

ONTARIO
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE
(COMMERCIAL LIST)

THE HONOURABLE MR.

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TUESDAY, THE 18TH

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JUSTICE HAINEY

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DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2020

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 PIER 1 IMPORTS, INC., PIER 1 ASSETS, INC., PIER 1 LICENSING, INC.,
PIER 1 HOLDINGS, INC., PIER 1 SERVICES COMPANY, PIER 1 IMPORTS
(U.S.), INC., PIR TRADING, INC. AND PIER 1 VALUE SERVICES, LLC

APPLICATION OF PIER 1 IMPORTS, INC. UNDER SECTION 46 OF THE
COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, AS
AMENDED

INITIAL RECOGNITION ORDER
(FOREIGN MAIN PROCEEDING)



THIS APPLICATION, made by Pier 1 Imports, Inc. ("**Pier 1**") in its capacity as the foreign representative (the "**Foreign Representative**") of Pier 1, Pier 1 Assets, Inc., Pier 1 Licensing, Inc., Pier 1 Holdings, Inc., Pier 1 Services Company, Pier 1 Imports (U.S.), Inc., PIR Trading, Inc. and Pier 1 Value Services, LLC (collectively, the "**Chapter 11 Debtors**"), pursuant to the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, as amended (the "**CCAA**") for an Order substantially in the form enclosed in the Application Record, was heard this day at 330 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

ON READING the Notice of Application, the affidavit of Robert Riesbeck affirmed February 18, 2020 (the "**Riesbeck Affidavit**") and the affidavit of Graeme Rotrand affirmed February 18, 2020, filed,

AND UPON BEING ADVISED by counsel for the Foreign Representative that in addition to this Initial Recognition Order, a Supplemental Order (Foreign Main Proceeding) (the “**Supplemental Order**”) is being sought,

AND UPON HEARING the submissions of counsel for the Foreign Representative and counsel for Alvarez & Marsal Canada Inc., in its capacity as proposed information officer (the “**Information Officer**”), and those other parties present, no one else appearing although duly served as appears from the affidavit of service of Waleed Malik affirmed February 18, 2020:

SERVICE

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.

FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVE

2. **THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES** that the Foreign Representative is the “foreign representative” as defined in section 45 of the CCAA of the Chapter 11 Debtors in respect of the cases commenced in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (Richmond Division) by the Chapter 11 Debtors pursuant to Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code (collectively, the “**Foreign Proceeding**”).

CENTRE OF MAIN INTEREST AND RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN PROCEEDING

3. **THIS COURT DECLARES** that the centre of main interests for each of the Chapter 11 Debtors is the United States of America and that the Foreign Proceeding is hereby recognized as a “foreign main proceeding” as defined in section 45 of the CCAA.

STAY OF PROCEEDINGS

4. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that until otherwise ordered by this Court:

- (a) all proceedings taken or that might be taken against the Chapter 11 Debtors under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* or the *Winding-up and Restructuring Act* are stayed;
- (b) further proceedings in any action, suit or proceeding against the Chapter 11 Debtors are restrained; and
- (c) the commencement of any action, suit or proceeding against the Chapter 11 Debtors is prohibited.

NO SALE OF PROPERTY

5. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, except with leave of this Court, each of the Chapter 11 Debtors is prohibited from selling or otherwise disposing of:

- (a) outside the ordinary course of its business, any of its property in Canada that relates to the business; and
- (b) any of its other property in Canada.

GENERAL

6. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that within five (5) business days from the date of this Order, or as soon as practicable thereafter, the Information Officer shall cause to be published a notice once a week for two consecutive weeks, in the *Globe and Mail* (National Edition) regarding the issuance of this Order and the Supplemental Order.

7. **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 of America, to give effect to this Order and to assist the Chapter 11 Debtors and the Foreign Representative and their respective counsel and agents in carrying out the terms of this Order.


8. **THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES** that this Order shall be effective as of 12:01 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on the date of this Order.

9. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that any interested party may apply to this Court to vary or amend this Order or seek other relief on not less than seven (7) days notice to the Chapter 11 Debtors and the Foreign Representative and their respective counsel, and 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.

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