will be deemed to be confidential and without prejudice settlement discussions ((a), (b), (c) and (d) collectively, the "Mediation Process Outline").
- 49. It is anticipated that the significant stakeholders who have been active in these CCAA proceedings and participated in the stakeholder meetings described above will attend the mediation. In addition, the Monitor has asked that other interested stakeholders who may wish to participate in the mediation contact its counsel to discuss the mediation and their potential participation.
- 50. Any further aspects of the mediation procedure will be at the discretion of Justice Morawetz. Any requests with respect to mediation procedure are to be made through the Monitor, subject to any further direction of Justice Morawetz.
- 51. The proposed mediation will be focused, among other things, on the significant issue of allocation of recoveries in the CCAA proceedings. Given the projected creditor recoveries, the Sears Canada Entities believe that all parties will need to be practical and accept a "rough justice" approach to claims review and determination and to the resolution of other individual stakeholder issues.
- 52. The Applicants are seeking Court approval of the Mediation Process Outline in order to provide a clear timeline and path forward in the CCAA proceedings and are hopeful that the

proposed mediation will allow for the efficient resolution of the estate, while avoiding prolonged and expensive litigation that would only serve to dilute creditor recoveries. If the mediation is not successful, it is likely that an alternative approach to winding up the estate will need to be implemented on an expedited basis, potentially through a bankruptcy.

Stay Extension

- 53. This Court initially granted a stay of proceedings in favour of the Sears Canada Entities until and including July 22, 2017 (the "Stay Period"). The Stay Period was subsequently extended a number of times, most recently until and including May 11, 2018.
- 54. The Applicants are seeking an Order further extending the Stay Period until and including July 31, 2018³ for the following reasons:
 - (a) to allow the Claims Processes to continue and for the Sears Canada Entities to assist the Monitor in reviewing and attempting to resolve Claims that have been submitted;
 - (b) to permit the Sears Canada Entities, the Monitor and significant stakeholders in the estate to participate in the proposed mediation on June 13 and 14, 2018 and to develop and report on any resolutions that come out of that mediation;
 - (c) July 31, 2018 is the date by which the Monitor must send a Notice of Revision or Disallowance for General Creditor Claims, accept or reject the corrections requested in a Request for Correction, and send a Notice of Disallowance (Proof of Claims) for Proofs of Claim submitted in the Employee and Retiree Claims Processes; and

³ The Applicants are also seeking an extension of the Application Period set out in the Employee Hardship Fund Term sheet until and including July 31, 2018.

(d) to provide the stability to allow the Sears Canada Entities to continue the sales process for the Remaining Owned Real Estate Assets.

55. I believe that the Sears Canada Entities have acted, and continue to act, in good faith and with due diligence in these CCAA proceedings. Since the Stay Period was extended on January 22, 2018, the Sears Canada Entities have closed transactions for their residual assets, completed the reconciliation for the Phase II Liquidation, obtained approval for the Employee and Retiree Claims Process, assisted the Monitor in implementing the Claims Processes, engaged in extensive stakeholder consultations and prepared the CCAA Plan Term Sheet in order to facilitate a consensual resolution of the Sears Canada Entities' estate.

56. I understand that the Monitor will be providing an updated Cash Flow Forecast which will demonstrate that the Applicants will have access to sufficient liquidity to fund operations during the requested extension of the Stay Period.

57. The Monitor has expressed its support for the extension of the Stay Period to July 31, 2018.

AFFIRMED BEFORE ME at the City of

Toronto, in the Province of Ontario on

May 2, 2018.

Commissioner for Taking Affidavits

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Tab A

THIS IS **EXHIBIT "A"** REFERRED TO IN THE AFFIDAVIT OF PHILIP MOHTADI, AFFIRMED BEFORE ME THIS 2^{nd} DAY OF MAY, 2018.

A Commissioner for taking Affidavits, etc.

Kevin Sacher 416 862 5949

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ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE (COMMERCIAL LIST)

THE HONOURABLE)	THURSDAY, THE 26TH
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MR. JUSTICE HAINEY)	DAY OF APRIL, 2018



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.

(each, an "Applicant", and collectively, the "Applicants")

AMENDED LITIGATION INVESTIGATOR ORDER

THIS MOTION, made by Representative Counsel to the court-appointed Representatives of employees and retirees with respect to pension and post-retirement benefits of the Applicants ("Retiree Representative Counsel") pursuant to the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*, RSC 1985, c C-36, (the "CCAA") for an order appointing a Litigation Investigator to identify and report on certain rights and claims of the Applicants and SearsConnect (collectively, the "Sears Canada Entities") and/or any creditors of the Sears Canada Entities, was heard this day at 330 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

ON READING the Affidavit of William Turner sworn on February 12, 2018 including the exhibits thereto, the Affidavit of William Turner sworn on August 11, 2017, including the exhibits thereto, the Affidavit of William Turner sworn on February 14, 2018 including the exhibits thereto, the Affidavit of Jules Monteyne sworn on February 14, 2018 including the exhibits thereto, the Affidavit of Leanne M. Williams sworn on February 14, 2018 including the exhibits annexed thereto, the Monitor's Fourteenth Report to the Court dated March 1, 2018, and on hearing the submissions of Retiree Representative Counsel, Representative Counsel for the employees of the Sears Canada Entities ("Employee Representative Counsel"), counsel for the Applicants, counsel for the Monitor, and such other counsel for various creditors and stakeholders as were present, no one else appearing although duly served as appears from the Affidavit of Service of Veronica de Leoz, sworn February 12, 2018:

- 1. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the time for service of the Notice of Motion and the Motion Record herein is hereby abridged and validated so that this Motion is properly returnable today and hereby dispenses with further service thereof.
- 2. THIS COURT ORDERS that Lax O'Sullivan Lisus Gottlieb LLP is hereby appointed as Litigation Investigator (the "Litigation Investigator") in these CCAA proceedings for the benefit of the estates of the Sears Canada Entities and its creditors. The Litigation Investigator shall be an officer of this Court, and is appointed for the purpose of investigating, considering, and reporting to the Creditors' Committee (defined below), regarding any rights or claims, whether legal, equitable, statutory or otherwise, that the Sears Canada Entities and/or any creditors of any of the Sears Canada Entities may have as against any parties, including but not limited to current and former directors, officers, shareholders and advisors of any of the Sears Canada Entities (the "Mandate"). For greater certainty, the Litigation Investigator may

investigate any and all claims regardless of whether such claims have been included by creditors' proofs of claims filed pursuant to the Claims Procedure Order and E&R Claims Procedure Order (defined below), however, the Litigation Investigator shall have no role in determining, advising on, opposing, supporting, or articulating any claim of any creditor or stakeholder in the Claims Process, as defined in the Order of this Court dated December 8, 2017 as amended by Order dated February 22, 2018 or as further amended by Order of the Court (as amended, the "Claims Procedure Order") or any Claim as defined in the Employee and Retiree Claims Procedure Order dated February 22, 2018 (the "E&R Claims Procedure Order") and shall have no role in the distribution or allocation of estate funds.

Litigation Investigator Reporting

- 3. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Litigation Investigator's Mandate shall include reporting to the Creditors' Committee with such details as the Litigation Investigator considers advisable (all such reporting being collectively defined herein as the "Report"), taking into account any concerns of privilege and confidentiality. All Reports by the Litigation Investigator and all communications among the Creditors' Committee members and the Litigation Investigator shall be subject to common interest privilege. A Report by the Litigation Investigator will include recommendations regarding a proposed litigation plan that includes, but is not limited to:
 - (a) those potential rights or claims of the Sears Canada Entities or any creditors of theSears Canada Entities that should be pursued (if any); and
 - (b) describing how and by whom such rights or claims (if any) can best be pursued or continued, including, but not limited to:

- (i) the coordination of the prosecution of such rights or claims with similar or related facts, rights or other claims that may be asserted by different parties;
- (ii) if necessary or desirable, a proposed governance structure for the Creditors' Committee created pursuant to this Order (or as same may be amended, expanded or reconstituted in future, in accordance with the terms of this Order) for the purpose of providing input to the Litigation Investigator in the prosecution of such rights, claims or causes of action; and
- (iii) consideration as to the various options available for funding the prosecution of such rights, claims or causes of action.

A confidential briefing ("Investigator Briefing") regarding all Reports prepared by the Litigation Investigator shall be given to the Monitor; provided that such Investigator Briefing shall be kept confidential by the Monitor and shall remain subject to privilege.

4. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that following delivery of a Report to the Creditors' Committee in accordance with its Mandate, the Litigation Investigator shall not take any further steps without a further Order of the Court. For greater certainty, nothing herein shall prevent the Litigation Investigator from seeking an Order of the Court authorizing it to pursue any claims identified pursuant to the Mandate.

The Committee

- THIS COURT ORDERS that the Litigation Investigator shall fulfil his Mandate in consultation with a creditors' committee (the "Creditors' Committee") comprised of no more than eight (8) members (inclusive of two members on behalf of landlords) at any one time appointed by, or on behalf of the following creditor groups of the Sears Canada Entities: (i) Retiree Representative Counsel; (ii) Employee Representative Counsel; (iii) landlords; (iv) Hometown Dealers Class Action plaintiff counsel; (v) Morneau Shepell Ltd. in its capacity as Administrator for the Sears Canada Inc. Registered Retirement Plan; (vi) the Ontario Superintendent of Financial Services as Administrator of the Pension Benefits Guarantee Fund; and (vii) such other unsecured creditors of the Sears Canada Entities not represented in (i) through (vi) above as the majority of the Creditors' Committee may agree be included, in consultation with the Monitor, or as may be directed by the Court. The Creditors' Committee and the Litigation Investigator shall cooperate with the Monitor, and the Monitor shall cooperate with the Litigation Investigator and the Creditors' Committee in connection with the Mandate. The Creditors' Committee shall consult with and provide input to the Litigation Investigator with respect to the Mandate.
- 6. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that each member of the Creditors' Committee (including any alternates or replacements from the same stakeholder group as may be appointed by an existing member) may be a creditor itself or counsel/advisor representing that stakeholder interest, but in either case each member shall execute a Confidentiality Agreement in a form acceptable to the Litigation Investigator, the Sears Canada Entities and the Monitor prior to being entitled to participate in any discussions or meetings of the Creditors' Committee, receive any information from the Monitor, the Litigation Investigator or any other member of the Creditors' Committee,

or to receive the Report. The Litigation Investigator will meet with the Creditors' Committee at least monthly, or such other times as may be agreed by the Litigation Investigator and the Creditors' Committee. Meetings will only be conducted in person, to ensure the confidentiality of all discussions.

THIS COURT ORDERS that the Monitor shall provide to the Litigation Investigator (and, upon execution of appropriate Confidentiality Agreements, for delivery by the Litigation Investigator to the Creditors' Committee) a confidential briefing regarding the "Transactions of Interest" as identified in the Monitor's 11th Report to the Court (the "Monitor Briefing"). To the extent that the Litigation Investigator requests documents or information from the Sears Canada Entities and such requests are consistent with the Mandate (the "Additional Company Information"), then, subject to satisfactory resolution of issues of privilege and confidentiality (including any terms regarding sharing of information with the Creditors' Committee), the Sears Canada Entities shall cooperate with the Monitor to provide the Additional Company Information to the Litigation Investigator. The Monitor's delivery of the Monitor Briefing pursuant to the terms of this Order shall be subject to common interest privilege and strict confidentiality, and the Monitor is protected for so doing pursuant to section 142 of the Courts of Justice Act (Ontario). The Sears Canada Entities' delivery of the Additional Company Information pursuant to the terms of this Order shall be subject to strict confidentiality, and the Sears Canada Entities and their directors and officers are protected for so doing pursuant to section 142 of the Courts of Justice Act (Ontario). In the event of any concerns being raised regarding the delivery by the Monitor of any particular aspect of the Monitor Briefing that cannot be resolved without breaching the underlying basis for the concern, such concerns shall be resolved following a review by an independent party appointed by the Monitor and the

Litigation Investigator (or, absent agreement on the identity of such party, by the Court). Notwithstanding the foregoing, any document provided by the Sears Canada Entities as part of the Additional Company Information may be submitted by a party in receipt of such document to the court under seal for the purposes of resolving any dispute over whether such document should be produced in litigation.

- 8. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor or the Sears Canada Entities, as the case may be, shall maintain copies and a record of all documents: (i) received by the Monitor from the Sears Canada Entities and provided to the Litigation Investigator in accordance with this Order; or (ii) provided by the Sears Canada Entities to the Litigation Investigator in accordance with this Order.
- 9. THIS COURT ORDERS that prior to any production of documents by the Monitor or the Sears Canada Entities to the Litigation Investigator to facilitate the fulfillment of the Mandate, the Monitor or Sears Canada Entities, as the case may be, shall take reasonable steps to review such documents to identify any:
 - (a) documents that contain any communication that is between a lawyer and the ESL parties and/or Sears Holdings Corporation;
 - (b) documents containing any communication by or to the ESL parties and/or Sears Holdings Corporation and/or any current or former directors or officers of the Sears Canada Entities (a "Current or Former D&O") created on or after November 26, 2013 and related to the 1291079 Ontario Ltd and Sears Canada Inc. et. al. class action of November 6, 2015 (Ontario Superior Court of Justice) File No. 4114/15); and

(c) documents containing communications between a law firm and a Current or Former D&O for which privilege could reasonably be asserted, or documents that reflect legal advice or litigation work product prepared for the benefit of a Current or Former D&O, whether alone or as part of a joint retainer.

Hereafter, items a), b), and c) shall be referred to collectively as the "Potentially Shared Privileged Documents"). No waiver of any privilege shall have occurred by the inadvertent delivery of documents to the Litigation Investigator should a Potentially Shared Privileged Document not be identified or if any other document subject to privilege (including solicitor-client privilege, litigation privilege, and common interest privilege) is produced or disclosed to the Litigation Investigator.

- 10. THIS COURT ORDERS that in the event that the Monitor and/or Sears Canada Entities intend to produce any Potentially Shared Privileged Documents to the Litigation Investigator in facilitation of the fulfillment of the Mandate, the Monitor or the Sears Canada Entities, as the case may be, shall provide a list of such documents on reasonable notice, which shall be no less than seven days, to the ESL parties, Sears Holdings Corporation and/or the Current or Former D&Os to the extent that such parties may be able to assert privilege over the documents, so that any issue regarding privilege may be resolved by the parties or determined by this Court.
- 11. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Litigation Investigator shall create and maintain a detailed list (including creation date, sender, recipient and subject) of those document(s) received from the Sears Canada Entities (either directly or through the Monitor) that it provides to the Creditors' Committee or their counsel or agents.

- 12. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, for greater certainty, any right, claim or cause of action identified by the Litigation Investigator as capable of being advanced and that is advanced with approval of the Court, whether by the Litigation Investigator or otherwise, may be removed from the claims process established under the Claims Procedure Order or the E&R Claims Procedure Order.
- 13. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Claims Procedure Order is hereby amended as follows:
 - (i) subparagraph (vii) in the definition of "Excluded Claim" is hereby amended to read as follows: "Claim that may be asserted by any of the Sears Canada Entities or that are advanced by the Litigation Investigator or any creditors, in each case, as may be permitted or directed by further Order of the Court, against the Sears Canada Entities or any Directors and/or Officers, which for greater certainty shall include any Claim that may be identified, reviewed or investigated as part of the Litigation Investigator's Mandate (as defined in an Order of the Court dated March 2, 2018)".
- 14. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the E&R Claims Procedure Order is hereby amended as follows:
 - (i) the definition of "Excluded Claim" is hereby amended to add a new subparagraph (vi) that shall read as follows: "Claim that is advanced by the Litigation Investigator or any creditors, in each case, as may be permitted or directed by further Order of the Court, against the Sears Canada Entities or any Directors and/or Officers, which for greater certainty shall include any Claim that may be identified, reviewed or

investigated as part of the Litigation Investigator's Mandate (as defined in an Order of the Court dated March 2, 2018)".

Litigation Investigator Costs

- 15. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Litigation Investigator shall be paid from the funds of the Applicants its reasonable fees and disbursements, including the fees of any counsel retained by the Litigation Investigator in respect of the Mandate, the amount of which is not to exceed a budget approved by the Creditors' Committee in consultation with the Monitor prior to the Litigation Investigator commencing work in respect of fulfilling its Mandate in accordance with this Order. The Litigation Investigator and any counsel it retains shall be paid forthwith upon rendering fully-redacted versions of their accounts to the Applicants and the Monitor. Unredacted versions of accounts rendered by the Litigation Investigator shall be made available to the Creditors' Committee and, upon request of the Court and subject to a sealing order to protect privilege and confidentiality, to the Court. In the event of any disagreement with respect to a proposed budget, any requested increased to such budget, or any accounts rendered by the Litigation Investigator, such disagreement may be remitted to this Court for determination.
- 16. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Litigation Investigator shall be entitled to the benefit of the Administrative Charge, as defined in the Initial Order issued by the Court dated June 22, 2017 as amended, for the Litigation Investigator's costs, as security for its professional fees, taxes, and disbursements reasonably incurred.
- 17. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Litigation Investigator is hereby authorized to take all appropriate steps and do all appropriate acts necessary or desirable to carry out its Mandate in accordance with the terms of this Order.

- 18. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Litigation Investigator shall be at liberty, and is hereby authorized, at any time, to apply to this Court for advice and directions in respect of its Mandate or any variation or expansion of the powers and duties of the Litigation Investigator, which shall be brought on at least seven (7) business days' notice to the Service List in these CCAA proceedings, unless time for service is otherwise abridged.
- 19. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Litigation Investigator shall have no personal liability as a result of the performance of its duties in carrying out the provisions of this Order, save and except for liability arising out of gross negligence or wilful misconduct. The Creditors' Committee members shall have no liability as a result of their participation on the Creditors' Committee or in providing input to the Litigation Investigator, save and except for liability arising out of gross negligence or wilful misconduct.
- 20. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that no action or proceeding may be commenced against the Litigation Investigator or any Creditors' Committee member in respect of the performance of its or their duties under this Order without leave of this Court on seven (7) business days' notice to the Litigation Investigator and the Creditors' Committee.

21. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that notwithstanding:

- (a) the pendency of these proceedings;
- (b) any applications for a bankruptcy order now or hereafter issued pursuant to the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act (Canada) (the "BIA") in respect of any of the Applicants and any bankruptcy order issued pursuant to such applications; or
- (c) any assignment in bankruptcy made in respect of any of the Applicants;

the provisions of this Order shall be binding on any Investigator in bankruptcy or receiver that may be appointed in respect of any of the Applicants and any payments of fees and disbursements made to the Litigation Investigator in accordance with this Order shall not be void or voidable by creditors of any of the Applicants, nor shall any such payments constitute nor be deemed to be a fraudulent preference, assignment, fraudulent conveyance, transfer at undervalue, or any reviewable transaction under the BIA or any other applicable federal or provincial legislation, nor constitute oppressive or unfairly prejudicial conduct pursuant to any applicable federal or provincial legislation.

22. THIS COURT HEREBY REQUESTS the aid and recognition of any court, tribunal, regulatory or administrative bodies having jurisdiction in Canada or in the United States of America, to give effect to this Order and to assist the Litigation Investigator 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 Litigation Investigator as may be necessary or desirable to give effect to this Order, or to assist the Litigation Investigator in carrying out the terms of this Order.

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JUSTICE HAINEY)	DAY OF MAY, 2018

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.

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ORDER

(Stay Extension and Approval of Mediation Process)

THIS MOTION, made by the Applicants pursuant to the *Companies' Creditors* Arrangement Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, as amended (the "CCAA"), for an order (i) extending the Stay Period (defined below) until and including July 31, 2018; (ii) extending the Application Period set out in the Employee Hardship Fund Term Sheet to July 31, 2018; and (iii) approving a process for the mediation of significant outstanding issues in these CCAA proceedings pursuant to the Mediation Process Outline (defined below), and certain other relief, was heard this day at 330 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

ON READING the Notice of Motion of the Applicants, the Affidavit of Philip Mohtadi affirmed May 2, 2018 (the "**Mohtadi Affidavit**"), the Eighteenth Report of the Monitor, and on

hearing the submissions of respective counsel for the Applicants and SearsConnect (collectively, the "Sears Canada Entities"), the Monitor, and such other counsel as were present, no one else appearing although duly served as appears from the Affidavit of Service of [*] sworn [*], 2018, filed:

SERVICE AND DEFINITIONS

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

EXTENSION OF THE STAY PERIOD

2. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Stay Period (as defined in paragraph 14 of the Amended and Restated Initial Order dated June 22, 2017) is hereby extended from May 11, 2018, until and including July 31, 2018. Further, the Application Period set out in the Employee Hardship Fund Term Sheet, approved by the Court on August 18, 2017, shall also be extended until and including July 31, 2018.

APPROVAL OF MEDIATION PROCESS

3. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Mediation Process Outline (as defined and described at paragraph 48 of the Mohtadi Affidavit) be and is hereby approved.

GENERAL

4. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that this Order shall have full force and effect in all provinces and territories in Canada.

5. THIS COURT HEREBY REQUESTS the aid and recognition of any court, tribunal, regulatory or administrative body, having jurisdiction in Canada or in the United States of America, to give effect to this Order and to assist the Applicants, the Monitor and their respective agents in carrying out the terms of this Order. All courts, tribunals, regulatory and administrative bodies are hereby respectfully requested to make such orders and to provide such assistance to the Applicants and to the Monitor, as an officer of this Court, as may be necessary or desirable to give effect to this Order, to grant representative status to the Monitor in any foreign proceeding, or to assist the Applicants and the Monitor and their respective agents in carrying out the terms of this Order.

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