

No. S117081 Vancouver Registry

## COURT FETE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36 as amended

**AND** 

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUSINESS CORPORATIONS ACT, R.S.B.C. 2002, c. 57

**AND** 

# IN THE MATTER OF STERLING SHOES INC. and STERLING SHOES GP INC.

## **NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

Name of applicant: Alvarez & Marsal Canada Inc. (the "Monitor")

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

TAKE NOTICE that an application will be made by the Monitor to Mr. Justice Pearlman at the courthouse at 800 Smithe Street, Vancouver, British Columbia on March 26, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. for the orders set out in Part 1 below.

#### **Part 1 ORDERS SOUGHT**

- 1. An order abridging the time for service of this Notice of Application and the materials herein such that the application is properly returnable on March 26, 2013.
- 2. An order extending the stay of proceedings in the within proceedings to June 28, 2013.
- 3. An order that the endorsement of the order by counsel appearing on this application, other than counsel for the Monitor, be dispensed with.
- 4. Such further and other relief as this Honourable Court may consider appropriate.

#### Part 2 FACTUAL BASIS

1. On October 21, 2011, Madam Justice Brown granted the Initial Order pursuant to the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* (the "CCAA"), inter alia, staying the proceedings against the Petitioners until and including November 18, 2011, and appointing the Monitor in the within proceedings.

- 2. Since the Initial Order, the stay of proceedings has been extended a number of times, most recently to March 29, 2013, to enable the Petitioners to, among other things, resolve outstanding claims against the Petitioners.
- 3. On April 2, 2012, this Honourable Court made an Order (the "Claims Process Order") approving, among other things, a claims process (the "Claims Process") for the determination of the nature and quantum of claims against the Petitioners and Sterling Shoes Limited Partnership (the "Partnership", and collectively with the Petitioners, the "Company").
- 4. On December 12, 2012, this Honourable Court made an Order (the "Distribution Order") permitting the Company to make one or more distributions to the creditors of Sterling Shoes GP Inc. ("Sterling GP") and the Partnership.
- 5. On January 23, 2013, this Honourable Court granted an Order, *inter alia*, authorizing and empowering the Monitor, fully and exclusively, to take any and all actions and steps on behalf and in the name of the Petitioners and Sterling Shoes Limited Partnership (collectively, the "Company"), including any steps as, in the sole opinion of the Monitor, are necessary and appropriate to complete the Claims Process, to make distributions to creditors in accordance with the Distribution Order, and to allow the Monitor to discharge or exercise its rights, powers or duties, or to complete the administration of these proceedings.
- 6. On February 15, 2013, the Monitor made an interim distribution to the unsecured creditors of Sterling GP and the Partnership, in the total amount of \$9.01 million representing 40% of Allowed Claims that were eligible for distribution.
- 7. Based on the latest available information, the Monitor's calculations indicate an estimated total overall distribution to creditors of 58.1%, representing a further additional (and final) estimated distribution of 18.1% (the "Final Distribution") to creditors with Allowed Claims.
- 8. A total of 614 creditor claims had been filed by March 22, 2013, of which three remain outstanding, being:
  - (a) two pre-filing claims, including a claim by Canada Revenue Agency ("CRA"); and
  - (b) one employee claim.
- 9. Discussions with CRA in respect of its claim are ongoing and the Monitor hopes that the claim will be resolved shortly. With respect to the other two remaining claims, the Monitor has requested further information from the creditors in support of their respective claims. If sufficient information is not provided in a timely manner, the Monitor intends to apply to this Honourable Court to settle the claims pursuant to the Claims Process Order. Once the outstanding claims have been resolved, the Monitor will

- make the Final Distribution to creditors as soon as possible thereafter, which it expects to be before June 28, 2013.
- 10. The Monitor has prepared an updated weekly cash flow forecast for the period ending June 28, 2013 (the "Forecast Period"). The estimated net cash in-flow from operations for the period is approximately \$4,000.
- 11. Presently, the stay of proceedings will expire on March 29, 2013.
- 12. The Monitor requests that the stay of proceedings be extended until June 28, 2013, in order to allow the Monitor (on behalf of the Company) to resolve the outstanding claims and make the Final Distribution.
- 13. The Monitor (in its capacity as such) has considered whether there would be any material financial prejudice to any of the Company's creditors as a result of the requested stay extension, and is of the view that an extension of the stay of proceedings until June 28, 2013 is reasonable in the circumstances.

### Part 3 LEGAL BASIS

- 1. The CCAA, including section 11.02 thereof; and
- 2. The inherent and equitable jurisdiction of the Court.

#### Part 4 MATERIAL TO BE RELIED ON

- 1. Eleventh Report of the Monitor and the appendices thereto; and
- 2. Such further and other materials as counsel may advise and the Court may permit.

The applicant estimates that the application will take 30 minutes.

This matter is not within the jurisdiction of a master. Mr. Justice Pearlman is seized of this matter.

TO THE PERSONS RECEIVING THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION: If you wish to respond to this Notice of Application, you must, within 5 business days after service of this Notice of Application or, if this application is brought under Rule 9-7, within 8 business days after service of this Notice of Application,

- (a) file an Application Response in Form 33,
- (b) file the original of every affidavit, and of every other document, that

- (i) you intend to refer to at the hearing of this application, and
- (ii) has not already been filed in the proceeding, and
- (c) service on the applicant 2 copies of the following, and on every other party of record one copy of the following:
  - (i) a copy of the filed Application Response;
  - (ii) a copy of each of the filed affidavits and other documents that you intend to refer to at the hearing of this application and that has not already been served on that person;
  - (iii) if this application is brought under Rule 9-7, any notice that you are required to give under Rule 9-7(9).

Dated:	22-Mar-2013	Vali all.	
		Signature of Vicki Tickle	
		Lawyer for Applicant	

To be completed by the court only:				
Order made  in the terms requested in paragraphs of Part 1 of this Notice of Application				
	with the following variations and additional terms:			
Date:				
	Signature of □ Judge □ Master			

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## **APPENDIX**

# THIS APPLICATION INVOLVES THE FOLLOWING:

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	discovery: production of additional documents	
	other matters concerning document discovery	
	extend oral discovery	
	other matter concerning oral discovery	
	amend pleadings	
	add/change parties	
	summary judgment	
	summary trial	
	service	
	mediation	
	adjournments	
	proceedings at trial	
	case plan orders: amend	
	case plan orders: other	
	experts	

# Schedule "A"

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