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## ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE (COMMERCIAL LIST)

THE HONOURABLE MR.

THURSDAY, THE 24 DAY

JUSTICE OSBORNE

OF APRIL, 2025

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

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## AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT OF HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY ULC COMPAGNIE DE LA BAIE D'HUDSON SRI, HBC CANADA PARENT HOLDINGS INC., HBC CANADA PARENT HOLDINGS 2 INC., HBC BAY HOLDINGS I INC., HBC BAY HOLDINGS II ULC, THE BAY HOLDINGS ULC, HBC CENTERPOINT GP INC., HBC YSS 1 LP INC., HBC YSS 2 LP INC., HBC HOLDINGS GP INC., SNOSPMIS LIMITED, 2472596 ONTARIO INC., and 2472598 ONTARIO INC.

#### ORDER (Amended and Restated SISP Approval Order)

THIS MOTION, made by Hudson's Bay Company ULC Compagnie de la Baie D'Hudson SRI, HBC Canada Parent Holdings Inc., HBC Canada Parent Holdings 2 Inc., HBC Bay Holdings I Inc., HBC Bay Holdings II ULC, The Bay Holdings ULC, HBC Centerpoint GP Inc., HBC YSS 1 LP Inc., HBC YSS 2 LP Inc., HBC Holdings GP Inc., Snospmis Limited, 2472596 Ontario Inc., and 2472598 Ontario Inc. (collectively, the "Applicants") for an order approving the procedures for the Amended and Restated Sale and Investment Solicitation Process in respect of the Applicants attached hereto as Schedule "A" (the "Amended and Restated SISP") was heard this day at 330 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario and via videoconference.

**ON READING** the affidavits of Jennifer Bewley sworn March 7, 2025, March 14, 2025, and March 21, 2025, and the Exhibits thereto, the affidavit of Adam Zalev sworn April 17, 2025, and the supplemental affidavit of Adam Zalev sworn April 23, 2025, and the Exhibits thereto, the affidavit of Brittney Ketwaroo sworn April 24, 2025 (the "**Ketwaroo Affidavit**"), and the Exhibits thereto, the pre-filing report of Alvarez & Marsal Canada Inc. ("**A&M**"), in its capacity as proposed monitor of the Applicants dated March 7, 2025 (the "**Fre-Filing Report**"), the first report of A&M, in its capacity as monitor of the Applicants (in

such capacity, the "**Monitor**"), dated March 16, 2025, the Supplement to the First Report of the Monitor dated March 21, 2025, and the Second Report of the Monitor dated April 22, 2025, and on hearing the submissions of counsel to the Applicants, counsel to the Monitor, and such other parties as listed on the Counsel Slip, with no one else appearing although duly served as appears from the Affidavit of Service of Brittney Ketwaroo sworn April 21, 2025 and April 24, 2025.

# SERVICE AND DEFINITIONS

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

2. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that capitalized terms used in this Order and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Amended and Restated SISP or the Amended and Restated Initial Order, dated March 21, 2025 (the "**ARIO**"), as applicable.

# APPROVAL OF AMENDED AND RESTATED SALE AND INVESTMENT SOLICITATION PROCESS

3. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Amended and Restated SISP (subject to any further amendments thereto that may be made in accordance therewith and with the terms of this Order) be and is hereby approved and the Applicants and the Monitor are hereby authorized and directed to implement the Amended and Restated SISP pursuant to its terms and the terms of this Order. The Applicants and the Monitor are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions as may be necessary or desirable to implement and carry out the Amended and Restated SISP in accordance with its terms and this Order.

4. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that each of the Applicants, Reflect Advisors, LLC, ("**Reflect**"), the Monitor and their respective affiliates, partners, directors, employees, agents and controlling persons shall have no liability with respect to any and all losses, claims, damages or liabilities, of any nature or kind, to any person in connection with or as a result of the Amended and Restated SISP, except to the extent of such losses, claims, damages or liabilities arising or resulting from the gross negligence or wilful misconduct of the

Applicants, Reflect, or the Monitor, as applicable, in performing their obligations under the Amended and Restated SISP, as determined by this Court.

5. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, pursuant to section 3(c) of the Electronic Commerce Protection Regulations, Reg. 81000-2-175 (SOR/DORS), the Applicants, Reflect and the Monitor are authorized and permitted to send, or cause or permit to be sent, commercial electronic messages to an electronic address of prospective bidders or offerors and to their advisors, but only to the extent required to provide information with respect to the Amended and Restated SISP in these proceedings.

6. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that notwithstanding anything contained in this Order or in the Amended and Restated SISP, neither Reflect nor the Monitor shall take Possession of the Property or the Art Collection or be deemed to take Possession of the Property or the Art Collection, including pursuant to any provision of the Environmental Legislation.

7. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that notwithstanding anything else contained herein, the Applicants and any Related Person that wishes to submit or participate in a Sale Proposal or Investment Proposal for the Property or the Business, must declare such intention to Reflect and the Monitor in writing by April 7, 2025. Until such time as the Applicant or any Related Person declares no such intention, Reflect and the Monitor shall design and implement additional procedures for the Amended and Restated SISP to limit the sharing of information with the Applicants so as to ensure and preserve the fairness of the Amended and Restated SISP.

8. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the agreement dated April 24, 2025, engaging Heffel Gallery Limited ("Heffel") as Auctioneer for the Company's Art Collection ("Heffel Engagement Letter") substantially on the terms to be attached to the Ketwaroo Affidavit, and the retention of Heffel under the terms thereof, is hereby approved and ratified with such amendments as deemed necessary by the Applicants, with the consent of the Monitor, and the Applicants are authorized and directed to make the payments contemplated thereunder in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Heffel Engagement Letter.

#### **PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION**

9. THIS COURT ORDERS that, pursuant to clause 7(3)(c) of the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act, S.C. 2000, c. 5 (Canada) and any similar legislation in any other applicable jurisdictions, the Applicants, Reflect and the Monitor and each of their respective advisors are hereby authorized and permitted to disclose and transfer to prospective Amended and Restated SISP participants (each, a "Potential Bidder") and their advisors personal information of identifiable individuals ("Personal Information"), records pertaining to the Applicants' past and current employees, and information on specific customers, but only to the extent desirable or required to negotiate or attempt to complete a transaction under the Amended and Restated SISP (each a "Transaction"). Each Potential Bidder to whom any Personal Information is disclosed shall maintain and protect the privacy of such Personal Information and limit the use of such Personal Information to its evaluation of a Transaction, and if it does not complete a Transaction, shall return all such information to the Applicants or the Monitor, or in the alternative destroy all such information and provide confirmation of its destruction if required by the Applicants, Reflect or the Monitor. Any successful bidder(s) shall maintain and protect the privacy of such information and, upon closing of the Transaction contemplated in the applicable Successful Bid, shall be entitled to use the personal information provided to it that is related to the Business and/or the Property acquired pursuant to the Amended and Restated SISP in a manner that is in all material respects identical to the prior use of such information by the Applicants, and shall return all other personal information to the Applicants, Reflect or the Monitor, or ensure that all other personal information is destroyed and provide confirmation of its destruction if requested by the Monitor, Reflect or the Applicants.

## GENERAL

10. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Applicants or the Monitor may from time to time apply to this Court to amend, vary or supplement this Order or for advice and directions in the discharge of their powers and duties under the Amended and Restated SISP.

11. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that this Order shall have full force and effect in all provinces and territories in Canada.

12. **THIS COURT HEREBY REQUESTS** the aid and recognition of any court, tribunal, regulatory or administrative bodies having jurisdiction in Canada, the United States of America, or in any other foreign jurisdiction, 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.

13. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that each of the Applicants and the Monitor be at liberty and are 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.

14. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that this Order and all of its provisions are effective as of 12:01 a.m. on the date of this Order.

# Amended and Restated Sale and Investor Solicitation Process

# Introduction

On March 7, 2025, Hudson's Bay Company ULC Compagnie de la Baie D'Hudson SRI ("**Hudson's Bay**" or the "**Company**"), HBC Canada Parent Holdings Inc., HBC Canada Parent Holdings 2 Inc., HBC Bay Holdings I Inc., HBC Bay Holdings II ULC, The Bay Holdings ULC, HBC Centerpoint GP Inc., HBC YSS 1 LP Inc., HBC YSS 2 LP Inc., HBC Holdings GP Inc., Snospmis Limited, 2472596 Ontario Inc., and 2472598 Ontario Inc. (collectively, the "**Applicants**") obtained an initial order, as may be amended from time to time (the "Initial Order") under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* (the "**CCAA**") from the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) (the "**Court**").

Pursuant to an Order dated March 21, 2025 (the "**SISP Approval Order**"), the Court approved this sale and investor solicitation process ("**SISP**"). The purpose of this SISP is to seek Sale Proposals and Investment Proposals from Qualified Bidders and to implement one or a combination of them in respect of the Property and the Business.

This SISP describes, among other things: (a) the Property available for sale and the opportunity for an investment in the Business of the Applicants; (b) the manner in which prospective bidders may gain access to or continue to have access to due diligence materials concerning the Property and the Business; (c) the manner in which bidders and bids become Final Qualified Bidders and Final Qualified Bids, respectively; (d) the process for the evaluation of bids received; (e) the process for the ultimate selection of a Successful Bidder; and (f) the process for obtaining such approvals (including the approval of the Court) as may be necessary or appropriate in respect of a Successful Bid.

For the avoidance of doubt, the process for soliciting bids in respect of the Company's art and artifact collection (collectively, the "**Art Collection**") will differ and be subject to different requirements and milestones as described below.

# **Defined Terms**

- 1. The following capitalized terms have the following meanings when used in this SISP:
  - (a) "Agents" means collectively: (a) Bank of America, N.A. (including acting through branches and affiliates) in its capacity as administrative agent and collateral agent under the ABL Credit Agreement; (b) the FILO Agent; and (c) Pathlight Capital LP, in its capacity as administrative agent under the Pathlight Credit Agreement (each as defined in the Affidavit of Jennifer Bewley sworn March 7, 2025).
  - (b) **"ARIO**" means the Order of the Court dated March 21, 2025, amending and restating the Initial Order.
  - (c) "Art Collection" is defined in the introduction hereto.
  - (d) **"Applicants**" is defined in the introduction hereto.
  - (e) **"Approval Motion**" is defined in paragraph 28.
  - (f) **"Art Auction**" is defined in paragraph 32.

- (g) "Art Auction Procedures" is defined in paragraph 32.
- (h) "Auctioneer" means Heffel Gallery Limited;
- (i) "Auctions" is defined in paragraph 21(a).
- (j) **"Baseline Bid**" is defined in paragraph 24(d)(i).
- (k) **"Bidding Phase**" is defined in paragraph 13.
- (I) "Bidding Phase Bid Deadline" is defined in paragraph 14.
- (m) **"Business**" means the business of the Applicants and the Non-Applicant Stay Parties.
- (n) **"Business Day**" means a day (other than Saturday or Sunday) on which banks are generally open for business in Toronto, Ontario.
- (o) **"CCAA**" is defined in the introduction hereto.
- (p) "Claims and Interests" is defined in paragraph 10.
- (q) "Confidential Information Memorandum" is defined in paragraph 13.
- (r) **"Court**" is defined in the introduction hereto.
- (s) **"Data Room**" is defined in paragraph 13.
- (t) **"Deposit**" is defined in paragraph 15(m).
- (u) **"FILO Agent**" means Restore Capital, LLC in its capacity as agent for the FILO Credit Facility lenders under the ABL Credit Agreement (as defined in the Affidavit of Jennifer Bewley sworn March 7, 2025).
- (v) **"Final Qualified Bid**" is defined in paragraph 15.
- (w) **"Final Qualified Bidder**" is defined in paragraph 24(a).
- (x) "Financial Advisor" means Reflect Advisors, LLC.
- (y) **"Form of Investment Agreement**" means the form of equity investment agreement to be developed by the Applicants in consultation with the Monitor and the Financial Advisor and provided to those Qualified Bidders that executed an NDA for an Investment Proposal.
- (z) **"Form of Purchase Agreement**" means the form of purchase and sale agreement to be developed by the Applicants in consultation with the Monitor and the Financial Advisor and provided to those Qualified Bidders that executed an NDA for a Sale Proposal.
- (aa) "Initial Order" is defined in the introduction hereto.

- (bb) **"Investment Proposal**" means a proposal to invest in or refinance all or a portion of the Business of the Applicants.
- (cc) "Known Potential Bidders" is defined in paragraph 6.
- (dd) **"Lease Monetization Order**" means the Order of the Court dated March 21, 2025 approving of a sale process with respect to the Leases.
- (ee) **"Leases**" means the Applicants' and the Non-Applicant Stay Parties' leasehold interests and all related rights and obligations in connection therewith
- (ff) **"Liquidation Process Approval Order**" means the Order of the Court dated March 21, 2025 with respect to the proposed liquidation of inventory.
- (gg) **"Monitor**" means Alvarez & Marsal Canada Inc., solely in its capacity as the Courtappointed monitor of the Applicants in their proceedings under the CCAA.
- (hh) "NDA" means a non-disclosure agreement in form and substance satisfactory to the Monitor, the Financial Advisor and the Applicants, which will inure to the benefit of any purchaser of the Property, or any investor in the Business or the Applicants.
- (ii) **"Non-Applicant Stay Parties**" has the definition ascribed to it in the Affidavit of Jennifer Bewley sworn March 7, 2025
- (jj) **"Outside Date**" means July 15, 2025, or such later date as may be agreed to by the Applicants, the Financial Advisor, and the Monitor.
- (kk) "Potential Bidder" is defined in paragraph 11.
- (II) **"Property**" means all of property, assets and undertakings of the Applicants and the Non-Applicant Stay Parties, excluding the Art Collection.
- (mm) "Qualified Bidder" is defined in paragraph 12.
- (nn) **"Related Person**" has the same meaning as in the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* (Canada).
- (oo) **"Sale Proposal**" means a proposal to acquire all or a portion of the Property relating to the Applicants' Business on a liquidation or going concern basis.
- (pp) "SISP Approval Order" is defined in the introduction hereto.
- (qq) **"Solicitation Process**" means the process for soliciting and selecting bids for the sale of or investment in the Business and Property.
- (rr) **"Successful Bid**" is defined in paragraph 21(b).
- (ss) "Successful Bidder" is defined in paragraph 24(g).
- (tt) **"Teaser Letter**" is defined in paragraph 6.

## Supervision of the SISP

- 2. The SISP Approval Order and the SISP shall exclusively govern the process for the Solicitation Process. For the avoidance of doubt, the Lease Monetization Order shall govern the process for soliciting and selecting bids for the Leases and nothing in this SISP shall alter, restrict or otherwise modify the terms of the Lease Monetization Order.
- 3. The Monitor will supervise, in all respects, the SISP and any attendant sales or investments. The Monitor, in consultation with the Applicants, the Financial Advisor, and the Agents, shall have the right to adopt such other rules for the SISP that in its reasonable business judgement will better promote of the goals of the SISP. In the event that there is disagreement or clarification required as to the interpretation or application of this SISP or the responsibilities of the Monitor, the Financial Advisor or the Applicants hereunder, the Court will have jurisdiction to hear such matter and provide advice and directions, upon application by the Monitor or the Applicants. For the avoidance of doubt, with respect to the Monitor's role in regards to the SISP, the terms of the Initial Order concerning the Monitor's rights, duties and protections in the Applicants' CCAA proceedings shall govern.

## Sale and Investment Opportunity

- 4. One or more bids for a sale of, or an investment in, all or a portion of the Business or the Property relating to the Applicants' Business, will be considered, either alone or in combination as a Final Qualified Bid or a Successful Bid.
- 5. A bid may, at the option of the Qualified Bidder, involve, among other things, one or more of the following: a restructuring, recapitalization or other form of reorganization of the business and affairs of the Applicants as a going concern; a sale of the Property or any part thereof as contemplated herein to the Qualified Bidder or to a newly formed acquisition entity; or a plan of compromise or arrangement pursuant to the CCAA or any corporate or other applicable legislation.

## Solicitation of Interest and Publication Notice

- 6. The Financial Advisor, in consultation with the Applicants, the Monitor, the Agents, and their respective advisors, has prepared a list of persons who may have an interest in bidding for the sale of or investment in the Business (the "**Known Potential Bidders**"). Concurrently, the Financial Advisor, in consultation with the Applicants, the Monitor and their respective advisors, has prepared an initial offering summary (the "**Teaser Letter**") notifying Known Potential Bidders of the existence of the SISP and inviting the Known Potential Bidders to express their interest in accordance with the terms of the SISP.
- 7. Within one business day of the granting of the SISP Approval Order, the Financial Advisor shall distribute to the Known Potential Bidders the Teaser Letter, as well as a copy of the SISP Approval Order and a draft form of NDA.
- 8. As soon as reasonably practicable after the granting of the SISP Approval Order, but in any event no more than three (3) Business Days after the issuance of the SISP Approval Order, the Applicants will issue a press release setting out the notice and such other information, in form and substance satisfactory to the Monitor in consultation with the Financial Advisor, designating dissemination in Canada and major financial centres in the United States.

## "As Is, Where Is"

9. The sale of the Property, investment in the Business, and/or the Art Collection will be on an "as is, where is" basis and without surviving representations or warranties of any kind, nature, or description by the Monitor, the Applicants, the Financial Advisor or any of their respective agents, except to the extent set forth in the definitive sale or investment agreement executed with a Successful Bidder.

## Free Of Any and All Claims and Interests

10. In the event of a sale of all or a portion of the Property or the Art Collection subject to approval by the Court, all of the rights, title and interests of the Applicants in and to the Property or the Art Collection to be acquired will be sold free and clear of all pledges, liens, security interests, encumbrances, claims, charges, options, and interests thereon and there against (collectively, the "Claims and Interests") pursuant to such Court orders as may be desirable, except to the extent otherwise set forth in the definitive sale or investment agreement executed with a Successful Bidder.

## Participation Requirements in Respect of the Property or Business

- 11. In order to participate in the SISP in respect of the Property or Business, each person (a "**Potential Bidder**") must deliver to the Financial Advisor, with a copy to the Monitor, at the addresses specified in Schedule "A" hereto (including by email):
  - (a) a letter setting forth the identity of the Potential Bidder, the contact information for such Potential Bidder and full disclosure of the principals of the Potential Bidder; and
  - (b) an executed NDA, which shall include provisions whereby the Potential Bidder agrees to accept and be bound by the provisions contained herein.
- 12. A Potential Bidder that has executed an NDA, and has delivered the documents and information described above, and that the Applicants, in their reasonable business judgement, in consultation with the Financial Advisor and the Monitor, determine is likely, based on the availability of financing, experience and other considerations, to be able to consummate a Sale Proposal or an Investment Proposal on or before the Outside Date will be deemed a "Qualified Bidder", and will be promptly notified of such determination by the Financial Advisor.

## SISP – BIDDING PHASE FOR THE PROPERTY OR BUSINESS

#### **Due Diligence**

13. During this process (the "**Bidding Phase**"), each Qualified Bidder will be provided with: (i) a copy of a confidential information memorandum (the "**Confidential Information Memorandum**") describing the opportunity to acquire all or a portion of the Property or invest in all or a portion of the Business; and (ii) access to an electronic data room of due diligence information for Qualified Bidders (the "**Data Room**"). The Data Room will contain such due diligence materials and information relating to the Property and the Business as the Financial Advisor, in its reasonable business judgment, in consultation with the Monitor and the Applicants, determines necessary, including, as appropriate, information or

materials reasonably requested by Qualified Bidders, on-site presentation by senior management of the Applicants, and facility tours. The Monitor, the Financial Advisor and the Applicants make no representation or warranty as to the information (i) contained in the Confidential Information Memorandum or the Data Room; (ii) provided through the due diligence process; or (iii) otherwise made available in connection with this SISP, except to the extent expressly contemplated in any definitive sale or investment agreement with a Successful Bidder executed and delivered by the Applicants. Selected due diligence materials may be withheld from certain Qualified Bidders if the Applicants and the Financial Advisor, in consultation and with the approval of the Monitor, determine such information to represent proprietary or sensitive competitive information.

- 14. A Qualified Bidder that wishes to pursue a Sale Proposal or an Investment Proposal must deliver a final binding proposal subject to the following requirements:
  - (a) in the case of a Sale Proposal, a duly authorized and executed purchase agreement based on the Form of Purchase Agreement and accompanied by a mark-up of the Form of Purchase Agreement showing amendments and modifications made thereto, together with all exhibits and schedules thereto, and such ancillary agreements as may be required by the bidder with all exhibits and schedules thereto;
  - (b) in the case of an Investment Proposal, a duly authorized and executed investment agreement based on the Form of Investment Agreement and accompanied by a mark-up of the Form of Investment Agreement showing amendments and modifications made thereto, together with all exhibits and schedules thereto, and such ancillary agreements as may be required by the bidder with all exhibits and schedules thereto;

to the Financial Advisor, the Applicants and to the Monitor at the addresses specified in Schedule "A" hereto (including by email) so as to be received by it no later than 5:00 pm (Eastern Standard Time) on April 30, 2025, or such other date as determined by the Applicants, in consultation with the Financial Advisor and with the consent of the Monitor (the "**Bidding Phase Bid Deadline**").

- 15. A bid will be considered a "**Final Qualified Bid**" only if the bid complies with, among other things, the following requirements:
  - (a) it includes a letter stating that the bidder's offer is submitted in good faith and is irrevocable until the earlier of (i) the approval by the Court of a Successful Bid and (ii) 60 days following the Bidding Phase Bid Deadline, provided that if such bidder is selected as the Successful Bidder, its offer will remain irrevocable until the closing of the transaction with such Successful Bidder;
  - (b) it includes written evidence of a firm, irrevocable commitment for financing, or other evidence of ability to consummate the proposed transaction, that will allow the Monitor and the Applicants, in consultation with the Financial Advisor, to make a reasonable determination as to the Qualified Bidder's financial and other capabilities to consummate the transaction contemplated by its bid;
  - (c) in respect of a Sale Proposal, the Property to be included, and in the case of an Investment Proposal, any Property to be divested or disclaimed prior to closing;

- (d) it includes a redline to the Form of Sale Agreement or Form of Investment Agreement, as applicable;
- (e) it includes full details of the proposed number of employees of the Applicants who will become employees of the bidder (in the case of a Sale Proposal) or shall remain as employees of the Applicants (in the case of an Investment Proposal) and, in each case, provisions setting out the terms and conditions of employment for continuing employees;
- (f) details of any liabilities to be assumed by the Qualified Bidder;
- (g) it is not conditional upon, among other things:
  - (i) the outcome of unperformed due diligence by the Qualified Bidder; or
  - (ii) obtaining financing;
- (h) it fully discloses the identity of each entity that will be sponsoring or participating in the bid, and the complete terms of such participation, and discloses any connections or agreements with the Applicants or any of their affiliates;
- (i) it outlines any anticipated regulatory and other approvals required to close the transaction and the anticipated time frame and any anticipated impediments for obtaining such approvals;
- (j) it identifies with particularity the contracts and leases the bidder wishes to assume or exclude, contains full details of the bidder's proposal for the treatment of related cure costs (and provides adequate assurance of future performance thereunder); and it identifies with particularity any executory contract or unexpired lease the assumption and assignment of which is a condition to closing;
- (k) it provides a timeline to closing with critical milestones;
- (I) it includes evidence, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Monitor and the Applicant, of authorization and approval from the bidder's board of directors (or comparable governing body) with respect to the submission, execution, delivery and closing of the transaction contemplated by the bid;
- (m) it is accompanied by a refundable deposit (the "Deposit") in the form of a wire transfer (to a bank account specified by the Monitor), or such other form acceptable to the Monitor, payable to the order of the Monitor, in trust, in an amount equal to not less than 10% of the purchase price, to be held and dealt with in accordance with the terms of this SISP;
- (n) it contains other information reasonably requested by the Financial Advisor, the Monitor or the Applicants;
- (o) it is received by the Bidding Phase Bid Deadline;
- (p) it does not include any request for or entitlement to any break fee, expense reimbursement, or similar type of payment;

- (q) it includes a statement that the bidder will bear its own costs and expenses in connection with the proposed transaction, and by submitting its bid is agreeing to refrain from and waive any assertion or request for reimbursement on any basis; and
- (r) it includes an acknowledgement and representation that the bidder: (i) has relied solely upon its own independent review, investigation and/or inspection of any documents and/or the assets to be acquired and liabilities to be assumed in making its bid; and (ii) did not rely upon any written or oral statements, representations, promises, warranties or guaranties whatsoever, whether express or implied (by operation of law or otherwise), regarding the business of the Applicants or the completeness of any information provided in connection therewith and/or the assets to be acquired or liabilities to be assumed or the completeness of any information provided in connection therewith, except as expressly stated in the purchase and sale agreement or the Investment Agreement.
- 16. Notwithstanding anything else contained herein, the Applicants and any Related Person that wishes to submit or participate in a Sale Proposal or Investment Proposal must declare such intention to the Financial Advisor and the Monitor in writing by April 7, 2025. Until such time that the Applicant or any Related Person declares no such intention, the Financial Advisor and the Monitor shall design and implement additional procedures for the SISP to limit the sharing of information with the Applicants so as to ensure and preserve the fairness of the SISP.
- 17. All secured creditors of the Applicants shall have the right to bid in the SISP, including by way of credit bid, provided however that until a secured creditor, including the Agents, declare that they will not submit a bid in the SISP, all consultation and consent rights herein shall be paused and the Monitor and the Applicants may place such limitations on the consultation and consent rights contained herein as they consider appropriate, so as to ensure and preserve the fairness of the SISP.

## **Evaluation of Final Qualified Bids**

- 18. The Applicants, in consultation with the Financial Advisor, the Monitor, and the Agents, will review each bid as set forth herein and determine if one or more of them constitute a Final Qualified Bid. For the purpose of such consultations and evaluations, the Applicants, the Financial Advisor and/or the Monitor may request clarification of the terms of any bid.
- 19. Evaluation criteria with respect to a Sale Proposal may include, but are not limited to items such as: (a) the purchase price and net value (including assumed liabilities and other obligations to be performed by the bidder); (b) the firm, irrevocable commitment for financing the transaction; (c) the claims likely to be created by such bid in relation to other bids; (d) the counterparties to the transaction; (e) the terms of the proposed transaction documents; (f) other factors affecting the speed, certainty and value of the transaction (including any regulatory approvals required to close the transaction); (g) planned treatment of stakeholders; (h) the assets included or excluded from the bid; (i) proposed treatment of the employees; (j) any transition services required from the Applicants post-closing and any related restructuring costs; (k) the likelihood and timing of consummating the transaction; and (l) the allocation of value among the assets being acquired.

- 20. Evaluation criteria with respect to an Investment Proposal may include, but are not limited to items such as: (a) the amount of equity and debt investment and the proposed sources and uses of such capital; (b) the firm, irrevocable commitment for financing the transaction; (c) the debt to equity structure post-closing; (d) the counterparties to the transaction; (e) the terms of the proposed transaction documents; (f) other factors affecting the speed, certainty and value of the transaction (including any regulatory approvals required to close the transaction); (g) planned treatment of stakeholders; and (h) the likelihood and timing of consummating the transaction.
- 21. If one or more Final Qualified Bids is received:
  - (a) the Applicants, in consultation with the Financial Advisor, the Monitor, and the Agents, shall determine if one or more auctions (the "**Auctions**") are required. If required, the Auctions will be held on or about May 16, 2025, in accordance with the terms outlined below; or
  - (b) the Applicants, exercising their reasonable business judgment and following consultation with the Financial Advisor, the Monitor, and the Agents, may select the most favourable Final Qualified Bid(s) and negotiate and settle the terms of a definitive agreement or agreements for which approval from the Court will be sought (the "Successful Bid").
- 22. The Applicants shall have no obligation to enter into a Successful Bid, and reserve the right, after consultation with the Monitor, the Financial Advisor, and the Agents, to reject any or all Final Qualified Bids.
- 23. If no Final Qualified Bid is received, the SISP shall be automatically terminated.

## Auction Process

- 24. If the Applicants, in consultation with the Financial Advisor and the Monitor, determine that one or more Auctions are required, the Applicants, in consultation with the Financial Advisor and the Monitor, shall conduct Auctions on the following terms:
  - (a) only Qualified Bidders who submitted Final Qualified Bid ("Final Qualified Bidders") and their financial and legal advisors shall be entitled to participate in an Auction;
  - (b) the Final Qualified Bidders who wish to participate at an Auction must appear in person;
  - (c) official actions at any Auction shall be made on the record in the presence of a court reporter;
  - (d) the Applicants and their advisors shall, at the outset of any Auction, announce:
    - the Final Qualified Bid(s) selected by the Applicants, in their reasonable business judgment and on the consent of the Monitor in consultation with the financial Advisor, that are the most favourable Final Qualified Bid(s) as of the date thereof (the "Baseline Bid"); and

- (ii) procedures for the conduct of the Auction, including, among other things, any overbid amounts;
- (e) to make a bid at the Auction, a Final Qualified Bidder will modify and resubmit its Final Qualified Bid, which shall remain exclusive of the Art Collection, which resubmission shall become its new Final Qualified Bid;
- (f) subsequent bids after the Baseline Bid must be higher and better (as determined by the Applicants, in their reasonable business judgment and in consultation with the Monitor and the Financial Advisor) by at least the amount of any applicable overbids;
- (g) the Auction shall continue until there are no further higher and better Final Qualified Bids (as determined by the Applicants, in their reasonable business judgment and in consultation with the Monitor and the Financial Advisor) that comply with the procedures set forth for the Auction, and such highest and best Final Qualified Bid at the time shall become the Successful Bid (and the person(s) who made the Successful Bid shall become the "**Successful Bidder**").
- 25. For greater certainty, in order for one or more Final Qualified Bids to be the Successful Bid, such Final Qualified Bid(s) must receive the written consent of the Agents, in each case as required under the Intercreditor Agreement dated December 23, 2024 attached as Exhibit "C" to the Affidavit of Jennifer Bewley sworn March 7, 2025.
- 26. The Applicants, with the consent of the Monitor, and in consultation with the Financial Advisor, may modify Auction procedures at any time.
- 27. Notwithstanding the foregoing or anything else contained herein, the Applicants reserve the right, taking into account all other factors set forth herein (including execution risk), to choose one or more Qualified Bids as Successful Bidders that did not offer the highest purchase price for the Property or the Business.

## Approval Motion for Successful Bid

- 28. The Applicant will apply to the Court (the "**Approval Motion**") for an order approving the Successful Bid(s) and authorizing the Applicants to enter into any and all necessary agreements with respect to the Successful Bid and to undertake such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to give effect to the Successful Bid.
- 29. The Approval Motion will be held on a date to be scheduled by the Court upon application by the Applicants on or before May 30, 2025.
- 30. All Final Qualified Bids (other than the Successful Bid) will be deemed rejected on the date of approval of the Successful Bid(s) by the Court.
- 31. For greater certainty, paragraphs 13 through 30 of the SISP do not apply to any bids or bidders in respect of the Art Collection.

## AUCTION IN RESPECT OF THE ART COLLECTION

- 32. The Applicants and Reflect, in consultation with the Monitor and the Auctioneer, shall design procedures for the art auction (the "**Art Auction**"). The Company will return to Court to seek approval of the art auction procedures (the "**Art Auction Procedures**") prior to the Art Auction. In designing the Art Auction Procedures, the Applicants and Reflect shall have regard to, among other things:
  - (a) the rich heritage and cultural legacy of the Art Collection;
  - (b) the various regulations and laws that apply in respect of Canadian heritage and cultural property as they relate to the Art Collection; and
  - (c) the bidders who have submitted a non-binding letter of interest indicating an interest in participating in the auction of the Art Collection.

## OTHER TERMS

## <u>Deposits</u>

- 33. All Deposits will be retained by the Monitor in a trust account. If there is a Successful Bid, the Deposit paid by the Successful Bidder whose bid is approved at the Approval Motion will be applied to the purchase price to be paid or investment amount to be made by the Successful Bidder upon closing of the approved transaction and will be non-refundable. The Deposits of Qualified Bidders not selected as the Successful Bidder will be returned to such bidders within thirty (30) Business Days of the date upon which the Successful Bid is approved by the Court. If there is no Successful Bid subject to the following paragraph, all Deposits will be returned to the bidders within ten (10) Business Days of the date upon which the SISP is terminated in accordance with these procedures.
- 34. If a Successful Bidder breaches its obligations under the terms of the SISP, its Deposit plus any interest earned thereon shall be forfeited as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.

## **Approvals**

35. For the avoidance of doubt, the approvals required pursuant to the terms hereof are in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other approvals required by the CCAA or any other statute or as otherwise required at law, the terms of paragraph 47 hereof, or any other Order of the Court in order to implement a Successful Bid.

## Agents Consultation

36. The Applicants, the Monitor and the Financial Advisor will communicate and consult with all Agents through the Solicitation Process and will provide information to the Agents in connection with such communications, including copies of all bids within one day of receipt of same. The Applicants, the Monitor and the Financial Advisor shall provide the Agents with any and all information reasonably requested with respect to the SISP.

## <u>Amendment</u>

- 37. If there is any proposed material modification to the SISP by the Applicants, the Applicants will seek Court approval of such material modification on notice to the Service List. Otherwise, the Applicants retain the discretion, with the consent of the Monitor and in consultation with the Financial Advisor and the Agents, to modify the SISP from time to time.
- 38. This SISP does not, and will not be interpreted to, create any contractual or other legal relationship between the Applicants and any Qualified Bidder, other than as specifically set forth in a definitive agreement that may be signed with the Applicants. At any time during the SISP, the Monitor may, following consultation with the Financial Advisor, and the Applicant, upon reasonable prior notice to the Agents, apply to the Court for advice and directions with respect to the discharge of its power and duties hereunder.

## Compliance with Liquidation Process Approval Order

39. In carrying out the terms of this SISP, the Applicants, the Monitor and the Financial Advisor will comply with the terms of the Liquidation Process Approval Order, and any other Order of the Court.

## **Reservation of Rights**

- 40. Without detracting from the Reservation of Rights (defined below) and any rights which RioCan Real Estate Investment Trust and/or its affiliates may have, no bid shall be considered a Final Qualified Bid: (a) in respect of any Property (as defined in the SISP) of a Non-Applicant Stay Party without the prior written consent of the relevant Non-Applicant Secured Creditor (as defined in the ARIO) in respect of such Property; and (b) in respect of any Property (as defined in the SISP) of RioCan Real Estate Investment Trust without the prior written consent of RioCan Real Estate Investment Trust without the prior written consent of RioCan Real Estate Investment Trust.
- 41. All consent and consultation rights provided to the Agents in this SISP in respect of any Property (as defined in the SISP) of a Non-Applicant Stay Party shall instead be provided to RioCan Real Estate Investment Trust and the relevant Non-Applicant Secured Creditor(s) of the Non-Applicant Stay Party in respect of such Business or Property, to the exclusion of the Agents.
- 42. Nothing in the SISP acknowledges or declares that the interests in the Business or Property (each as defined in the SISP) being marketed within this SISP are capable of being transferred by the Applicants or the Non-Applicant Stay Parties. For clarity, all parties' ability to challenge the Applicants' and Non-Applicant Stay Parties' ability to transfer any Business or Property (each as defined in the SISP) are expressly preserved and not derogated from (the "**Reservation of Rights**").

## Schedule "A"

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## ORDER (SISP Approval Order)

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