

Supreme Court of Nova Scotia

IN THE MATTER OF: **The *Companies Creditors Arrangement Act*, R.S.C., 1985 c. C-36, as amended (the "CCAA")**

AND IN THE MATTER OF: **The Application of CFFI Ventures Inc. (the "Applicant") for creditor protection under s. 11 of the CCAA, and other relief**

NOTICE OF APPLICATION IN CHAMBERS

To: **The Service List as set out in Schedule "A" hereto**

The Applicant requests an order against you

The Applicant is applying to a Judge in Chambers for an Order pursuant to the CCAA (the "**Initial Order**") substantially in the form attached hereto as **Schedule "B"**, which, *inter alia*:

- (a) abridges the time for service of the Application and the materials files in support thereof, and dispenses with further service thereof;
- (b) declares that the Applicant is a debtor company to which the CCAA applies;
- (c) appoints FTI Consulting Canada Inc. ("**FTI**" or the "**Proposed Monitor**") as the Monitor of the Applicant in these proceedings (the "**CCAA Proceedings**");
- (d) approves an Administrative Charge in the amount of \$250,000;
- (e) approves a Director's and Officer's Charge in the amount of \$100,000; and
- (f) stays, for an initial period of ten (10) days (the "**Stay Period**"), all actions, suits or proceedings and remedies taken or that might be taken against or in respect of the Applicant, the Proposed Monitor, or the Applicant's directors and officers, or affecting the Applicant's business or current and future assets, undertakings and properties of every nature and kind whatsoever, and wherever situate, except with the written consent of the Applicant and Proposed Monitor or otherwise permitted by law or with leave of this Honourable Court.

The Applicant started this Application by filing this Notice on the date certified by the prothonotary.

Grounds for Order

The Applicant is applying for the Interim Order on the following grounds:

1. The Applicant is insolvent and is an entity to which the CCAA applies. The claims against the Applicant exceed \$5,000,000.

2. Details regarding the Applicant's corporate structure, financial position and stakeholder interests are outlined in the Affidavit of the Brittany Bartlett, the Applicant's Chief Financial Officer, sworn on February 14, 2026 (the "**Initial Bartlett Affidavit**").
3. The Applicant is a holding company which holds (both directly and indirectly) and manages equity investments in a diversified portfolio of companies across various sectors, including financial services, marine services, skincare, biotechnology, renewables energy development, and electrical construction and maintenance.
4. The Applicant is the borrower under a Second Amended and restated Note Purchase and Guarantee Agreement dated April 25, 2019 HPS Investment Partners LLC ("**HPS**"), as agent and lead arranger, and each of the MP III Offshore Master Lux, L.P., Mezzanine Partners III, L.P., and AP Mezzanine Partners III L. P. (collectively, with HPS, the "**HPS Parties**"). The HPS Parties are the Applicant's senior secured creditors, and hold a secured charge as against all of the Applicant's property, subject to certain limited exceptions.
5. The Applicant elected (in accordance with the terms of the HPS financing) to add interest to the principal balance as PIK interest. This decision was made on the basis of the Applicant's plan to monetize certain of its investments and use the proceeds thereof to repay all amounts owing to HPS, including accrued PIK interest.
6. The Applicant has been offside certain loan covenants in the HPS financing since June 28, 2019, which has resulted in increased interest charges which continue to accrue
7. The Applicant has been actively exploring options to right size its capital structure for the past number of years to address its HPS debt. In connection with this strategy, the Applicant engaged the assistance of various Canadian and US investment advisers. The Applicant received significant expressions of interest, but an executable transaction was not ultimately identified.
8. The Applicant does not believe that its assets can be monetized in the near term.
9. In addition, the Applicant does not believe that the value of its assets is sufficient to address the quantum of the debt outstanding to HPS. Given the value of the Applicant's assets and the interest that has accrued (and continues accrue), a refinancing of the outstanding sums owed to HPS was not, and is not, possible.
10. The full sequence of events leading to this filing is detailed in the Initial Affidavit and in the Supplementary Affidavit of Brittany Bartlett sworn on March 11, 2026 (the "**Supplementary Affidavit**").
11. The Applicant has prepared a proposed Plan of Arrangement under proceedings commenced under the *Companies Act* (the "**Companies Act Plan**"). The Applicant intends to advanced a plan as between the Applicant and its creditors (both secured and unsecured) which it seeks to advance pursuant to the provisions of the CCAA, with substantially the same terms as the Companies Act Plan, in light

of recent developments in its *Companies Act* proceeding, as described further in the Supplementary Affidavit.

12. The Applicant is only seeking what is strictly necessary in the proposed Initial Order, being the imposition of a Stay Period no greater than 10 days, approval of the Proposed Monitor's appointment, approval of an Administration Charge to stand as security for professional fees charged during the CCAA Proceedings, and a Director and Officers Charge to cover applicable post-filing liabilities of the Applicant's Directors.
13. The Applicant is not seeking any interim financing during the initial Stay Period.
14. The Proposed Monitor has consented to act, subject to the approval of this Honourable Court. The Proposed Monitor is a trustee within the meaning of section 2 of the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. B-3 and is not subject to any of the restrictions on who may be appointed as Monitor as set out in section 11.7(2) of the CCAA.
15. Prior to the expiry of the Stay Period under the Initial Order, the Applicant will bring a further Motion on notice to affected parties that will take place before the Court not later than 10 days following the date of the Initial Order (the "**Comeback Hearing**").
16. At the Comeback Hearing, the Applicant will be seeking an Amended and Restated Initial Order ("**ARIO**"). The ARIO will, *inter alia*, seek an extension of the Stay Period, [confirmation of the appointment of the Proposed Monitor, and any other relief that is deemed necessary and advisable based on consultations with the Proposed Monitor.

Evidence supporting Application

The Applicant offers the following Affidavit in support of the Application:

Affidavit of Brittany Bartlett sworn on March 11, 2026.

A copy of each Affidavit is to be delivered to you with this Notice, and further Affidavits may be delivered before the deadlines provided in Civil Procedure Rule 5 – Application.

The Applicant will also rely upon the Pre-filing Report of the Proposed Monitor.

You may participate

You may file with the Court a Notice of Contest, and any Affidavits upon which you rely, no more than 5 days after this Notice is delivered to you or you are otherwise notified of the Application. Filing the Notice of Contest entitles you to receive notice of further steps in the Application, including notice of further Affidavits.

Time, date, and place

The Application is to be heard by the Honourable Justice presiding in Chambers at **10:00 a.m.** on **Friday, March 13, 2026** in the Law Courts, 1815 Upper Water Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

You have the right to be present and to be represented by counsel or to act on your own. If you are not present, the Judge may proceed without you.

Possible Order against you

The Judge may grant a Final Order on the Application without further notice to you if you fail to deliver your Notice of Contest on time, or if you or your counsel fail to appear in Chambers at the above time, date, and place.

Filing and delivering documents

Any documents you file with the Court must be filed at the Office of the Prothonotary, 1815 Upper Water Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia (telephone 902-424-4900).

When you file a document, you must immediately deliver a copy of it to the Applicant and each other party entitled to notice, unless the document is part of an *ex parte* motion, the parties agree delivery is not required, or a Judge orders it is not required.

Contact information

The Applicant designates the following address:

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Documents delivered to this address are considered received by the Applicant.

Further contact information is available from the Prothonotary.

Signature

Signed March 11, 2026



Stephen Kingston/Ben Pryde
Counsel to the Applicant

Prothonotary's certificate

I certify that this Notice of Application was filed with the Court on March _____, 2026.

Prothonotary

Schedule "A"

SERVICE LIST

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Schedule "B"

INITIAL ORDER

SUPREME COURT OF NOVA SCOTIA

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INITIAL ORDER

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE JOHN KEITH:

The Applicant proposes to make a compromise or arrangement under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36 as amended, and it applied for an initial order and, now or in the future, other relief under the CCAA as may be sought on notice of motion.

The following parties received notice of this application:

The Service List attached here to as Schedule "A"

The following parties, represented by the following counsel, made submissions:

Party	Counsel
Applicant	Stephen Kingston and Ben Pryde, McInnes Cooper
HPS Investment Partners LLC	Gavin MacDonald, Cox & Palmer; Marc Wasserman, Dave Rosenblat, Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP
FTI Consulting Canada Inc.	Maria Konyukhova, Stikeman Elliott LLP

On motion of the Applicant and upon reading the affidavit of Brittany Bartlett sworn March 11, 2026 (the "**Bartlett Affidavit**") and the Exhibits thereto, and on hearing the submissions of counsel for the Applicant and such other counsel as appeared, with all parties being duly served as appears from the affidavit of service of Stephen Kingston sworn March 12, 2026 and on reading the Pre-Filing Report of FTI Consulting Canada Inc. ("**FTI**"), in its capacity as proposed monitor of the Applicant dated March 12 2026, and their consent act as the monitor (in such capacity, the "**Monitor**") attached to the within application, the following is ordered and declared:

SERVICE

1. The service of the notice of application in chambers, and the supporting documents, as set out in the affidavit of service is hereby deemed adequate notice so that the motion is properly returnable today and further service thereof is hereby dispensed with.

DEFINITIONS

2. For the purposes of this Initial Order, all capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them the Bartlett Affidavit.

APPLICATION

3. The Applicant is a company to which the CCAA applies.

PLAN OF ARRANGEMENT

4. The Applicant, in consultation with the Monitor, shall have the authority to file and may, subject to further order of this Court, file with this Court a plan of compromise or arrangement (the "**Plan**").

POSSESSION OF PROPERTY AND OPERATIONS

5. The Applicant shall remain in possession and control of its current and future assets, undertakings, and properties of every nature and kind whatsoever, and wherever situate including all proceeds thereof (the "**Property**"). Subject to further order of this Court, the Applicant shall continue to carry on business in a manner consistent with the preservation of its business (the "**Business**") and Property. The Applicant shall be authorized and empowered to continue to retain and employ consultants, agents, experts, accountants, counsel, and such other persons (collectively "**Assistants**") and the employees currently retained or employed by it, with liberty to retain such further Assistants as it deems reasonably necessary or desirable in the ordinary course of business or for the carrying out of the terms of this Order.
6. The Applicant may pay the following expenses whether incurred prior to or after this Order:
 - a. all outstanding and future wages, salaries, employee and pension benefits, vacation pay, and expenses payable to employees who continue to provide service on or after the date of this Order ("**Active Employees**"), in each case incurred in the ordinary course of business and consistent with existing compensation policies and arrangements; and
 - b. all existing and future employee health, dental, life insurance, short and long term disability and related benefits (collectively, the "**Group Benefits**") payable on or after the date of this Order to Active Employees, in each case

incurred in the ordinary course of business and consistent with existing policies and arrangements or such amended policies and arrangements as are necessary or desirable to deliver the existing Group Benefits;

- c. with prior written approval of the Monitor, the fees and disbursements for any Assistants retained or employed by the Applicant in respect of these proceedings, at their reasonable standard rates and charges.
7. Except as otherwise provided to the contrary herein, the Applicant may pay all reasonable expenses incurred by the Applicant in carrying on the Business in the ordinary course after this Order, and in carrying out the provisions of this Order, which expenses shall include, without limitation:
 - a. all expenses and capital expenditures reasonably necessary for the preservation of the Property or the Business including, without limitation, payments on account of insurance including directors and officers insurance, maintenance, and security services; and
 - b. payment for goods or services actually supplied to the Applicant following the date of this Order.
8. The Applicant may pay reasonable expenses incurred by the Applicant in carrying on the Business in the ordinary course prior to the date of this Order, which are determined by the Applicant, in consultation with the Monitor, to be necessary to the continued operation of the Business or preservation of the Property and such payments are approved in advance by the Monitor or by further Order of this Court. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any such payments shall not exceed the amount of \$125,000 in the aggregate.
9. The Applicant shall remit or pay, in accordance with legal requirements or on terms as may be agreed to between the Applicant and the applicable authority:
 - a. any statutory deemed trust amounts in favour of the Crown in right of Canada or of any Province thereof or any other taxation authority which are required to be deducted from employees' wages, including, without limitation, amounts in respect of: i) employment insurance, ii) Canada Pension Plan, iii) Quebec Pension Plan, and iv) income taxes;
 - b. all goods and services or other applicable sales taxes (collectively, "**Sales Taxes**") required to be remitted by the Applicant in connection with the sale of goods and services by the Applicant, but only where such Sales Taxes are accrued or collected after the date of this Order, or where such Sales Taxes were accrued or collected prior to the date of this Order but not required to be remitted until on or after the date of this Order; and
 - c. any amount payable to the Crown in right of Canada or of any Province or any regulatory or administrative body or any other authority, in all cases in respect of municipal realty, municipal business, or other taxes, assessments or levies of any nature or kind which are: i) entitled at law to be paid in priority to claims

of secured creditors; ii) attributable to or in respect of the ongoing Business carried on by the Applicant; and iii) payable in respect of the period commencing on or after the date of this Order.

10. Until such time as the Applicant disclaims a real property lease in accordance with the CCAA, the Applicant shall pay all amounts constituting rent or payable as rent under real property leases, including, for greater certainty, common area maintenance charges, utilities and realty taxes, and any other amounts payable to the landlord under the lease, or as otherwise may be negotiated between the Applicant and the landlord from time to time, for the period commencing from and including the date of this Order, in accordance with its existing lease agreements. On the date of the first of such payments, any arrears relating to the period commencing from and including the date of this Order shall also be paid.
11. Except as specifically permitted herein or by further order of this Court, the Applicant is hereby directed, until further order of this Court: i) to make no payments of principal, interest thereon or otherwise on account of amounts owing by the Applicant to any of its creditors as of this date without prior written consent of the Monitor; ii) to grant no security interests, trusts, liens, charges, or encumbrances upon or in respect of any of its Property; and iii) to not grant credit or incur liabilities except in the ordinary course of the Business or with the prior written approval of the Monitor.

RESTRUCTURING

12. The Applicant shall, subject to such requirements as are imposed by the Monitor, have the right to:
 - a. permanently or temporarily cease, downsize or shut down any of its business or operations;
 - b. terminate the employment of such of its employees or temporarily lay off such of its employees as it deems appropriate;
 - c. pursue all avenues of refinancing of its Business or Property, in whole or part, subject to prior approval of this Court being obtained before any refinancing; and
 - d. in accordance with its ordinary course of business, dispose of redundant or nonmaterial assets not exceeding \$500,000 in value.

NO PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE APPLICANT OR THE PROPERTY

13. Until and including March 23, 2026 or such later date as this Court may order (the "**Stay Period**"), no claim, grievance, application, action, suit, right or remedy, or proceeding or enforcement process in any court, tribunal, or arbitration association (each, a "**Proceeding**") shall be commenced, continued, or enforced against or in respect of any of the Applicant or the Monitor, or affecting the Business or the Property, except with the written consent of the Applicant and the Monitor, or with leave of this Court, and any and all Proceedings currently under way against or in

respect of the Applicant or affecting the Business or the Property are hereby stayed and suspended pending further order of this Court.

NO PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE NON-FILING AFFILIATES

14. During the Stay Period, no Proceeding shall be commenced or continued against or in respect of the Non-Filing Affiliates, or any of their current and future assets, businesses, undertakings and properties of every nature and kind whatsoever, and wherever situate including all proceeds thereof (collectively, the "**Non-Filing Affiliates' Property and Business**") including, without limitation, terminating, making any demand, accelerating, amending or declaring in default or taking any enforcement steps under any agreement or agreements with respect to which the Applicant is a party, borrower, principal obligor or guarantor, and no default or event of default shall have occurred or be deemed to have occurred under any such agreement or agreements, by reason of:
- a. the insolvency of the Applicant;
 - b. the Applicant having made an application to this Court under the CCAA, or in connection with the application made to this Court pursuant to Subsection 130(1) of the *Companies Act*;
 - c. the Applicant being a party to this proceeding or any ancillary proceedings;
 - d. the provisions of this Order or any other order in these proceedings or any ancillary proceedings;
 - e. the Applicant taking any step related to this CCAA proceeding;
 - f. any default or cross-default arising from the matters set out in subparagraphs (a), (b), (c), (d) or (e) above, or arising from the Applicant breaching or failing to perform any contractual or other obligations (collectively, the "**Non-Filing Affiliates' Default Events**"),

except with the prior written consent of the Applicant and the Monitor, or with leave of this Court.

NO EXERCISE OF RIGHTS OR REMEDIES

15. During the Stay Period, all rights and remedies of any individual, firm, corporation, governmental body or agency, or any other entities (all of the foregoing, collectively being "**Persons**" and each being a "**Person**") against or in respect of the Applicant or the Monitor, or affecting the Business or the Property, are hereby stayed and suspended except with the written consent of the Applicant and the Monitor, or leave of this Court, provided that nothing in this Order shall i) empower the Applicant to carry on any business which the Applicant is not lawfully entitled to carry on; ii) affect such investigations, actions, suits or proceedings by a regulatory body as are permitted by section 11.1 of the CCAA; iii) exempt the Applicant from compliance with statutory or regulatory provisions relating to health, safety, or the environment;

iv) prevent the filing of any registration to preserve or perfect a security interest; or
v) prevent the registration of a claim for lien and the related filing of an action to preserve the right of a lien holder, provided that the Applicant shall not be required to file a defence during the Stay Period.

16. During the Stay Period, all rights and remedies of any Person against or in respect of the Non-Filing Affiliates, or affecting the Non-Filing Affiliates' Property and Business, as a result of a Non-Filing Affiliates' Default Event, are hereby stayed and suspended except with the written consent of the Applicant and the Monitor, or leave of this Court.

NO INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS

17. During the Stay Period, no Person shall discontinue, fail to honour, alter, interfere with, repudiate, terminate, or cease to perform any right, renewal right, contract, agreement, licence, or permit in favour of or held by the Applicant or the Non-Filing Affiliates (as a result of a Non-Filing Affiliates' Default Event), including but not limited to renewal rights in respect of existing insurance policies on the same terms, except with the written consent of the Applicant and the Monitor, or leave of this Court.

CONTINUATION OF SERVICES

18. During the Stay Period, all Persons having oral or written agreements with the Applicant or statutory or regulatory mandates for the supply of goods or services, including without limitation all computer software, communication and other data services, centralized banking services, payroll services, insurance, transportation services, utility, or other services to the Business or the Applicant, 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 Applicant, and the Applicant shall be entitled to the continued use of its current premises, telephone numbers, facsimile numbers, internet addresses, and domain names, provided in each case that the normal prices or charges for all such goods or services received after the date of this Order are paid by the Applicant in accordance with normal payment practices of the Applicant or such other practices as may be agreed upon by the supplier or service provider and each of the Applicant and the Monitor, or as may be ordered by this Court.

NON-DEROGATION OF RIGHTS

19. Notwithstanding anything else contained herein, no Person shall be prohibited from requiring immediate payment for goods, services, use of leased or licensed property, or other valuable consideration provided on or after the date of this Order, nor shall any Person be under any obligation on or after the date of this Order to advance or re-advance any monies or otherwise extend any credit to the Applicant.

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

20. 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 Applicant with respect to any claim against the directors or officers that arose before the date hereof and that relates to any obligations of the Applicant whereby the directors or officers are alleged under any law to be liable in their capacity as directors or officers for the payment or performance of such obligations, until a compromise or arrangement in respect of the Applicant, if one is filed, is sanctioned by this Court or is refused by the creditors of the Applicant or this Court, these proceedings are dismissed by final order of this Court, or with leave of this Court.

DIRECTORS' AND OFFICERS' INDEMNIFICATION AND CHARGE

21. The Applicant shall indemnify its directors and officers against obligations and liabilities that they may incur as directors or officers of the Applicant after the commencement of the within proceedings, except to the extent that, with respect to any officer or director, the obligation or liability was incurred as a result of the director's or officer's gross negligence or wilful misconduct.
22. The directors and officers of the Applicant shall be entitled to the benefit of and are hereby granted a charge (the "**Directors' Charge**") on the Property, which charge shall not exceed an aggregate amount of \$100,000, as security for the indemnity provided in paragraph 21 of this Order. The Directors' Charge shall have the priority set out in paragraphs 31 and 33 hereof.

APPOINTMENT OF MONITOR

23. FTI is hereby appointed pursuant to the CCAA as the Monitor, an officer of this Court, to monitor the Business and financial affairs of the Applicant, the Property, and the Applicant's conduct of the Business with the powers and obligations set out in the CCAA or set forth herein and the Applicant and its shareholders, officers, directors, employees and Assistants shall advise the Monitor of all material steps taken by the Applicant pursuant to this Order, cooperate fully with the Monitor in the exercise of its powers and discharge of its obligations, and provide the Monitor with the assistance that is necessary to enable the Monitor to adequately carry out the Monitor's functions.
24. The Monitor, in addition to its prescribed rights and obligations under the CCAA, is hereby directed and empowered to:
 - a. monitor the Applicant's receipts and disbursements;
 - b. report to this Court at such times and intervals as the Monitor may deem appropriate with respect to matters relating to the Property, the Business, the activities of the Applicant and such other matters as may be relevant to the proceedings herein;
 - c. advise the Applicant in its development of the Plan and any amendments to the Plan, and, to the extent deemed appropriate by the Monitor, assist in its negotiations with creditors, customers, vendors, and other interested Persons;

- d. assist the Applicant, to the extent deemed appropriate by the Monitor, with the holding and administering of creditors' or shareholders' meetings for voting on the Plan;
 - e. have full and complete access to the Property, including the premises, books, records, data, including data in electronic form, and other financial documents and to the Business of the Applicant, to the extent that is necessary to adequately assess the Applicant's Business and financial affairs or to perform its duties arising under this Order;
 - f. be at liberty to engage independent legal counsel or such other persons as the Monitor deems necessary or advisable respecting the exercise of its powers and performance of its obligations under this Order, including any affiliate of, or person related to the Monitor;
 - g. develop a claims process to ascertain the quantum of the claims of all creditors; and
 - h. be at liberty to perform such other duties as are required by this Order or by this Court from time to time.
25. The Monitor shall not take possession of the Property and shall take no part whatsoever in the management or supervision of the management of the Business and shall not, by fulfilling its obligations hereunder, be deemed to have taken or maintained possession or control of the Business or Property, or any part thereof.
26. Nothing herein contained shall limit the protections afforded the Monitor at law including those protections set out in the CCAA.
27. The Monitor shall provide any creditor of the Applicant with information provided by the Applicant in response to reasonable requests for information made in writing by such creditor addressed to the Monitor. The Monitor shall not have any responsibility or liability with respect to the information disseminated by it pursuant to this paragraph. In the case of information that the Monitor has been advised by the Applicant is confidential, the Monitor shall not provide such information to creditors unless otherwise directed by this Court or on such terms as the Monitor and the Applicant may agree.
28. The Monitor, counsel to the Monitor, and all counsel to the Applicant shall be paid their reasonable fees and disbursements, in each case not to exceed their standard rates and charges, by the Applicant as part of the costs of these proceedings. The Applicant is hereby authorized and directed to pay the accounts of the Monitor, counsel for the Monitor and counsel for the Applicant on a monthly basis and, in addition, the Applicant is hereby authorized to pay to the Monitor, counsel to the Monitor, and counsel to the Applicant, retainers to be held by them as security for payment of their respective fees and disbursements outstanding from time to time.

29. The Monitor and its legal counsel shall pass their accounts from time to time before a judge of this court or a referee appointed by a judge.

ADMINISTRATION CHARGE

30. The Monitor, the Monitor's counsel, and the Applicant's counsel (collectively, the "Chargees") shall be entitled to the benefit of and are hereby granted a charge (the "Administration Charge") on the Property, which charge shall not exceed an aggregate amount of \$250,000, as security for their professional fees and disbursements incurred at the standard rates and charges of the Monitor and such counsel, both before and after the making of this Order in respect of these proceedings. The Administration Charge shall have the priority set out in paragraphs 31 and 33 hereof.

VALIDITY AND PRIORITY OF CHARGES CREATED BY THIS ORDER

31. The priorities of the Administration Charge and the Directors' Charge (collectively, the "Charges"), as among them, shall be as follows:
 - a. First – Administration Charge (to the maximum amount of \$250,000); and
 - b. Second – Directors' Charge (to the maximum amount of \$100,000).
32. The filing, registration or perfection of the Charges shall not be required, and the Charges shall be valid and enforceable for all purposes, including as against any right, title or interest filed, registered, recorded or perfected subsequent to the Charges coming into existence, notwithstanding any such failure to file, register, record or perfect.
33. Each of the Charges shall constitute a charge on the Property and such Charges shall rank in priority to all other security interests, trusts, liens, charges, encumbrances, and claims of secured creditors, statutory or otherwise (collectively, "Encumbrances") in favour of any Person, except for any Person who is a "secured creditor" as defined in the CCAA that has not been served with the Notice of Application for this Order.
34. The Applicant and the Chargees shall be entitled, upon giving notice to parties likely affected, to seek an order changing the amount of the Charges or providing that the Charges shall rank in priority to any Encumbrances over which the Charges may not have obtained priority pursuant to this Order.
35. Except as otherwise expressly provided for herein, or as may be approved by this Court, the Applicant shall not grant any encumbrance over any Property that ranks in priority to, or pari passu with any of the Charges unless the Applicant also obtains the prior written consent of the Chargees, or further order of this Court.
36. The Charges shall not be rendered invalid or unenforceable and the rights and remedies of the Chargees shall not otherwise be limited or impaired in any way by:
 - (a) the pendency of these proceedings and the declarations of insolvency made herein;
 - (b) any application for a bankruptcy order issued pursuant to the BIA, or any bankruptcy order made pursuant to such applications;
 - (c) the filing of any

assignments for the general benefit of creditors made pursuant to the BIA; or (d) any negative covenants, prohibitions, or other similar provisions with respect to borrowings, incurring debt or the creation of Encumbrances, contained in any existing loan documents, lease, sublease, offer to lease, or other agreement (collectively, an "**Agreement**") which binds the Applicant, and notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in any Agreement:

- a. the creation of the Charges shall not create or be deemed to constitute a breach by the Applicant of any Agreement to which it is a party;
- b. none of the Chargees shall have any liability to any Person whatsoever as a result of any breach of any Agreement caused by or resulting from the Applicant seeking the creation of the Charges; and
- c. the payments made by the Applicant pursuant to this Order do not and will not constitute preferences, fraudulent conveyances, transfers at undervalue, oppressive conduct, or other challengeable or voidable transactions under any applicable law.

SERVICE AND NOTICE

37. The Monitor shall: i) without delay, publish in the Chronicle Herald newspaper a notice containing the information prescribed under the CCAA, and ii) within five days after the date of this Order, (A) make this Order publicly available in the manner prescribed under the CCAA, (B) send, in the prescribed manner (including by electronic message to the e-mail addresses as last shown in the Applicant's books and records), a notice to every known creditor who has a claim against the Applicant of more than \$1,000, and (C) prepare a list showing the names and addresses of those creditors and the estimated amounts of those claims, and make it publicly available in the prescribed manner, all in accordance with section 23(1)(a) of the CCAA and the regulations made thereunder.
38. The Applicant and the Monitor may give notice of this Order, any other materials and orders in these proceedings, and any notices, and provide correspondence, by forwarding originals or true copies by prepaid ordinary mail, courier, personal delivery, or electronic transmission to the Applicant's creditors or other interested parties at their respective addresses (including e-mail addresses) as last shown in the books and records of the Applicant and any such notice by courier, personal delivery, or electronic transmission shall be deemed to be received on the earlier of (a) the date of forwarding thereof, if sent by electronic transmission at or prior to 5:00 p.m. prevailing Atlantic Daylight Savings Time (or on the next business day following the date of forwarding thereof if sent on a non-business day); (b) the next business day following the date of forwarding thereof if sent by courier, personal delivery or electronic transmission sent after 5:00 p.m. prevailing Atlantic Daylight Savings Time; or (c) if sent by ordinary mail, on the third business day after mailing.
39. The Applicant and the Monitor, and any party who has filed a demand of notice may serve any court materials in these proceedings by e-mailing a PDF or other electronic copy of such materials to counsel's e-mail addresses as recorded on the service list

from time to time, and the Monitor may post a copy of any or all such materials on its website at **[insert case website]**.

GENERAL

40. The Applicant or the Monitor may from time to time apply to this Court for advice and directions in the discharge of its powers and duties hereunder.
41. Nothing in this Order shall prevent the Monitor from acting as an interim receiver, a receiver, a receiver and manager, construction lien trustee, or a trustee in bankruptcy of the Applicant, the Business or the Property.
42. The aid and recognition of any court, tribunal, regulatory or administrative body having jurisdiction outside Nova Scotia, is requested to give effect to this Order and to assist the Applicant, the Monitor and their respective 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 Applicant 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 Applicant and the Monitor and their respective agents in carrying out the terms of this Order.
43. Each of the Applicant and the Monitor may apply to any court, tribunal, or regulatory or administrative body, wherever located, for the recognition of this Order and for assistance in carrying out the terms of this Order, and the Monitor may act as a representative in respect of the within proceedings for the purpose of having these proceedings recognized in a jurisdiction outside Canada.
44. Any interested party, including the Applicant and the Monitor, may apply to this Court to vary or amend this Order on such notice required under the *Civil Procedure Rules* or as this Court may order.
45. This Order and all of its provisions are effective as of 12:01 a.m. Atlantic Daylight Saving Time on the date of this Order.

ISSUED at Halifax, Nova Scotia this ____ day of March, 2026.

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