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NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENTS

This application is made against you.

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To do so, you must be in Court when the application is heard as shown below:

| Date: | November 13, 2024 |
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| Time: | 10:00 a.m. |
| Where: | Edmonton Law Courts (by WebEx - See Schedule "A") |
| Before Whom: | The Honourable Mr. Justice C.C.J. Feasby, presiding on the Commercial Duty List |

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Remedy claimed or sought:

- 1. Alvarez & Marsal Canada Inc., in its capacity monitor (the "Monitor") under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*, RSC 1985, c C-36 proceedings (the "CCAA Proceedings") of Griffon Partners Holding Corporation, Griffon Partners Capital Management Ltd. and Spicelo Limited (collectively, the "Applicants" or the "Companies"), seeks an Order substantially in the form attached hereto as Schedule "C":
 - (a) declaring that the time for service of the within Application and supporting materials be abridged if necessary, that the Application is properly returnable on the scheduled date and that service of the Application on the Service List attached hereto as Schedule "B" is validated and deemed to be good and sufficient, and that further service of the Application be dispensed with;
 - (b) extending the stay of proceedings (the "Stay Period") as defined in paragraph 14 of the Amended and Restated Initial Order granted in these proceedings by the Honourable Justice B.B. Johnston on February 7, 2024 (the "ARIO"), in respect of Griffon Partners Holding Corporation, Griffon Partners Capital Management Ltd. and Spicelo Limited, up to and including February 28, 2025;
 - (c) approving the fees and disbursements of the Monitor and its counsel, as reported since the date of the Sixth Report of the Monitor, being August 2, 2024 (the "Sixth Report"), and approving the actions, activities and conduct of the Monitor, as reported since the date of the Sixth Report to the date of the Seventh Report, being November 4, 2024 (the "Seventh Report");
 - (d) authorizing the Monitor to sell or otherwise enter into transactions respecting the Spicelo Pledged Shares (as that term is defined and described in the Seventh Report), as necessary, in order to satisfy the remaining obligations of the Applicants' estates; and
 - such further and other relief, advice and directions as counsel may advise and this Honourable Court may deem just and appropriate.

Grounds for making this Application:

Background

- On February 6, 2024, by Order of this Honourable Court (the "Initial Order"), the Monitor was appointed in respect of the CCAA Proceedings of the Applicants (the "CCAA Proceedings").
- 3. On March 27, 2024, an Order was granted by this Honourable Court that provided the Monitor with enhanced powers in respect of Spicelo, including the right to initiate, prosecute and continue the prosecution of any and all proceedings and to defend all proceedings now pending or hereafter instituted with respect to the Applicants, their property or the Monitor, and to settle or compromise any such proceedings.
- 4. Pursuant to the Initial Order, the proceedings commenced by the Applicants on August 25, 2023 under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*, RSC 1985, c-B-3, as amended, were continued under the CCAA, and a stay of all proceedings, rights and remedies against or in respect of the Applicants, their business or property, was granted until February 15, 2024 (the "Stay Period").
- On February 7, 2024, after granting the Initial Order, the Honourable Justice B.B. Johnston granted the Applicants' application for an Amended and Restated Initial Order (the "ARIO").
 Pursuant to the ARIO, the Stay Period was extended to March 6, 2024.
- 6. The Stay Period was subsequently extended by further Orders of this Court and most recently extended for the Applicants until November 15, 2024.
- 7. The Applicants have acted and continue to act with good faith and due diligence, throughout the course of these CCAA proceedings.
- 8. On May 14, 2024, following arguments from affected stakeholders, Madam Justice L.K. Harris released a decision that Tamarack Valley Energy Ltd. ("**Tamarack**") has no claim against the assets of Spicelo and that Griffon Partners Operation Corporation's ("**GPOC**") senior secured

lenders were not required to exhaust their remedies pursuant to the Spicelo guarantee prior to realizing on the proceeds from GPOC's sale and investment solicitation process (the "Marshalling Decision").

- On June 13, 2024, an Application for Leave to Appeal was heard by Grosse J.A. of the Alberta Court of Appeal, concerning the Marshalling Decision. Leave to appeal was granted on August 26, 2024 (the "Marshalling Appeal").
- 10. In the months following the leave to appeal being granted, the parties have negotiated a settlement, which requires that the Monitor monetize certain shares currently held by Spicelo in order to provide the settlement funds (the "Settlement Amount") to Tamarack, as agreed between the parties. The Monitor is currently in the process of attempting to monetize these shares, but requires time to do so, which will extend beyond the current expiry of the stay. A full resolution concerning the Marshalling Decision and the settlement between the parties needs to be reached in order for these CCAA Proceedings to be concluded.
- 11. The Monitor is seeking authorization from the Court, permitting them to make a payment of the Settlement Amount to Tamarack, in settlement of the Marshalling Decision and Marshalling Appeal. Further to this end, the Monitor is seeking authorization to sell or otherwise enter into transactions respecting the Spicelo Pledged Shares (as that term is defined and described in the Seventh Report), as necessary, in order to satisfy the remaining obligations of the Applicants' estates.
- 12. The Monitor anticipates that extending the stay of proceedings to February 28, 2025 should provide sufficient time for the Monitor to finalize the administration of the CCAA Proceedings, and does not expect there will be any further stay extension requests. Further, the Monitor is not aware of any creditor who will be materially prejudiced by the proposed extension to the Stay Period.
- 13. There continues to be sufficient cash availability forecast during the period of the Stay Extension and there is no interim financing required (and has not required to date), and the Monitor is of the view that a further extension of the Stay Period is appropriate at this time.

- 14. The actions, activities and conduct of the Monitor, and the fees and disbursements incurred by the Monitor and its counsel during the course of the administration of the within CCAA Proceedings as reported in the Seventh Report are reasonable and have been necessarily and duly incurred in connection with the conduct of the Monitor and their obligations under the CCAA Proceedings of the Companies.
- 15. Such further and other grounds as counsel may advise and this Honourable Court may deem just and appropriate.

Material or evidence to be relied on:

- 16. The Seventh Report of the Monitor, to be filed.
- 17. The proposed form of Order (Stay Extension), attached as Schedule "C" to this Application.
- 18. Such further and other material as counsel may advise and this Honourable Court may permit.

Applicable Acts and regulations:

- Rules 1.2, 1.3, 3.2(2)(d), 3.8, 6.28 to 6.36, 6.47(2) and (f), 11.27 and 13.5 of the *Alberta Rules of Court*, Alta Reg 124/2010.
- 20. The Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act, RSC 1985, c B-3, as amended.
- 21. The Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act, RSC 1985, c C-36, as amended.
- 22. The Judicature Act, RSA 2000, c J-2, as amended.
- 23. Such further and other Acts and regulations as counsel may advise and this Honourable Court may permit.

Any irregularity complained of or objection relied on:

24. None.

How the application is proposed to be heard or considered:

25. Before the Honourable Mr. Justice C.C.J. Feasby in Commercial Chambers, at the Calgary Court Centre, at 10:00 a.m. on November 13, 2024 or so soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, via Webex videoconference.

WARNING

If you do not come to Court either in person or by your lawyer, the Court may give the applicant(s) what they want in your absence. You will be bound by any order that the Court makes. If you want to take part in this application, you or your lawyer must attend in Court on the date and time shown at the beginning of this form. If you intend to give evidence in response to the application, you must reply by filing an affidavit or other evidence with the Court and serving a copy of that affidavit or other evidence on the applicant(s) a reasonable time before the application is to be heard or considered.

Schedule "A"

Webex Information

SCHEDULE "A"

Webex Information

The above booking is Confirmed File #(s) : 2401 01422 Style of Cause: GRIFFON PARTNERS OPERATION CORP. v. COMPANIES CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT.

Date/Duration: Nov 13, 2024 10:00 AM Total: 30 Minute(s) Booking Type/List: Commercial Purpose of Hearing: Commercial Hearing Counsel: Kyle David Kashuba;Randal Steven Van de Mosselaer;Matti Cornelia Carpentier Leonie Lemmens; Special Requirements: Requirements: Courtroom Required Equipment: Video Conferencing

Counsel: Please ensure that all relevant parties have received Webex information.

Virtual Courtroom 60 has been assigned for the above noted matter:

Virtual Courtroom Link:

https://albertacourts.webex.com/meet/virtual.courtroom60

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Schedule "B" Service List

| COURT FILE NUMBER | 2401-01422 |
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| COURT | COURT OF KING'S BENCH OF ALBERTA |
| JUDICIAL CENTRE | CALGARY |
| | IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT, RSC 1985, c C-36, as amended |
| | AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT OF GRIFFON PARTNERS OPERATION CORPORATION, GRIFFON PARTNERS HOLDING CORPORATION, GRIFFON PARTNERS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LTD., STELLION LIMITED, 2437801 ALBERTA LTD., 2437799 ALBERTA LTD., 2437815 ALBERTA LTD., and SPICELO LIMITED |

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Schedule "C"

Draft form of Order (Stay Extension)

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| COURT FILE NUMBER | 2401-01422 |
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| COURT | COURT OF KING'S BENCH OF ALBERTA |
| JUDICIAL CENTRE | CALGARY |
| | IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT, RSC 1985, c C-36, as amended AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT OF GRIFFON PARTNERS HOLDING CORPORATION, GRIFFON PARTNERS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LTD. and SPICELO LIMITED |
| APPLICANT | ALVAREZ & MARSAL CANADA INC., IN ITS CAPACITY AS THE MONITOR |
| DOCUMENT | ORDER (Stay Extension) |
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DATE ON WHICH ORDER WAS PRONOUNCED: November 13, 2024

LOCATION OF HEARING:

Calgary Courts Centre, Calgary, Alberta

NAME OF JUSTICE WHO GRANTED THIS ORDER: The Honourable Mr. Justice C.C.J. Feasby

UPON THE APPLICATION of Alvarez & Marsal Canada Inc., in its capacity as monitor (the "**Monitor**") of Griffon Partners Holding Corporation, Griffon Partners Capital Management Ltd. and Spicelo Limited (the "**Applicants**"); **AND UPON** reviewing the Seventh Report of the Monitor dated November 4, 2024 (the "**Seventh Report**") and the other materials filed in these proceedings; **AND UPON** hearing submissions by counsel for the Monitor, counsel to Tamarack Valley Energy Ltd. and any other counsel or other interested parties present;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DECLARED THAT:

- 1. Service of the notice of this Application and supporting materials is hereby declared to be good and sufficient, no other person is required to have been served with notice of this Application, and the time for service of this Application is abridged to that actually given.
- 2. The Stay Period, as defined in paragraph 14 of the Amended and Restated Initial Order granted in these proceedings by the Honourable Justice B.B. Johnston on February 7, 2024, in respect of Griffon Partners Holding Corporation, Griffon Partners Capital Management Ltd. and Spicelo Limited is extended up to and including February 28, 2025.
- 3. The Monitor is authorized to sell or otherwise enter into transactions respecting the Spicelo Pledged Shares (as that term is defined and described in the Seventh Report), as necessary, in order to satisfy the remaining obligations of the Applicants' estates.
- 4. The actions, activities and conduct of the Monitor, and the fees and disbursements of the Monitor and its counsel as reported since the date of the Sixth Report of the Monitor, being August 2, 2024, to the date of the Seventh Report, being November 4, 2024, are hereby approved.
- 5. The Monitor is at liberty to reapply for further advice, assistance and direction as may be necessary to give full force and effect to the terms of this Order.
- 6. The Monitor shall serve by courier, fax transmission, email transmission or ordinary post, a copy of this Restricted Court Access Order on all parties present at this application and on all parties who are presently on the service list established in these proceedings and such service shall be deemed good and sufficient for all purposes.

Justice of the Alberta Court of King's Bench