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Schedule "A" – Other Applicants

A.1 Other Applicants - 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 and Other Entities to be Protected by the CCAA Stay

- 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

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NOTICE OF MOTION (Returnable at October 31, 2023 Case Conference)

Quality Rugs of Canada Limited (Variously the "Company" and "QRCL") and the applicants listed in Schedule "A" (collectively with the Company, the "QSG Group") (collectively, the "Applicants") will make a motion before the Honourable Justice Penny of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) on Tuesday, October 31, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., or as soon after that time as the Motion can be heard, via Zoom videoconference.

PROPOSED METHOD OF HEARING: The Motion is to be heard by video conference at the following location:

31 October 2023 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time) Meeting ID: 654 0032 7305 Passcode: 082269

VIDEO CONFERENCE LINK:

HTTPS://CA01WEB.ZOOM.US/J/65400327305?PWD=WC91RJNENJNNZ1Q2NHPVBDLZAUN LDZ09

THE MOTION IS FOR:

- An Order extending the stay of proceedings until and including November 6, 2023 and confirming that the Amended and Restated Initial Order dated September 5, 2023 (the"ARIO") made in these proceedings continues to be in full force and effect until further order of this Court;
- 2. An order setting a date for a further case conference and/or hearing in this matter on or before November 6, 2023.
- 3. Such further and other relief as may be required to advance the QSG Group's restructuring and that this Honourable Court may deem just.

THE GROUNDS FOR THE MOTION ARE:

Extension of the Stay of Proceedings

- On August 25, 2023, the Honourable Justice Penny granted an initial CCAA Order in this matter (variously herein, the "Initial Order" and the "Initial CCAA Order") with a stay of proceedings until September 5, 2023. The Stay was extended to October 31, 2023 by an ARIO made September 5, 2023.
- 2. The Applicants seek an extension of the Stay of Proceedings until November 6, 2023. The purpose of the extension is to:
 - a) allow the QSG Group to finalize the definitive documentation with the purchaser, Ironbridge Equity Partners Management Limited ("Ironbridge"), for the purchase of its assets and business as contemplated in the Letter of Intent signed between QSG and Ironbridge on August 25, 2023 "Sale LOI"; and
 - b) set a time for a further case conference and/or hearing in these proceedings on or before November 6, 2023 which would be used to either:

- i. (i) schedule the LRO motion and the motion for the sale approval in respect of that transaction (including motions for a Sale and Vesting Order, a Contracts Assignment Order and a Distribution Order) or
- ii. (ii) establish the future course of the proceedings should the transaction not be finalized during the further stay period.
- 3. The QSG Group has acted, and continues to act, in good faith and with due diligence during the course of these CCAA Proceedings; and
- 4. The Monitor supports the proposed extension to the Stay of Proceedings.

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

- 1. The Affidavit of John Pacione to be affirmed in support of this motion;
- 2. The Affidavits of John Pacione previously filed in these proceedings;
- 3. The Pre-Filing Report and the Reports of the Monitor filed in these proceedings;
- 4. Such further and other documentary evidence as counsel may advise and this Court may permit.

October 29, 2023

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AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT OF QUALITY RUGS OF CANADA LIMITED AND THE APPLICANTS LISTED IN SCHEDULE "A" (the "Applicants")

AFFIDAVIT OF JOHN A. PACIONE (Affirmed October 30, 2023)

I, John Pacione, of the City of Vaughan, in the Province of Ontario, AFFIRM AND SAY AS FOLLOWS:

- I am a Co-Chief Executive Officer of the Quality Sterling Group of Companies (which group for purposes of these proceedings consists of the 10 Applicants, and is variously referred to in these proceedings as "QSG", the "QSG Group", the "Group" or the "Companies"). As such, I have knowledge of the matters to which I depose in this affidavit, save and except for such facts or matters which are stated to be based on information and belief, and where so stated, I believe same to be true. Defined terms herein have the same meaning as in my previous affidavits except where specified herein.
- This affidavit is sworn in support of the Companies' motion for an extension of its CCAA protection until at least Monday November 6, 2023.
- 3. CCAA protection was originally granted on August 25, 2023 for 10 days and then extended on September 5, 2023 until October 31, 2023 to allow the Applicants to pursue the completion of the Ironbridge transaction.

- 4. Owing to unresolved business issues between the Purchaser and Waygar and an informal group of QSG materials suppliers, the asset purchase agreement between Ironbridge and QSG (the "APA"), although largely finalized, has not been signed, pending the resolution of those business issues. If they are resolved, the transaction will proceed. If they are not, the transaction will not proceed.
- 5. The proposed Lien Regularization Order ("LRO") has proved difficult as the past situations where this was tried do not provide easy solutions for the present context and left much to be worked out. Those unresolved issues are entangled in the underlying commercial questions, so attempting to resolve them commercially as far as possible was viewed as the most practical way forward.
- 6. Similarly, whether or not Waygar's positions are correct, the company agreed not to oppose it moving for receivership after October 24, 2023, so the most practical solution to its position was to seek a commercial resolution of as many of its issues as possible as well. Accordingly the company has attempted to do so.
- 7. QSG supports completing the APA, but cannot proceed without the residual commercial issues being resolved at least to a level the proposed purchaser will support. The DIP Term Sheet does not permit QSG to bring motions unilaterally.

Relief to be Sought on October 31 if the Business Issues Are Resolved by that Date

- 8. If the business issues are resolved by the time this motion is heard, the Company would seek:
 - (a) an Extension of the CCAA Stay until November 6, 2023; and

(b) a date for a Case Conference on or before November 6, 2023 to schedule times for LRO motion and the Sale Approval motion;

Relief to be Sought on October 31 if the Business Issues Are Not Resolved by that Date

9. If the business issues noted above are not resolved by the return of this motion on October 31, 2023, competing proposals by Waygar and Ironbridge for the next steps in the process will need to be addressed. Waygar appears to want to proceed with its receivership originally filed in August 2023 (and which the Applicants have agreed not to oppose), whereas the terms of the DIP permit Ironbridge to recoup its DIP loan through the CCAA. Accordingly, if the Applicants do not have a settled business deal by October 31, they will request that a hearing date be set on or before November 6, 2023 to determine how the proceeding will go forward.

Interim Funding through to November 6, 2023

10. QSG has drawn \$5 million under the \$7 million DIP Facility. QSG proposes to fund operations on a critical payments basis from cash flow through to November 6 while the future course for the proceeding is determined.

QSG has acted in Good Faith and with Due Diligence

11. Since the ARIO was granted on September 5, 2023 the Applicants have been fully engaged in stabilizing and protection operations while seeking the completion of the transaction, including doing the following:

Funding and Payment of Post-Filing Obligations

- (a) Completed the implementation of the DIP borrowing process and made regular draws on the DIP as needed to the extent permitted;
- (b) Ensured regular payment of post-filing amounts due to employees, installers, suppliers and governments;

Builder Relationships - Fulfillment and Collections

- (c) Arranged the continuing collection of Builder accounts receivable;
- (d) Arranged for accelerated fulfillment of flooring installations which were most critical to builders in order to protect customer relationships and AR and to minimize cure issues on the assignment of builder contracts in connection with the sale;
- (e) Dealt with two lift stay motions by builders and arranged for accelerated installations to defuse those requests;
- (f) Successfully negotiated certain other requests by builders to terminate despite the stay and resolved all of those issues without the need for motions;
- (g) Dealt with various builder collection issues where objections to payment were raised and sought payment in accordance with the ARIO;
- (h) Removed liens from title to builder properties registered before August 25, 2023 ensuring that there are no liens impairing receivables collection;
- (i) Successfully brought a motion to successfully address potential issues in collecting receivables from over 60 builders affecting up to \$ 7 million in collections, arising from default letters sent by one of the unions to builders before the Initial Order was made;
- (j) Arranged communications with the affected builders following the motion to arrange the collection of their receivables;
- (k) Reviewed statutory declaration issues raised by builders and developed proposed solutions to same;

Supplier Relationships

- (l) Arranged for stability of supply by funding suppliers on a COD basis;
- (m)Successfully negotiated with various resistant suppliers to supply on COD basis;
- (n) Arranged for critical payment of a small amount (\$60,000) to one supplier in the US outside the reach of the stay, in order to ensure supply of a critical product needed for critical installations;
- (o) Processed and recorded 90 Notices of Liens from suppliers delivered to QSG and the Monitor under the ARIO;

Unions

- (p) in addition to the Union default letters motion noted above, successfully dealt with two motions by unions concerning installer holdbacks and related issues;
- (q) Assisted the purchaser with planning for union relationships post-closing;

Other Creditor Issues

(r) Dealt with various other creditor issues including a proposed CRA reassessment of QSG's HST liability; Dartmouth landlord issues, the PMSI rights of Mohawk in inventory, and A&M's claims under its Engagement Letter;

LRO

(s) prepared a draft motion for an LRO, and circulated drafts to the Service List of the draft LRO, and obtained input from and negotiated over the terms of same with the informal suppliers group, obtained briefings from Ironbridge over their discussions with suppliers, and obtained input from builders;

Sale

- (t) Completed the negotiation of the draft APA and related documentation and schedules, subject to the two business issues to be resolved between the purchaser, Waygar and the Suppliers;
- (u) Worked with the purchaser on preparing for closing and post transaction integration;
- (v) Prepared a draft motion for a Sale Approval and Vesting Order, a Contracts Assignments Order and a Distribution Order;
- (w) Engaged in communications with Waygar over the Distribution Order and related transaction issues;
- (x) Engaged in communications with the informal Suppliers group over their claims as they impacted sale completion;
- (y) Conducted consultations with the Monitor and Purchaser over the remaining business issues to be resolved with Waygar and the Suppliers so that the transaction could proceed;

Court Appearances

(z) Appeared in court in connections with motions and case conferences on September 12, 22, and 28, and October 5, 13 and 27;

Process Coordination

(aa) Held regular consultations with the Monitor and Ironbridge to address all pressing issues regarding operations and the transaction, to ensure the restructuring was moving forward.

Reasonableness of the Stay Request

- 12. It is reasonable in the circumstances to extend the stay to November 6, 2023 to allow for (i) an orderly process to implement the business deal if the outstanding commercial issues are resolved during the next week;, and (ii) a case conference to either schedule deal implementation or decide what process should be followed if a deal is not reached..
- 13. The Applicants continue to work in good faith and with due diligence to try to complete the transaction they set out to accomplish when they filed for CCAA protection. While there have been delays in meeting the originally projected schedule, the delays reflect underlying commercial and legal issues which have emerged with more clarity since the LOI was signed. The Applicants have worked diligently to resolve them. The deal is not structured as simply a sale of assets in return for a pot of money, the allocation of which can be determined after the sale closes. The difficulties in solving that commercial reality has led to delays in bringing forward the LRO and Sale Approval Motions, but they are ready to go as soon as those issues are solved.
- 14. Suppliers, unions and employees have been paid in the ordinary course since the commencement of the CCAA proceedings. QSG continues to perform its contracts on a critical basis to protect builder relationships and receivables.. Without access to the additional DIP financing available on signing the APA, it will be more difficult to order materials at the rate required to service flooring installations during the next week so spending will be kept to critical payments during the next week while the course is established for the proceeding..

15. In my respectful view the short extension of the CCAA proposed is in the interests of all Stakeholders in the circumstances.

AFFIRMED by John Pacione at the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario, before me at the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario, on October 30, 2023 in accordance with O. Reg. 431/20, Administering Oath or Declaration Remotely

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MR JUSTICE PENNY)	DAY OF OCTOBER, 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")

CCAA STAY EXTENSION ORDER

THIS MOTION, 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 by videoconference.

ON READING the Notice of Motion dated October 29, 2023, and the Affidavits of John Pacione filed in these proceedings and the Reports of the Monitor filed in these proceedings, and on hearing the submissions of counsel for the Applicants, counsel for Waygar, counsel for Ironbridge Equity Partners ("Ironbridge"), and counsel for RSM Canada Limited, and other stakeholders appearing on the motion,

SERVICE

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

EXTENSION OF STAY OF PROCEEDINGS

- 2. THIS COURT ORDERS that the stay of proceedings pursuant to the Amended and Restated Initial Order made September 5, 2023 in these proceedings (there "ARIO") is hereby extended until and including November 6, 2023, or such later date as this Court may order, and that the ARIO shall continue in full force and effect until further Order of this Court.
- 3. THIS COURT ORDERS that a case conference is set for November , 2023 in this proceeding to schedule the motions to implement the purchase transaction between QSG and the proposed purchaser, Ironbridge Equity Partners Management Limited ("Ironbridge") as contemplated in the Letter of Intent signed between QSG and Ironbridge on August 25, 2023 "Sale LOI", which case conference shall convert into a hearing on the future course of the proceeding if an asset purchase agreement between QSG and Ironbridge Equity Partners has not been entered into by that date.
- 4. 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 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.
- 5. 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.

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