No. S197744 Vancouver Registry

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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

BETWEEN

MINISO INTERNATIONAL HONG KONG LIMITED, MINISO INTERNATIONAL (GUANGZHOU) CO. LIMITED, MINISO LIFESTYLE CANADA INC., MIHK MANAGEMENT INC., MINISO TRADING CANADA INC., MINISO CORPORATION and GUANGDONG SAIMAN INVESTMENT CO. LIMITED

PETITIONERS

AND

MIGU INVESTMENTS INC., MINISO CANADA INVESTMENTS INC., MINISO (CANADA) STORE INC., MINISO (CANADA) STORE ONE INC., MINISO (CANADA) STORE TWO INC., MINISO (CANADA) STORE THREE INC., MINISO (CANADA) STORE FOUR INC., MINISO (CANADA) STORE FIVE INC., MINISO (CANADA) STORE SIX INC., MINISO (CANADA) STORE SEVEN INC., MINISO (CANADA) STORE EIGHT INC., MINISO (CANADA) STORE NINE INC., MINISO (CANADA) STORE TEN INC., MINISO (CANADA) STORE ELEVEN INC., MINISO (CANADA) STORE TWELVE INC., MINISO (CANADA) STORE THIRTEEN INC., MINISO (CANADA) STORE TWELVE INC., MINISO (CANADA) STORE THIRTEEN INC., MINISO (CANADA) STORE FOURTEEN INC., MINISO (CANADA) STORE FIFTEEN INC., MINISO (CANADA) STORE SIXTEEN INC., MINISO (CANADA) STORE SEVENTEEN INC., MINISO (CANADA) STORE EIGHTEEN INC., MINISO (CANADA) STORE NINETEEN INC., MINISO (CANADA) STORE TWENTY INC., MINISO (CANADA) STORE TWENTY-ONE INC., MINISO (CANADA) STORE TWENTY-TWO INC. and 1120701 B.C. LTD.

RESPONDENTS

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Name(s) of applicant(s): McMillan LLP

To: The Service List attached hereto as Schedule "A"

TAKE NOTICE that an application will be made by the applicant to the Honourable Madam Justice Fitzpatrick at the courthouse at 800 Smithe Street, Vancouver, British Columbia on November 6, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. for the orders and declarations set out in Part 1 below.

Part 1: ORDER AND DECLARATIONS SOUGHT

- 1. An order that the time for service of the Notice of Application herein is abridged such that the Notice of Application is properly returnable on the date set forth above and service hereof upon any interested party other than those parties on the service list maintained by the Monitor in this proceeding is dispensed with.
- 2. A declaration that McMillan LLP has ceased to be the lawyer acting for the Respondents.
- 3. A declaration that, effective November 6, 2019 (the date of the order sought), the office of McMillan LLP is not the address for delivery of the Respondents
- 4. A declaration that, effective November 6, 2019 (the date of the order sought), the new address for delivery of the Respondents is care of the Monitor (defined below).

Part 2: FACTUAL BASIS

- Starting in or around December 2018, McMillan LLP was retained by the Respondents, to act on their behalf in connection with negotiations with the Petitioners relating to the application by certain of the Petitioners for a bankruptcy order in respect of Miniso Canada Investments Inc., Migu Investments Inc. and Miniso (Canada) Store Inc., a forbearance agreement, a sale agreement and related matters, including these proceedings.
- 2. On July 12, 2019, this Honourable Court granted the Initial Order pursuant to which, among other things, Alvarez & Marsal Canada Inc. was appointed the Monitor (the "Monitor") of the Respondents (other than 1120701 B.C. Ltd. ("112")), the Monitor was given enhanced powers with respect to the Respondents (other than 112), and granted the Administration Charge (as defined in the Initial Order).

McMillan LLP, in its capacity as counsel for the Respondents, is a beneficiary of the Administration Charge.

- 3. By Order dated August 22, 2019, this Honourable Court added 112 as a Respondent to these proceedings and extended the relief granted pursuant to the Initial Order to 112 (and extended the powers of the Monitor to 112).
- 4. McMillan LLP has advised and represented the interests of the Respondents in these proceedings, taking instructions on behalf of the Respondents from Mr. Tao (Harry) Xu, via his associate and translator, Mr. Ray Deng. Mr. Xu had been the Chair/Chief Executive Officer of the Respondents, and is the sole director of 112.
- 5. The directors of the other Respondents, as summarized below:

Respondent	Director(s)
Migu Investments Inc.	Ting Lin
Miniso Canada Investments Inc.	Ting Lin
Miniso (Canada) Store Inc.	Ting Lin
Miniso (Canada) Store One Inc.	Ling Lin and Dan Lin
Miniso (Canada) Store Two Inc.	Ting Lin and Dan Lin
Miniso (Canada) Store Three Inc.	Ling Lin and Jing Lin
Miniso (Canada) Store Four Inc.	Ting Lin and Dan Lin
Miniso (Canada) Store Five Inc.	Ting Lin and Jing Lin
Miniso (Canada) Store Six Inc.	Ting Lin and Dan Lin
Miniso (Canada) Store Seven Inc.	Ting Lin and Dan Lin
Miniso (Canada) Store Eight Inc.	Ting Lin
Miniso (Canada) Store Nine Inc.	Ting Lin
Miniso (Canada) Store Ten Inc.	Ting Lin
Miniso (Canada) Store Eleven Inc.	Ting Lin and Dan Lin
Miniso (Canada) Store Twelve Inc.	Ting Lin and Dan Lin
Miniso (Canada) Store Thirteen Inc.	Ting Lin and Dan Lin
Miniso (Canada) Store Fourteen Inc.	Ting Lin and Dan Lin

Miniso (Canada) Store Fifteen Inc.	Ling Lin and Dan Lin
Miniso (Canada) Store Sixteen Inc.	Ling Lin and Dan Lin
Miniso (Canada) Store Seventeen Inc.	Ting Lin and Dan Lin
Miniso (Canada) Store Eighteen Inc.	Ling Lin and Dan Lin
Miniso (Canada) Store Nineteen Inc.	Ting Lin and Dan Lin
Miniso (Canada) Store Twenty Inc.	Ting Lin and Dan Lin
Miniso (Canada) Store Twenty-One Inc.	Ling Lin and Ting Lin
Miniso (Canada) Store Twenty-Two Inc.	Ling Lin and Ting Lin

- 6. At no time during these proceedings has McMillan LLP been provided with instructions in relation to these proceedings on behalf of the Respondents by any of the directors of the any of the Respondents in their capacity as such.
- 7. During the course of these proceedings, and utilizing its enhanced powers granted pursuant to the Initial Order, the Monitor has worked with the Respondents to downsize their business, including by way of closure of approximately one third of its retail stores and the reduction of its workforce.
- 8. In August 2019, the Monitor provided Mr. Xu and Mr. Deng with working notice of the termination of their employment, such notice to expire on October 11, 2019. It was anticipated at the time notice was given that the Respondents' plan of arrangement (the "**Plan**") would be substantially completed by early October 2019.
- 9. The Plan was not presented to this Honourable Court until October 15, 2019. Therefore, in the days leading up to October 11, 2019, the Monitor attempted to extend Mr. Xu's employment until November 1, 2019. However, Mr. Xu declined advised that he did not wish to continue in his role as Chair/Chief Executive Officer of the Respondents after October 11, 2019.
- 10. Despite requests, the directors of the Respondents have declined to provide instructions on behalf of the Respondents to McMillan LLP. In the circumstances, McMillan LLP has no option but to resign its role as counsel for the Respondents.

Part 3: LEGAL BASIS

- 1. Rule 22-6(3) of the Supreme Civil Rules.
- 2. Section 11 of the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act.
- Despite efforts to do so, McMillan LLP is unable to obtain instructions on behalf of the Respondents and therefore is unable to continue in its role as counsel for the Respondents in this proceeding.

Part 4: MATERIAL TO BE RELIED ON

- 1. Sixth Report of the Monitor dated November 1, 2019.
- 2. Affidavit of Julie Hutchinson sworn November 6, 2019; and
- 3. Affidavit of Vicki Tickle sworn November 6, 2019.

The applicant(s) estimate(s) that the application will take 5 minutes.

This matter is not within the jurisdiction of a master. Madam Justice Fitzpatrick is seized of this matter.

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

- (a) file an application response in Form 33,
- (b) file the original of every affidavit, and of every other document, that
 - (i) you intend to refer to at the hearing of this application, and
 - (ii) has not already been filed in the proceeding, and

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

Date: November 6, 2019

en for: Signature of Vicki Tickle

Lawyer for the applicant

To be completed by the court only:	
Order Made	
□ in the terms requested in paragraphs of Part 1 of this notice of application	
□ with the following variations and additional terms:	
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Date:	
	Signature of 🗆 Judge 🗆 Master

APPENDIX

THIS APPLICATION INVOLVES THE FOLLOWING:

- discovery: comply with demand for documents
- discovery: production of additional documents
- □ other matters concerning document discovery
- □ extend oral discovery
- □ other matter concerning oral discovery
- \Box amend pleadings
- \Box add/change parties
- summary judgment
- □ summary trial
- □ service
- □ mediation
- □ adjournments
- □ proceedings at trial
- □ case plan orders: amend
- □ case plan orders: other
- □ experts

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