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**ONTARIO  
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE  
COMMERCIAL LIST**

THE HONOURABLE ) FRIDAY, THE 25TH  
MR JUSTICE PENNY ) DAY OF AUGUST, 2023

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

**AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE  
OR ARRANGEMENT OF QUALITY RUGS OF CANADA  
LIMITED AND THE OTHER COMPANIES LISTED IN  
SCHEDULE "A" HERETO**

(collectively, the "**Applicants**")

**INITIAL ORDER**

THIS APPLICATION, made by the Applicants, pursuant to the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36*, as amended (the "CCAA"), was heard this day at 330 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

ON READING the Application Record of the Applicants and the Supplementary Application Record of the Applicants, including the affidavit of John Pacione sworn August 3, 2023 and the Exhibits thereto (the "Pacione Affidavit"), the supplemental affidavit of John Pacione sworn August 17, 2023, the second supplemental affidavit of John Pacione sworn August 22, 2023, the Application Record and the Supplementary Application Record filed by Waygar Capital Inc. ("Waygar"), including the affidavit of Don Rogers sworn July 24, 2023, the

supplementary affidavit of Don Rogers sworn August 3, 2023, the pre-filing report of Fuller Landau Group Inc., dated July 25, 2023, the supplement to the pre-filing report of Fuller Landau Group Inc., dated August 3, 2023, the second supplement to the pre-filing report of the Fuller Landau Group Inc., dated August 16, 2023, the pre-filing report of RSM Canada Limited, dated August 3, 2023, the supplemental pre-filing report of RSM Canada Limited dated August 17, 2023, the second supplemental pre-filing report of RSM Canada Limited dated August 25, 2023 and the consent of RSM Canada Limited to act as the Monitor, and on being advised that the secured creditors who are likely to be affected by the charges created herein were given notice, and on hearing the submissions of counsel for the Applicants, counsel for Waygar, counsel for Ironbridge Equity Partners (“Ironbridge”), counsel for Mohawk Carpet Distribution, Inc. (“Mohawk”), and counsel for RSM Canada Limited, no other parties having been served or appearing,

### **SERVICE**

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

### **APPLICATION**

2. THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES that the Applicants are companies to which the CCAA applies.

### **PLAN OF ARRANGEMENT**

3. [intentionally deleted].

### **POSSESSION OF PROPERTY AND OPERATIONS**

4. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Applicants shall remain in possession and control of their current and future assets, undertakings and properties of every nature and kind whatsoever, and wherever situate including all proceeds thereof (the "Property"). Subject to further Order of

this Court, the Applicants shall continue to carry on business in a manner consistent with the preservation of their business (the "Business") and Property. The Applicants are authorized and empowered to continue to retain and employ the employees, consultants, agents, experts, accountants, counsel and such other persons (collectively "Assistants") currently retained or employed by them, with liberty to retain such further Assistants as it deems reasonably necessary or desirable in the ordinary course of business or for the carrying out of the terms of this Order.

5. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Applicants shall be entitled to utilize the cash management system currently in place as described in the Pacione Affidavit or if agreed to between the Applicants, Waygar and Ironbridge, provided that Waygar's approval rights shall terminate upon the closing of the transaction contemplated by the Asset Purchase Agreement, to replace it with another substantially similar cash management system (the "Cash Management System") and that any present or future bank providing the Cash Management System shall not be under any obligation whatsoever to inquire into the propriety, validity or legality of any transfer, payment, collection or other action taken under the Cash Management System, or as to the use or application by the Applicants of funds transferred, paid, collected or otherwise dealt with in the Cash Management System, shall be entitled to provide the Cash Management System without any liability in respect thereof to any Person (as hereinafter defined) other than the Applicants, pursuant to the terms of the documentation applicable to the Cash Management System, and shall be, in its capacity as the provider of the Cash Management System, an unaffected creditor under any Plan with regard to any claims or expenses it may suffer or incur in connection with the provision of the Cash Management System.

5A. THIS COURT ORDERS that, notwithstanding paragraph 5 hereof or the provision of any documents under which the Cash Management System operates, any disbursement of funds which may have been deposited into or accrued in the Blocked Account (as defined in the Affidavit of Don Rogers sworn July 24, 2023) shall be made only on the consent of the Monitor (as herein defined), and without the need for the consent of Waygar or its advisors, provided that the Monitor shall only approve the disbursement if the Monitor is satisfied, acting reasonably, that such disbursement is necessary to comply with any payment contemplated to be made under

this Order, including payments for suppliers of goods and services to the Applicants in the ordinary course of business and consistent with the Cash Flow Projections.

6. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Applicants shall be entitled but not required to 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 on or after the date of this Order, in each case incurred in the ordinary course of business and consistent with existing compensation policies and arrangements; and

(b) the fees and disbursements of any Assistants retained or employed by the Applicants in respect of these proceedings, at their standard rates and charges.

7. THIS COURT ORDERS that, except as otherwise provided to the contrary herein, the Applicants shall be entitled but not required to pay all reasonable expenses incurred by the Applicants in carrying on 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 Applicants following the date of this Order.

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

(a) any statutory deemed trust amounts in favour of the Crown in right of Canada or of any Province thereof or any other taxation authority 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 thereof or any political subdivision thereof or any other taxation authority in respect of municipal realty, municipal business or other taxes, assessments or levies of any nature or kind which are entitled at law to be paid in priority to claims of secured creditors and which are attributable to or in respect of the carrying on of the Business by the Applicant.

9. THIS COURT ORDERS that until a real property lease is disclaimed or resiliated in accordance with the CCAA, the Applicants 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 Applicants and the landlord from time to time ("Rent"), for the period commencing from and including the date of this Order, twice-monthly in equal payments on the first and fifteenth day of each month, in advance (but not in arrears). On the date of the first of such payments, any Rent relating to the period commencing from and including the date of this Order shall also be paid.

10. THIS COURT ORDERS that, except as specifically permitted herein, the Applicants are hereby directed, until further Order of this Court: (a) to make no payments of principal, interest thereon or otherwise on account of amounts owing by the Applicants to any of its creditors as of August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023; (b) to grant no security interests, trust, liens, charges or encumbrances upon or in respect of any of its Property; and (c) to not grant credit or incur liabilities except in the ordinary course of the Business.

## **RESTRUCTURING**

11. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Applicants shall, subject to such requirements as are imposed by the CCAA and such covenants as may be contained in the Definitive Documents and the DIP Term Sheet (each as hereinafter defined), have the right to:

- (a) permanently or temporarily cease, downsize or shut down any of its business or operations, and to dispose of redundant or non-material assets not exceeding \$100,000 in any one transaction or \$250,000 in the aggregate;
- (b) terminate the employment of such of its employees or temporarily lay off such of its employees as it deems appropriate; and
- (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 material refinancing,

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

12. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Applicants shall provide each of the relevant landlords with notice of the Applicants' intention to remove any fixtures from any leased premises at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the intended removal. The relevant landlord shall be entitled to have a representative present in the leased premises to observe such removal and, if the landlord disputes the Applicants' entitlement to remove any such fixture under the provisions of the lease, such fixture shall remain on the premises and shall be dealt with as agreed between any applicable secured creditors, such landlord and the Applicants, or by further Order of this Court upon application by the Applicant on at least two (2) days notice to such landlord and any such secured creditors. If the Applicant disclaims or resiliates the lease governing such leased premises in accordance with Section 32 of the CCAA, it shall not be required to pay Rent under such lease pending resolution of any such dispute (other than Rent payable for the notice period provided for in Section 32(5) of the CCAA), and the disclaimer or resiliation of the lease shall be without prejudice to the Applicants' claim to the fixtures in dispute.

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

#### **NO PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE APPLICANT OR THE PROPERTY**

14. THIS COURT ORDERS that until and including September 5, 2023, or such later date as this Court may order (the "Stay Period"), no proceeding or enforcement process in any court or tribunal (each, a "Proceeding") shall be commenced or continued against or in respect of the Applicants, the entities named in Schedule "A" hereto (the "Protected Parties"), the Monitor, the Financial Advisor (as hereinafter defined), or affecting the Business or the Property, except with the written consent of the Applicants and the Monitor, or with leave of this Court, and any and all Proceedings currently under way against or in respect of the Applicants or affecting the Business or the Property are hereby stayed and suspended pending further Order of this Court.

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

15. THIS COURT ORDERS that during the Stay Period, all rights and remedies of any individual, firm, corporation, governmental body or agency, or any other entities (all of the foregoing, collectively being "Persons" and each being a "Person") against or in respect of the Applicants, the Protected Parties, the Monitor, or the Financial Advisor, or affecting the Business or the Property, are hereby stayed and suspended except with the written consent of the Applicants and the Monitor, or leave of this Court, provided that nothing in this Order shall (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) prevent the filing of any registration to preserve or perfect a security interest, or (iv) prevent the registration of a claim for lien.

### **NO INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS**

16. THIS COURT ORDERS that during the Stay Period, no Person shall discontinue, fail to honour, alter, interfere with, repudiate, terminate or cease to perform any right, renewal right, contract, agreement, licence or permit in favour of or held by the Applicants or the Protected Parties, except with the written consent of the Applicants and the Monitor, or leave of this Court.

### **CONTINUATION OF SERVICES**

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

### **TREATMENT OF LIEN CLAIMS**

18. THIS COURT ORDERS that, without limiting the generality of paragraphs 14 to 17 hereof, the rights of any person who has supplied services and/or materials to the Applicants to preserve and perfect a lien under the *Construction Act* (Ontario) or any applicable provincial equivalent (the "Provincial Lien Legislation") in respect of a project or improvement to which one of the Applicants is a contracting party (the "Lien Claims") be and are hereby stayed and any



person seeking to preserve, perfect or otherwise enforce such a claim shall be required to comply with the process and seek the rights and remedies set out in paragraphs 18 to 21 hereof subject to further Order of the Court.

19. THIS COURT ORDERS that any person who wishes to assert a Lien Claim (a "Lien Claimant") shall serve a notice of such Lien Claim setting out the amount and particulars thereof (including without limitation the improvement in question) to (a) the Monitor at arif.dhanani@rsmcanada.com, with a copy Goodmans LLP, counsel to the Monitor at: jlatham@goodmans.ca, and (b) the Applicants, care of cbesant@grllp.com, in each case within the timeframes prescribed by the applicable Provincial Lien Legislation (a "Lien Notice") or such other time frame as may be ordered by the Court. Upon delivering such Notices of Lien, the Lien Claims will be considered preserved and perfected and no further steps need be taken by the Lien Claimant.

20. THIS COURT ORDERS that, upon serving a Lien Notice, the Lien Claimant shall be entitled to a charge over any Property of the Applicants relating to the project or improvement which is the subject of such Lien Claim, equivalent to the value and in accordance with the priority that the Lien Claimant would otherwise be entitled to as claim a lien under the applicable Provincial Lien Legislation (the "Lien Charge"), and shall rank in priority in accordance with the priority afforded to such Charge at law.

21. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Monitor, in addition to its prescribed rights and obligations under the CCAA and elsewhere in this Order, is hereby authorized and empowered to review the Lien Notices and approve reduce or disallow the Lien Claims set out therein, or refer such matter for determination by the Court, on notice to the applicable Lien Claimant. Any such Lien Claimant shall have 10 days to give notice to the Monitor and the Applicants that it intends seek a review by the Court of the decision of the Monitor on a motion before a judge of this Court.

22. THIS COURT ORDERS that nothing in paragraphs 18 to 21 hereof shall be construed as limiting or prejudicing the rights of the Monitor, the Applicants or any other interested party

from challenging: (a) the validity or timeliness of a Lien Notice; (b) the validity or quantum of a Lien Claim under the applicable Provincial Lien Legislation, except for failure to preserve a lien by registration; (c) a Lien Claimant's entitlement to a Lien Charge under paragraph 20 of this Order; or (d) the priority of a Lien Charge under this Order.

23. THIS COURT ORDERS that, in connection with the matters in paragraphs 18 to 21 of this Order, the Monitor (i) shall have all of the protections given to it by the CCAA, this Order and any other orders of the Court in the CCAA Proceedings, (ii) shall incur no liability or obligation as a result of carrying out matters in connection with paragraphs 18 to 22 of this Order, (iii) shall be entitled to rely on the books and records of the Applicants and any information provided by the Applicants, all without independent investigation, (iv) shall not be liable for any claims or damages resulting from any errors or omissions in such books, records or information, and (v) may seek such assistance as may be required to carry out matters in connection with paragraphs 18 to 22 of this Order from the Applicants or any of their affiliates.

#### **NON-DEROGATION OF RIGHTS**

24. THIS COURT ORDERS that, notwithstanding anything else in this Order, no Person shall be prohibited from requiring immediate payment for goods, services, use of lease or licensed property or other valuable consideration provided on or after the date of this Order, nor shall any Person be under any obligation on or after the date of this Order to advance or re-advance any monies or otherwise extend any credit to the Applicants. Nothing in this Order shall derogate from the rights conferred and obligations imposed by the CCAA.

#### **PROCEEDINGS AGAINST DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

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

performance of such obligations, until a compromise or arrangement in respect of the Applicants, if one is filed, is sanctioned by this Court or is refused by the creditors of the Applicants or this Court.

#### **DIRECTORS' AND OFFICERS' INDEMNIFICATION AND CHARGE**

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

27. THIS COURT ORDERS that 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 \$600,000, as security for the indemnity provided in paragraph 26 of this Order. The Directors' Charge shall have the priority set out in paragraphs 45 and 47 herein.

28. THIS COURT ORDERS that, notwithstanding any language in any applicable insurance policy to the contrary, (a) no insurer shall be entitled to be subrogated to or claim the benefit of the Directors' Charge, and (b) the Applicants' directors and officers shall only be entitled to the benefit of the Directors' Charge to the extent that they do not have coverage under any directors' and officers' insurance policy, or to the extent that such coverage is insufficient to pay amounts indemnified in accordance with paragraph 26 of this Order.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF FINANCIAL ADVISOR**

29. THIS COURT ORDERS that the agreement dated as of February 1, 2023, engaging Alvarez & Marsal Canada Securities ULC (the "Financial Advisor") as financial advisor to the Applicants (the "A&M Engagement Letter"), and the retention of the Financial Advisor under the terms thereof are hereby approved, including, without limitation, the Success Fee (as the term is defined in the A&M Engagement Letter). The Financial Advisor shall be entitled to the benefit

of and is hereby granted a charge (the "Financial Advisor's Charge") on the Property, which charge shall not exceed an aggregate amount of \$950,000, as security for the Success Fee. The Financial Advisor's Charge shall have the priority set out in paragraphs 45 and 47 herein.

## **APPOINTMENT OF MONITOR**

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

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

- (a) monitor the Applicants' receipts and disbursements;
- (b) report to this Court at such times and intervals as the Monitor may deem appropriate with respect to matters relating to the Property, the Business, and such other matters as may be relevant to the proceedings herein;
- (c) assist the Applicants, to the extent required by the Applicants, in its dissemination, of information to creditors of the Applicants, including Waygar and its financial advisor;
- (d) assist the Applicants, to the extent required by the Applicants, in its dissemination, to the DIP Lender (as herein defined) and its counsel of financial and other information as agreed to between the Applicants and the DIP Lender which may be used in these proceedings including reporting on a basis to be agreed with the DIP Lender;

- (e) advise the Applicants in their preparation of the Applicants' cash flow statements and reporting required by the DIP Lender, which information shall be reviewed with the Monitor and delivered to the DIP Lender and its counsel on a periodic basis, but not less than weekly, or as otherwise agreed to by the DIP Lender;
- (f) [intentionally deleted];
- (g) [intentionally deleted];
- (h) have full and complete access to the Property, including the premises, books, records, data, including data in electronic form, and other financial documents of the Applicants, to the extent that is necessary to adequately assess the Applicants' business and financial affairs or to perform its duties arising under this Order;
- (i) be at liberty to engage independent legal counsel or such other persons as the Monitor deems necessary or advisable respecting the exercise of its powers and performance of its obligations under this Order; and
- (j) perform such other duties as are required by this Order or by this Court from time to time.

32. THIS COURT ORDERS that 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.

33. THIS COURT ORDERS that nothing herein contained shall require the Monitor to occupy or to take control, care, charge, possession or management (separately and/or collectively, "Possession") of any of the Property that might be environmentally contaminated, might be a pollutant or a contaminant, or might cause or contribute to a spill, discharge, release or deposit of a substance contrary to any federal, provincial or other law respecting the protection, conservation, enhancement, remediation or rehabilitation of the environment or relating to the disposal of waste or other contamination including, without limitation, the

*Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, the *Ontario Environmental Protection Act*, the *Ontario Water Resources Act*, or the *Ontario Occupational Health and Safety Act* and regulations thereunder (the "Environmental Legislation"), provided however that nothing herein shall exempt the Monitor from any duty to report or make disclosure imposed by applicable Environmental Legislation. The Monitor shall not, as a result of this Order or anything done in pursuance of the Monitor's duties and powers under this Order, be deemed to be in Possession of any of the Property within the meaning of any Environmental Legislation, unless it is actually in possession.

34. THIS COURT ORDERS that that the Monitor shall provide any creditor of the Applicants with information provided by the Applicants in response to reasonable requests for information made in writing by such creditor addressed to the Monitor. The Monitor shall not have any responsibility or liability with respect to the information disseminated by it pursuant to this paragraph or in paragraph 31 hereof. In the case of information that the Monitor has been advised by the Applicants is confidential, the Monitor shall not provide such information to creditors unless otherwise directed by this Court or on such terms as the Monitor and the Applicant may agree.

35. THIS COURT ORDERS that, in addition to the rights and protections afforded the Monitor under the CCAA or as an officer of this Court, the Monitor shall incur no liability or obligation as a result of its appointment or the carrying out of the provisions of this Order, save and except for any gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part. Nothing in this Order shall derogate from the protections afforded the Monitor by the CCAA or any applicable legislation.

36. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Monitor, counsel to the Monitor, the Financial Advisor and counsel to the Applicants shall be paid their reasonable fees and disbursements, in each case at their standard rates and charges, and, in the case of the Financial Advisor, pursuant to the A&M Engagement Letter, by the Applicants as part of the costs of these proceedings. The Applicants are hereby authorized and directed to pay the accounts of the Monitor, counsel for the Monitor and counsel for the Applicant on a weekly basis, and the Financial Advisor 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 in the amount[s] of \$65,000, \$60,000 and \$50,000, respectively, to be held by them as security for payment of their respective fees and disbursements outstanding from time to time. For clarity, in no circumstances shall Waygar be responsible for the Financial Advisor's monthly Work Fee (as that term is defined in the A&M Engagement Letter), including, without limiting the foregoing, by way of payment from the proceeds of sale of the Applicants' assets (including accounts receivable collections).

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

38. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Monitor, counsel to the Monitor, the Applicants' counsel and the Financial Advisor (in respect of their monthly fees and expenses as set out in the A&M Engagement Letter) 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 \$750,000, as security for their professional fees and disbursements incurred at the standard rates and charges of the Monitor and such counsel, and, in the case of the Financial Advisor, pursuant to the A&M Engagement Letter, for the period from and after August 18, 2023 in respect of these proceedings. The Administration Charge shall have the priority set out in paragraphs 45 and 47 hereof.

## **DIP FINANCING**

39. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Applicants are hereby authorized and empowered to obtain and borrow under a credit facility (the "DIP Facility") from Ironbridge Equity Partners IV LP and Ironbridge Equity Partners (International) IV, LP (collectively, the "DIP Lender") in order to finance the Applicants' working capital requirements and other general corporate purposes and capital expenditures, provided that borrowings under such DIP Facility shall not exceed \$3,500,000 unless permitted by further Order of this Court.

40. THIS COURT ORDERS THAT such DIP Facility shall be on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the DIP Term Sheet between the Applicants and the DIP Lender dated August 25, 2023 (the “DIP Term Sheet”), filed, and the definitive documentation to be entered into pursuant thereto.

41. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Applicants are hereby authorized and empowered to execute and deliver such credit agreements, mortgages, charges, hypothecs and security documents, guarantees and other definitive documents (collectively, the "Definitive Documents"), as are contemplated by the DIP Term Sheet or as may be reasonably required by the DIP Lender pursuant to the terms thereof, and the Applicants are hereby authorized and directed to pay and perform all of its indebtedness, interest, fees, liabilities and obligations to the DIP Lender under and pursuant to the DIP Term Sheet and the Definitive Documents as and when the same become due and are to be performed, notwithstanding any other provision of this Order

41A. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Applicants shall deposit all Advances (as defined in the DIP Term Sheet) into a bank account designed by the Borrower (the “Borrower’s Account”) and utilized by the Borrower in accordance with the terms of the DIP Term sheet and other Definitive Documents.

42. THIS COURT ORDERS that the DIP Lender shall be entitled to the benefit of and is hereby granted a charge (the "DIP Lender’s Charge") on the Property, which DIP Lender's Charge shall not secure an obligation that existed before the first Order in these proceedings made on August 4, 2023. The DIP Lender’s Charge shall have the priority set out in paragraphs 45 and 47 hereof.

43. THIS COURT ORDERS that, notwithstanding any other provision of this Order:

(a) the DIP Lender may take such steps from time to time as it may deem necessary or appropriate to file, register, record or perfect the DIP Lender’s Charge or any of the Definitive Documents;



(b) upon the occurrence of an event of default under the Definitive Documents or the DIP Lender's Charge, the DIP Lender, may immediately exercise any and all of its rights and remedies against the Applicants or the Property under or pursuant to the DIP Term Sheet, Definitive Documents and the DIP Lender's Charge, including without limitation, to cease making advances to the Applicants and set off and/or consolidate any amounts owing by the DIP Lender to the Applicants against the obligations of the Applicants to the DIP Lender under the DIP Term Sheet, the Definitive Documents or the DIP Lender's Charge, to make demand, accelerate payment and give other notices, or to apply to this Court for the appointment of a receiver, receiver and manager or interim receiver, or for a bankruptcy order against the Applicants and for the appointment of a trustee in bankruptcy of the Applicants; and

(c) the foregoing rights and remedies of the DIP Lender shall be enforceable against any trustee in bankruptcy, interim receiver, receiver or receiver and manager of the Applicants or the Property.

44. THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES that the DIP Lender shall be treated as unaffected in any plan of arrangement or compromise filed by the Applicants under the CCAA, or any proposal filed by the Applicants under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* of Canada (the "BIA"), with respect to any advances made under the Definitive Documents.

#### **VALIDITY AND PRIORITY OF CHARGES CREATED BY THIS ORDER**

45. THIS COURT ORDERS that the priorities of the Directors' Charge, the Administration Charge, the Financial Advisor's Charge, and the DIP Lender's Charge, as among them, shall be as follows:

First – the DIP Lender's Charge but only to the extent of the assets in the Borrower's Account at any time from time to time:

Second – the Administration Charge (to a maximum amount of \$750,000);

Third – the Directors' Charge (to a maximum amount of \$600,000);

Fourth – the DIP Lender's Charge (to a maximum of \$3,500,000); and

Fifth – the Financial Advisor’s Charge (to a maximum of \$950,000).

46. THIS COURT ORDERS that the filing, registration or perfection of the Directors’ Charge, the Administration Charge, the Financial Advisor’s Charge, the DIP Lender’s Charge or the Lien Charge (collectively, the "Charges") shall not be required, and that the Charges shall be valid and enforceable for all purposes, including as against any right, title or interest filed, registered, recorded or perfected subsequent to the Charges coming into existence, notwithstanding any such failure to file, register, record or perfect.

47. THIS COURT ORDERS that each of the Charges shall constitute a charge on the Property and such Charges shall rank in priority to all other security interests, liens, charges and encumbrances, claims of secured creditors, statutory or otherwise (collectively, "Encumbrances") in favour of any Person, notwithstanding the order of perfection or attachment, except (a) 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, and (b) for any claims of any person against the Applicants for amounts owing for services rendered and/or materials supplied that have priority over Encumbrances by statute.

48. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Applicants shall be entitled, at the Comeback Hearing, on notice to those Persons likely to be affected thereby, to seek priority of the Charges ahead of any Encumbrance over which the Charges may not have obtained priority pursuant to this Order.

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

50. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Charges shall not be rendered invalid or unenforceable and the rights and remedies of the chargees entitled to the benefit of the Charges (collectively, the "Charges") thereunder shall not otherwise be limited or impaired in any way by (a) the

pendency of these proceedings and the declarations of insolvency made herein; (b) any application(s) for bankruptcy order(s) issued pursuant to BIA, or any bankruptcy order made pursuant to such applications; (c) the filing of any assignments for the general benefit of creditors made pursuant to the BIA; (d) the provisions of any federal or provincial statutes; or (e) any negative covenants, prohibitions or other similar provisions with respect to borrowings, incurring debt or the creation of Encumbrances, contained in any existing loan documents, lease, sublease, offer to lease or other agreement (collectively, an "Agreement") which binds the Applicants, and notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in any Agreement:

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

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

#### **SERVICE AND NOTICE**

52. THIS COURT ORDERS that service of the Applicants' Application Record and Supplementary Application Record, together with written confirmation of the date of such hearings, to any Person in respect of this Order constitutes notice of the Comeback Hearing.

53. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Monitor shall (i) without delay, publish in The Globe and Mail (National Edition) a notice containing the information prescribed under the CCAA, (ii) within five days after the date of this Order, (A) make this Order publicly available in the manner

prescribed under the CCAA, (B) send, in the prescribed manner, a notice to every known creditor who has a claim against the Applicants of more than \$1000, 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.

54. THIS COURT ORDERS that the E-Service Guide of the Commercial List (the “**Guide**”) is approved and adopted by reference herein and, in this proceeding, the service of documents made in accordance with the Guide (which can be found on the Commercial List website at <http://www.ontariocourts.ca/scj/practice/practice-directions/toronto/eservice-commercial/>) shall be valid and effective service. Subject to Rule 17.05 this Order shall constitute an order for substituted service pursuant to Rule 16.04 of the *Rules of Civil Procedure*. Subject to Rule 3.01(d) of the *Rules of Civil Procedure* and paragraph 21 of the Guide, service of documents in accordance with the Guide will be effective on transmission. This Court further orders that a Case Website shall be established in accordance with the Guide with the following URL ‘<<http://www.rsmcanada.com/quality-sterling-group>>’ (the “Monitor’s Website”).

55. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Monitor shall create, maintain and update as necessary a list of all Persons appearing in person or by counsel in these proceedings (the “Service List”). The Monitor shall post the Service List, as may be updated from time to time, on the Monitor's Website, provided that the Monitor shall have no liability in respect of the accuracy of or the timeliness of making any changes to the Service List.

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

received on the next business day following the date of forwarding thereof, or if sent by ordinary mail, on the third business day after mailing.

## **GENERAL**

57. THIS COURT ORDERS that, notwithstanding anything in this Order or the August 4 Order (as herein defined), including any language granting priority charges over the Property of the Applicants, the issue as to priority as among the Charges (including the Interim Lender's Charge in the August 4 Order) and the security held by Mohawk, including any purchase money security interest, shall be deferred to the Comeback Hearing, or as may otherwise be agreed to by the parties. The Applicants are directed to identify and segregate into a separate bank account any proceeds received from and after August 4, 2023 in respect of goods in the possession of the Applicants as of or after August 4, 2023 and supplied by Mohawk.

58. THIS COURT ORDERS that nothing herein impacts or detracts from the provisions of the Order of this Court made on August 4, 2023 in these proceedings and in the Waygar application (the "August 4 Order"); provided, however, that upon the filing with this Court of a certificate of the Monitor confirming that the Interim Financing provided by Waygar pursuant to the August 4 Order has been paid in full net of the amount of \$707,000, the Interim Lender's Charge in favour of Waygar in the August 4 Order shall be finally discharged and no longer enforceable.

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

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

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

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

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

63. THIS COURT ORDERS that any interested party (including the Applicants and the Monitor) may apply to this Court to vary or amend this Order on not less than seven (7) days notice to any other party or parties likely to be affected by the order sought or upon such other notice, if any, as this Court may order.

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



## **Schedule “A” – Other Applicants**

### **A.1 QSG Opcos (in addition to QRCL)**

1. Timeline Floors Inc.
2. Ontario Flooring Ltd
3. Weston Hardwood Design Centre Inc
4. Malvern Contract Interiors Limited

### **A.2 Holding Companies**

5. Quality Commercial Carpet Corporation;
6. Joseph Douglas Pacione Holdings Ltd.;
7. John Anthony Pacione Holdings Ltd.;
8. Jopac Enterprises Limited;
9. Patjo Holdings Inc.

**AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT OF  
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