

Court File No.

CV-25-00738613-00CL

**ONTARIO  
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE  
(COMMERCIAL LIST)**

THE HONOURABLE MR

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FRIDAY, THE 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY

JUSTICE OSBORNE

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OF MARCH, 2025

**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  
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.**

**INITIAL ORDER**

**THIS APPLICATION**, made by Hudson's Bay Company ULC Compagnie de la Baie D'Hudson SRI ("**Hudson's Bay**"), 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 initial order 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 affidavit of Jennifer Bewley sworn March 7, 2025 (the "**Bewley Affidavit**") and the Exhibits thereto, and on being advised that the secured creditors who are likely to be affected by the charges created herein were given notice, the pre-filing report of Alvarez & Marsal Canada Inc. ("**A&M**"), in its capacity as proposed monitor of the Applicants dated March 7, 2025, and on reading the consent of A&M to act as the monitor (in such capacity, the "**Monitor**"), 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 Philip Yang sworn March 7, 2025.

## SERVICE AND DEFINITIONS

1. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the time for service of the Notice of Application and the Application Record is hereby abridged and validated so that this Application is properly returnable today and hereby dispenses with further service thereof.
2. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that capitalized terms used but not defined in this Order shall have the meanings given to them in the Bewley Affidavit.

## APPLICATION

3. **THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES** that the Applicants are companies to which the CCAA applies. Although not Applicants, HBC Holdings LP, RioCan-HBC General Partner Inc., RioCan-HBC Limited Partnership, RioCan-HBC (Ottawa) Holdings Inc., RioCan-HBC (Ottawa) GP, Inc., RioCan-HBC (Ottawa) Limited Partnership, HBC YSS 1 Limited Partnership ("**YSS 1**"), HBC YSS 2 Limited Partnership ("**YSS 2**"), HBC Centerpoint LP, and The Bay Limited Partnership (collectively, the "**Non-Applicant Stay Parties**", and together with the Applicants, "**Hudson's Bay Canada**") shall have the benefits of the protections and authorizations provided by this Order.

## 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 shall each be authorized and empowered to continue to retain and employ their employees, contractors, advisors, consultants, agents, experts, appraisers, valuers, brokers, accountants, counsel and such other persons (collectively "**Assistants**") currently retained or employed by them, with liberty to retain such further Assistants as they deem 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 Hudson's Bay and The Bay Limited Partnership shall be entitled to continue to utilize their existing central cash management systems currently in place as described in the Bewley Affidavit or with the consent of the Monitor and the DIP Agent replace it with another substantially similar central 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 Hudson's Bay and The Bay Limited Partnership 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 Hudson's Bay and The Bay Limited Partnership, pursuant to the terms of the documentation applicable to the Cash Management System, and shall be, in its capacity as provider of the Cash Management System, an unaffected creditor under any plan of compromise or arrangement under the CCAA with regard to any claims or expenses it may suffer or incur in connection with the provision of the Cash Management System.

6. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Applicants shall be entitled but not required to pay the following expenses whether incurred prior to, on or after the date of this Order, subject to compliance with the DIP Budget, to the extent that such expenses are incurred and payable by the Applicants:

- (a) all outstanding and future wages, salaries, employee and pension benefits (including, without limitation, employee medical, dental, registered retirement savings plan contributions and similar benefit plans or arrangements), vacation pay and employee and director 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 all other payroll and benefits processing and servicing expenses;
- (b) subject to further Order of this Court, all outstanding or future amounts related to honouring gift cards incurred in the ordinary course of business and consistent with existing policies and procedures;
- (c) the fees and disbursements of any Assistants retained or employed by the Applicants, at their standard rates and charges;
- (d) with the consent of the Monitor, amounts owing for goods or services supplied to the Applicants prior to the date of this Order by:
  - (i) logistics or supply chain providers, including transportation providers, customs brokers, freight forwarders and security and armoured truck

carriers, and including amounts payable in respect of customs and duties for goods;

- (ii) providers of information, internet, telecommunications and other technology, including e-commerce providers and related services;
- (iii) providers of payment, credit, debit and gift card processing related services; and
- (iv) other third-party suppliers or service providers,

if, in the opinion of the Applicants following consultation with the Monitor, such supplier or service provider is critical to the Business.

7. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, except as otherwise provided to the contrary herein, the Applicants shall be entitled, subject to compliance with the DIP Budget, but not required, to pay all reasonable expenses incurred by them in carrying on their 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, including, with the consent of the Monitor, payments to obtain the release or delivery of goods contracted for prior to the date of this Order.

8. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, subject to compliance with the DIP Budget, the Applicants shall, in accordance with legal requirements, remit 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 the Applicants' 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 taxes, harmonized sales taxes or other applicable sales taxes (collectively, "**Sales Taxes**") required to be remitted by the Applicants in connection with the sale of goods and services by the Applicants, 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, workers' compensation 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 Applicants.

9. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that until a real property lease, including a sublease, and related documentation (each a "**Lease**") to which any Applicant is a party is disclaimed in accordance with the CCAA or otherwise consensually terminated, such Applicant shall pay all amounts constituting rent or payable as rent under Leases (including, for greater certainty, common area maintenance charges, utilities and any other amounts payable to the applicable landlord (each a "**Landlord**") under such Lease, but for greater certainty, excluding accelerated rent or penalties, fees or other charges arising as a result of the insolvency of the Applicants or the making of this Order) or as otherwise may be negotiated between the Applicant 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. Without prejudice to the rights and claims of the Non-Applicant Stay Parties, any Rent payable by Hudson's Bay to RioCan-Hudson's Bay JV, YSS 1, or YSS 2, under a Lease shall be stayed and suspended pending further Order of this Court, provided that Hudson's Bay shall be required to pay to RioCan-Hudson's Bay JV, YSS 1, or YSS 2, as applicable, that amount of Rent payable by Riocan-Hudson's Bay JV, YSS 1, or YSS 2, as applicable, to its Landlord under the JV Head Lease until such JV Head Lease is disclaimed in accordance with the CCAA or otherwise consensually terminated.

10. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, except as specifically permitted herein, or as provided for in the DIP Term Sheet and the DIP Budget, Hudson's Bay Canada 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 any one of the Hudson's Bay Canada entities to any of their creditors as of this date, except as expressly provided for in the DIP Budget;
- (b) to grant no security interests, trusts, liens, mortgages, charges or encumbrances upon or in respect of any of Hudson's Bay Canada's current and future assets, undertakings and properties of every nature and kind whatsoever, and wherever situate including all proceeds thereof ("**Hudson's Bay Canada's 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, have the right to:

- (a) terminate the employment of any of their employees or temporarily lay off any of their employees as they deem appropriate;
- (b) in consultation with the Monitor, engage in discussions with, and solicit proposals and agreements from, third parties in respect of the liquidation of the inventory, furniture, equipment and fixtures located in and/or forming part of the Property (the "**Liquidation Solicitation Process**"), and return to Court for the approval of any such agreement;
- (c) in consultation with the Monitor, engage in discussions with, and solicit proposals and agreements from, real estate advisors and other Assistants as may be desirable to pursue all avenues and offers for the sale, transfer or assignment of Leases to third parties, in whole or in part (the "**Lease Monetization Process**") and return to Court for approval of any such agreement; and
- (d) pursue all restructuring options for Hudson's Bay Canada including, without limitation, all avenues of refinancing of their business ("**Hudson's Bay Canada's**

**Business**") or Hudson's Bay Canada's Property, in whole or in part, subject to the 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.

#### **STAY OF PROCEEDINGS**

12. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that until and including March 17, 2025, 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 Hudson's Bay Canada or the Monitor, or their respective employees, directors, advisors, officers and representatives acting in such capacities, or affecting the Business or the Property, except with the written consent of Hudson's Bay Canada and the Monitor, or with leave of this Court, and any and all Proceedings currently under way against or in respect of Hudson's Bay Canada or their employees, directors, officers or representatives acting in such capacities, or affecting Hudson's Bay Canada's Business and Hudson's Bay Canada's Property are hereby stayed and suspended pending further Order of this Court.

13. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that during the Stay Period, no Person having any agreements or arrangements with the owners, operators, managers or landlords of commercial shopping centres or other commercial properties (including retail, office and industrial (warehouse) properties) in which there is located a store, office or warehouse owned or operated by Hudson's Bay Canada shall take any Proceedings or exercise any rights or remedies under such agreements or arrangements that may arise upon and/or as a result of the making of this Order, any declarations of insolvency by the Applicants or as a result of any steps taken by Hudson's Bay Canada pursuant to this Order, and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, no Person shall terminate, accelerate, suspend, amend, modify, determine or cancel any such arrangement or agreement or be entitled to exercise any rights or remedies in connection therewith, including with respect to any Lease.

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

14. **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

Hudson's Bay Canada or the Monitor, or their respective employees, directors, officers, advisors and representatives acting in such capacities or affecting Hudson's Bay Canada's Business or Hudson's Bay Canada's Property, are hereby stayed and suspended except with the prior written consent of Hudson's Bay Canada and the Monitor, or leave of this Court, provided that nothing in this Order shall (a) empower Hudson's Bay Canada to carry on any business which they are not lawfully entitled to carry on, (b) affect such investigations, actions, suits or proceedings by a regulatory body as are permitted by Section 11.1 of the CCAA, (c) prevent the filing of any registration to preserve or perfect a security interest, or (d) prevent the registration of a claim for lien.

### **NO INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS**

15. **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 Hudson's Bay Canada, including but not limited to renewal rights in respect of existing insurance policies on the same terms, except with the prior written consent of Hudson's Bay Canada and the Monitor, or with leave of this Court.

### **CONTINUATION OF SERVICES**

16. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that during the Stay Period, all Persons having oral or written agreements with Hudson's Bay Canada or statutory or regulatory mandates for the supply of goods and/or services, including without limitation all computer software, communication and other data services, centralized banking services, cash management services, payment processing services, payroll and benefit services, insurance, freight services, transportation services, customs clearing, warehouse and logistic services, utility or other services to Hudson's Bay Canada's Business or Hudson's Bay Canada are hereby restrained until further Order of this Court from discontinuing, altering, interfering with or terminating the supply or license of such goods or services as may be required by Hudson's Bay Canada and that Hudson's Bay Canada shall be entitled to the continued use of their current premises, telephone numbers, facsimile numbers, internet addresses, email addresses, social media accounts, 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 Hudson's Bay Canada in accordance with normal payment practices of Hudson's Bay Canada or such other practices as may be agreed upon by the supplier



or service provider and each of the Hudson's Bay Canada entities and the Monitor, or as may be ordered by this Court.

#### **NO PRE-FILING VS POST-FILING SET-OFF**

17. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that no Person shall be entitled to set off any amounts that: (a) are or may become due to Hudson's Bay Canada in respect of obligations arising prior to the date hereof with any amounts that are or may become due from Hudson's Bay Canada in respect of obligations arising on or after the date of this Order; or (b) are or may become due from Hudson's Bay Canada in respect of obligations arising prior to the date hereof with any amounts that are or may become due to Hudson's Bay Canada in respect of obligations arising on or after the date of this Order, in each case without the consent of Hudson's Bay Canada and the Monitor, or with leave of this Court.

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

18. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, notwithstanding anything else in this Order, (other than pursuant to Section 9), no Person shall be prohibited from requiring immediate payment for goods, services, use of leased 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 Hudson's Bay Canada. Nothing in this Order shall derogate from the rights conferred and obligations imposed by the CCAA.

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

19. **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 Hudson's Bay Canada with respect to any claim against the directors or officers that arose before the date hereof and that relates to any obligations of Hudson's Bay Canada 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.

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

20. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Applicants shall indemnify their 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.

21. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the directors and officers of the Applicants 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 \$26,300,000, as security for the indemnity provided in paragraph 19 of this Order. The Directors' Charge shall have the priority as set out in paragraphs 39 and 41 herein.

22. **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 19 of this Order.

## **APPOINTMENT OF MONITOR**

23. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that A&M 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 Hudson's Bay Canada and their shareholders, partners, members, officers, directors, and Assistants shall advise the Monitor of all material steps taken by Hudson's Bay Canada 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.

24. **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 and the compliance with the DIP Budget;

- (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 their dissemination of financial and other information to the DIP Agent and its counsel on a periodic basis as agreed to between the Applicants and the DIP Agent, or as may reasonably be requested by the DIP Agent;
- (d) advise the Applicants in their preparation of the Applicants' cash flow statements and reporting required by the DIP Agent, which information shall be reviewed with the Monitor and delivered to the DIP Agent and its counsel on a periodic basis, or as may reasonably be requested by the DIP Agent;
- (e) 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 Applicants' business and financial affairs or to perform its duties arising under this Order;
- (f) 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;
- (g) liaise and consult with any Assistants, any liquidators selected through the Liquidation Solicitation Process and any real estate advisors or other Assistants selected through the Lease Monetization Process, to the extent required, with respect to all matters related to the Property, the Business, and such other matters as may be relevant to the proceedings herein; and
- (h) perform such other duties as are required by this Order or by this Court from time to time.

25. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor shall not take possession of Hudson's Bay Canada's Property and shall take no part whatsoever in the management or supervision of the management of Hudson Bay Canada's Business and shall not, by fulfilling its obligations hereunder, be deemed to have taken or maintained possession or control of Hudson's Bay Canada's Business or Hudson's Bay Canada's Property, or any part thereof.

26. **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 Hudson’s Bay Canada’s 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, 1999*, the *Ontario Environmental Protection Act*, the *Ontario Water Resources Act*, the *Ontario Occupational Health and Safety Act*, the *British Columbia Environmental Management Act*, the *British Columbia Riparian Areas Protection Act*, the *British Columbia Workers Compensation Act*, the *Alberta Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*, the *Alberta Water Act*, the *Alberta Occupational Health and Safety Act*, the *Manitoba Environment Act*, the *Manitoba Contaminated Sites Remediation Act*, the *Manitoba Workplace Safety and Health Act*, the *Quebec Environmental Quality Act*, the *Quebec Act Respecting Occupation Health and Safety*, *The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2010* (Saskatchewan), *The Agricultural Operations Act* (Saskatchewan), *The Dangerous Goods Transportation Act* (Saskatchewan), *The Saskatchewan Employment Act*, *The Emergency Planning Act* (Saskatchewan), *The Water Security Agency Act* (Saskatchewan), the *Nova Scotia Environment Act*, the *Nova Scotia Water Resources Protection Act*, or the *Nova Scotia Occupational Health and Safety Act*, and the 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 Hudson’s Bay Canada’s Property within the meaning of any Environmental Legislation, unless it is actually in possession.

27. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that that the Monitor shall provide any creditor of the Applicants and the DIP Lender 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. 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 Applicants may agree.

28. **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.

29. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor, counsel to the Monitor and counsel to the Applicants shall be paid their reasonable fees and disbursements (including pre-filing fees and disbursements), in each case at their standard rates and charges, whether incurred prior to, on or subsequent to, the date of this Order 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 Applicants bi-weekly or on such other terms as such parties may agree. In addition, the Applicants are hereby authorized to pay to the Monitor and counsel to the Monitor, retainers in the amounts of \$200,000 each, to be held by them as security for payment of their respective fees and disbursements outstanding from time to time.

30. **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.

31. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Applicants' counsel, the Monitor and its counsel 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 \$2,800,000, as security for their professional fees and disbursements incurred at the standard rates and charges of the Monitor and such counsel, both before and after the making of this Order in respect of these proceedings. The Administration Charge shall have the priority as set out in paragraphs 39 and 41 hereof.

#### **DIP FACILITY**

32. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that Hudson's Bay, is hereby authorized and empowered to obtain and borrow under the DIP Facility from the DIP Lenders in accordance with and subject to the DIP Term Sheet provided that such borrowings shall not individually or in the aggregate exceed \$16 million in order to finance the working capital requirements, and other general corporate purposes and capital expenditures of itself and 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, and The Bay Limited Partnership (collectively, the "**Loan Parties**").

33. **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 Loan Parties and the DIP Lenders dated as of March 7, 2025, appended as **Exhibit "D"** to the Bewley Affidavit (the **"DIP Term Sheet"**).

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

35. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the DIP Lenders shall be entitled to the benefit of and are hereby granted a charge (the **"DIP Charge"**) on the Loan Parties' Property as security for the DIP Obligations, which DIP Charge shall be in the aggregate amount of the DIP Obligations outstanding at any given time under the Definitive Documents. The DIP Charge shall not secure an obligation that exists before this Order is made. The DIP Lender's Charge shall have the priority as set out in paragraphs 39 and 41 hereof.

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

- (a) the DIP Agent may take such steps from time to time as it may deem necessary or appropriate to file, register, record or perfect the DIP Charge or the Definitive Documents;
- (b) upon the occurrence of an event of default under the Definitive Documents or the DIP Charge, the DIP Agent on behalf of the DIP Lenders, (i) upon three business days' notice to the Loan Parties and the Monitor, may exercise any and all of its rights and remedies against the Loan Parties or the Loan Parties' Property under or pursuant to the Definitive Documents and the DIP Charge, including without limitation to apply to this Court for the appointment of a receiver, receiver and manager or interim receiver or for a bankruptcy order against the Loan Parties and for the appointment of a trustee in bankruptcy of the Loan Parties, or to seize and retain proceeds from the sale of the Property and the cash flow of the Loan Parties

to repay amounts owing to the DIP Lenders in accordance with the Definitive Documents (subject in each case to the priorities set out in paragraph 39 of this Order), and (ii) immediately upon providing written notice of the occurrence of an Event of Default to the Loan Parties and the Monitor, may cease making advances to Hudson's Bay and set off and/or consolidate any amounts owing by the DIP Lenders to the Loan Parties against the obligations of the Loan Parties to the DIP Lenders under the Definitive Documents or the DIP Charge, and make demand, accelerate payment and give other notices; and

- (c) the foregoing rights and remedies of the DIP Agent and the DIP Lenders shall be enforceable against any trustee in bankruptcy, interim receiver, receiver or receiver and manager of the Loan Parties or the Loan Parties' Property.

37. **THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES** that the DIP Agent and the DIP Lenders be treated as unaffected in any plan of arrangement or compromise under the CCAA, or any proposal filed under the BIA, with respect to any advances made under the Definitive Documents.

38. **THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES** that in the event that the Applicants enter into Alternative Financing Arrangements (as defined in the DIP Term Sheet) and seek approval thereof at the Comeback Motion, such Alternative Financing Arrangement shall provide for the repayment in full in cash of (a) all amounts advanced by the DIP Lenders under the DIP Term Sheet from and after the date of this Order, and (b) any DIP Lender Expenses (as defined in the DIP Term Sheet) incurred prior to the Comeback Motion.

39. **THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES** that this Order is subject to provisional execution and that if any of the provisions of this Order in connection with the Definitive Documents or the DIP Charge shall subsequently be stayed, modified, varied, amended, reversed or vacated in whole or in part (collectively, a "**Variation**"), such Variation shall not in any way impair, limit or lessen the priority, protections, rights or remedies of the DIP Agent and the DIP Lenders, whether under this Order (as made prior to the Variation), under the Definitive Documents with respect to any advances made or obligations incurred prior to the DIP Lenders being given notice of the Variation, and the DIP Lenders shall be entitled to rely on this Order as issued (including, without limitation, the DIP Charge) for all advances so made and other obligations set out in the Definitive Documents.

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

40. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the priorities of the Administration Charge, the Directors' Charge and the DIP Charge (collectively, the "**Charges**"), as among them, shall be as follows:

With respect to all Property other than the Loan Parties':

First - Administration Charge (to the maximum amount of \$2,800,000); and

Second – Directors' Charge (to the maximum amount of \$26,300,000).

With respect to the Loan Parties' Property, subject in all cases to the Priority Waterfall (as defined in the DIP Term Sheet), as amongst themselves, the priorities of the Charges shall be as follows:

<b>Priority Ranking</b>	<b>ABL Priority Collateral</b>	<b>Pathlight Priority Collateral</b>	<b>Other Collateral (as defined in the DIP Agreement)</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Administration Charge (to the maximum amount of \$2,800,000).	Administration Charge (to the maximum amount of \$2,800,000).	Administration Charge (to the maximum amount of \$2,800,000).
2 <sup>nd</sup>	All amounts owing under the Revolving Credit Facility and FILO Credit Facility (other than Excess ABL Obligations).	All amounts owing under the Pathlight Credit Facility (other than Excess Term Loan Obligations).	Directors' Charge (to the maximum amount of \$13,500,000).
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Directors' Charge (to the maximum amount of \$13,500,000).	All amounts owing under the Revolving Credit Facility and FILO Credit Facility (other than Excess ABL Obligations).	DIP Lenders' Charge.
4 <sup>th</sup>	DIP Lenders' Charge.	Directors' Charge (to the maximum amount of \$13,500,000)	Directors' Charge (to the maximum amount of \$13,500,000).
5 <sup>th</sup>	Directors' Charge (to the maximum amount of \$13,500,000).	DIP Lenders' Charge.	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Term Loan Obligations (other than Excess Term Loan Obligations).	Directors' Charge (to the maximum amount of \$13,500,000).	



41. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the filing, registration or perfection of 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.

42. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Charges shall constitute a charge on the Property and shall rank in priority to all other security interests, trusts, liens, charges and encumbrances, claims of secured creditors, statutory or otherwise (collectively, "**Encumbrances**") in favour of any Person (except for the DIP Charge, which shall only constitute a charge on the Loan Parties' Property, and rank behind the security interests of the ABL Agent, the FILO Agent, the ABL Lenders, the Pathlight Agent, and the Pathlight Lenders but in priority to all other Encumbrances), provided that the Charges shall rank behind Encumbrances in favour of any Persons that have not been served with notice of this application. The Applicants shall be entitled, at the Comeback Hearing (as hereinafter defined), on notice to those Persons likely to be affected thereby, to seek priority charges ahead of such Encumbrances over which the Charges may not have obtained priority pursuant to this Order.

43. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that except as otherwise expressly provided for herein, the Applicants 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, the DIP Agent and the beneficiaries of the Administration Charge and the Directors' Charge, or further Order of this Court.

44. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Administration Charge, the Directors' Charge, the DIP Definitive Documents and the DIP Charge shall not be rendered invalid or unenforceable and the rights and remedies of the chargees entitled to the benefit of the Charges (collectively, the "**Chargees**") and/or the DIP Lenders 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, provincial or other 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) neither the creation of the Charges nor the execution, delivery, perfection, registration or performance of the Definitive Documents shall create or be deemed to constitute a breach by the Applicants of any Agreement to which they are 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 Loan Parties entering into the Definitive Documents, the creation of the Charges, or the execution, delivery or performance of the Definitive Documents; and
- (c) the payments made by the Applicants pursuant to this Order, the Definitive Documents, 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.

45. **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**

46. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor shall (a) without delay, publish in The Globe and Mail (National Edition) a notice containing the information prescribed under the CCAA, (b) within five days after the date of this Order, (i) make this Order publicly available in the manner prescribed under the CCAA, (ii) send, in the prescribed manner, a notice to every known creditor who has a claim against the Applicants of more than \$1000, and (iii) 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, provided that the Monitor shall not make the claims, names and addresses of any individual persons who are creditors available.

47. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the E-Service Protocol of the Commercial List (the "**Protocol**") is approved and adopted by reference herein and, in this proceeding, the service of documents made in accordance with the Protocol (which can be found on the Commercial List website at <http://www.ontariocourts.ca/scj/practice/practice-directions/toronto/e-service-protocol/>) 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 Protocol, service of documents in accordance with the Protocol will be effective on transmission. This Court further orders that a Case Website shall be established in accordance with the Protocol with the following URL: [alvarezandmarsal.com/HudsonsBay](http://alvarezandmarsal.com/HudsonsBay)

48. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Applicants, the Monitor and their respective counsel are at liberty to serve or distribute this Order, and other materials and orders as may be reasonably required in these proceedings, including any notices, or other correspondence, by forwarding true copies thereof by electronic message to the Applicants' creditors or other interested parties and their advisors. For greater certainty, any such distribution or service shall be deemed to be in satisfaction of a legal or judicial obligation and notice requirements within the meaning of clause 3(c) of the *Electronic Commerce Protection Regulations*, Reg. 81000-2-175 (SOR/DORS).

49. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that if the service or distribution of documents in accordance with the Protocol 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.

#### **COMEBACK MOTION**

50. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Comeback Motion shall be heard on March 17, 2025.

#### **GENERAL**

51. **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 hereunder.

52. **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 any Hudson's Bay Canada entity, the Business or the Property.

53. **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.

54. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that each of the Applicants and the Monitor shall 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, 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.

55. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, subject to paragraph 39, 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.

56. **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.

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