

ONTARIO
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE
(COMMERCIAL LIST)

IN THE MATTER OF THE *BUSINESS CORPORATIONS ACT*,
R.S.O. 1990, C. B.16, AS AMENDED

AND IN IN THE MATTER OF THE *CANADA BUSINESS CORPORATIONS ACT*,
R.S.C., 1985, C. C-44, AS AMENDED

AND IN THE MATTER OF A WINDING UP OF
PACE SECURITIES CORP., PACE FINANCIAL LIMITED,
PACE INSURANCE BROKERS LIMITED AND
PACE GENERAL PARTNER LIMITED

Applicants

THIRD REPORT OF THE LIQUIDATOR

FEBRUARY 3, 2021

INTRODUCTION

1. This third report of the Liquidator (the “**Third Report**”) is filed by Ernst & Young Inc. (“**EYI**” or the “**Liquidator**”) in its capacity as Liquidator of the estate and effects of the Applicants, Pace Securities Corp. (“**PSC**”), Pace Financial Limited (“**PFL**”), Pace Insurance Brokers Limited (“**PIB**”) and Pace General Partner Limited (“**PGPL**”) (collectively the “**Companies**”) appointed pursuant to the Order of the Honourable Mr. Justice Hainey dated May 14, 2020 (the “**Appointment Order**”). A copy of the Appointment Order is attached hereto as **Appendix “A”**.
2. The purpose of this Third Report is to provide the Court with:
 - a) An update on the activities of the Liquidator to date, including:

- i) status of the process being undertaken by the Liquidator to transfer the remaining client accounts to another investment dealer; and
 - ii) upcoming actions to be taken by the Liquidator with respect to the investment assets owned by the Companies; and
- b) Information regarding the motion brought by Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein LLP as representative counsel (“**Representative Counsel**”) now returnable on March 2, 2021 seeking an order (the “**Proposed Procedure Order**”) to address the process for resolving the claims of the preferred shareholders of PFL and FHH.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

3. In preparing this Third Report and making the comments herein, the Liquidator has been provided with, and has relied upon, certain unaudited, draft and/or internal financial information, the Companies’ books and records, discussions with the management of the Companies and information from other third-party sources (collectively, the “**Information**”). Future oriented financial information relied upon in this Third Report is based on assumptions regarding future events; actual results achieved may vary from this information and these variations may be material.
4. The Liquidator has not audited, reviewed or otherwise verified the accuracy or completeness of the Information in a manner that would wholly or partially comply with Generally Accepted Assurance Standards pursuant to the Canadian Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants Handbook and, accordingly, the Liquidator expresses no opinion or other form of assurance in respect of the Information.
5. The Liquidator will make a copy of this Third Report, and related documents, available on the Liquidator’s website at www.ey.com/ca/pacesecurities.
6. Unless otherwise stated all monetary amounts contained herein are expressed in Canadian Dollars.

OVERVIEW

7. PSC and PFL are each corporations incorporated under the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario). Their registered and head office is located at 50 Burnhamthorpe Road West, Suite 600, Mississauga, Ontario L5B 3C2. Joe Thomson was the CEO and was a director of PSC and PFL.
8. PSC is an investment dealer regulated by The Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada (“**IIROC**”) and an investment fund manager regulated by the Ontario Securities Commission (“**OSC**”).
9. PSC did not hold its customers’ cash and securities itself. Rather, pursuant to the IIROC rules, PSC was an introducing broker that was a party to an Introducing Type 2 Arrangement and, as such, PSC’s client accounts were held with its carrying broker, Laurentian Bank Securities Limited (“**LBS**”).
10. PFL carried on business as an investment vehicle for accredited investors to earn fixed dividends from an investment in a basket of high-yield bonds. PFL raised capital by selling preference shares. PFL used those proceeds to purchase high-yield bonds on “margin”¹ through its accounts at PSC. The interest and any trading profits earned on the bonds net of management costs from PSC and other expenses were to be used to fund regular dividend payments to the preference shareholders.
11. Almost all of PFL’s investors are retail investors, and many of its investors also have accounts with PSC. PSC provided brokerage, investment and business management services to PFL.
12. Like PFL, First Hamilton Holdings Inc. (“**FHH**”)² sold preference shares, accompanied by warrants for one series of shares, to investors and used the proceeds from those shares to

¹ Margin is a form of loan whereby the broker loans money to its client to allow the client to purchase more securities than could otherwise be purchased with the amount of money the client has available in the account. The interest-bearing loan in the account is collateralized by the securities and cash in the account. Because LBS is PSC’s carrying broker, any margin loans provided through a PSC account were in fact provided by LBS.

² Joe Thomson was the CEO and is a director of FHH.

invest in a basket of high-yield bonds, the interest and gains on which were intended to be used to pay management fees to PSC and dividends to holders of the preference shares, as well as to fund other business ventures. As at the date of the Appointment Order, FHH was indebted to LBS in the approximate amount of \$2.8 million on account of margin provided by LBS to FHH.

13. PGPL is a corporation incorporated under the *Canada Business Corporations Act* and is a holding company that owns 100% of the common shares of PFL. PGPL also acts as the general partner for Pace Capital Partners L.P. (“**PCP**”).
14. PCP is a limited partnership. PCP raised money from accredited investors and invested the proceeds in high-yield bonds on margin through LBS. The majority of investors that subscribed for units of PCP have since redeemed their units. There are five remaining investors in and limited securities owned by PCP. PCP is indebted to LBS in the approximate amount of \$75,000 on account of margin provided by LBS to PCP. PSC provided brokerage, investment and business management services to PCP.
15. On May 14, 2020, EYI was appointed as Liquidator of the estate and effects of the Companies. Pursuant to the Appointment Order, all of the Companies’ employees were terminated.
16. On May 21, 2020, a Hearing Panel of IIROC issued an order, among other things, suspending PSC’s membership in IIROC and ordering that PSC immediately cease dealing with the public.
17. Also, on May 21, 2020, MNP Ltd. (“**MNP**”) was appointed, pursuant to an order of this Court, as liquidator of the estate and effects of, among other entities, FHH (the “**FHH Liquidator**”).³
18. On June 5, 2020 the OSC suspended PSC’s investment fund manager registration.

³ This proceeding and the FHH liquidation proceeding are referred to herein collectively as the “**Liquidation Proceedings**”. The Liquidator and the FHH Liquidator are referred to herein collectively as the “**Court Appointed Liquidators**”.

ACTIVITIES OF THE LIQUIDATOR

Overview

19. Since its appointment, the Liquidator has taken the following actions, *inter alia*, pursuant to its mandate under the Appointment Order:
- a) advised the Companies and their employees of the appointment of the Liquidator and its impact on the Companies' operations, and of the termination of their employment;
 - b) closed the Companies' existing bank accounts, took possession of the remaining cash on hand and opened a new bank account in the name of the Liquidator;
 - c) held several meetings with LBS to discuss the status of client accounts and related matters;
 - d) held preliminary discussions with IIROC and the Financial Services Regulatory Authority ("FSRA") and responded to all regulatory requests;
 - e) reviewed the Company's existing insurance coverage and arranged for the Liquidator to be named as an additional insured and loss payee;
 - f) took possession of the Companies' computers and generally dealt with a number of information technology related issues;
 - g) took possession of the Companies' books and records and reviewed and organized the account opening documentation and subscription agreements for all of the Investor Claimants (defined below);
 - h) began the process to set up an electronic data room containing relevant information obtained from the Companies' computers and email system;
 - i) notified the landlord of the Companies' premises, at Suite 600, 50 Burnhamthorpe Road West, Mississauga, Ontario, of the appointment of the Liquidator, and changed the locks and took possession of the Companies' premises for an interim period of time before vacating the premises in June 2020. Prior to vacating the premises, the

Liquidator arranged for an auctioneer to attend at the premises to view the physical assets at the Companies' premises;

- j) determined that PSC's physical assets located at the Companies' premises were subject to a valid security interest and accordingly released the assets prior to vacating the premises;
- k) negotiated with the landlord of the Companies' premises for the return of a portion of the Companies' security deposit;
- l) redirected the mail from the Companies' leased premises above to the Liquidator;
- m) sent all the required statutory notices to the Superintendent of Bankruptcy and known creditors pursuant to section 243(2)(b)(ii) of the *Bankruptcy Insolvency Act* ("BIA"). The Liquidator continues to provide notices to creditors as they are identified;
- n) assembled all of the information required to file application forms for former employees eligible to receive claims under the *Wage Earner Protection Program Act*, S.C. 2005, c. 47, s. 1 ("WEPPA") and began the process of inputting employees claims under WEPPA;
- o) set up a website for this proceeding (www.ey.com/ca/pacesecurities) and posted the Appointment Order and other court documents: to keep creditors and other stakeholders apprised of the status of the proceeding;
- p) established a toll-free number and general email address for creditors and other interested parties to contact the Liquidator. To date, the Liquidator has received and responded to over 700 calls and over 350 emails from creditors, former employees, PSC clients and other interested parties;
- q) dealt with creditor inquiries relating to the Companies' non-payment of liabilities incurred prior to the Appointment Order;
- r) retained a former employee of the Companies to assist the Liquidator with the wind down process;

- s) provided updates to representatives of Pace Savings & Credit Union Ltd. (“**Pace Credit Union**”) with respect to the status of the Liquidation proceeding;
- t) communicated with the remaining investors of PCP to determine next steps with respect to the outstanding margin debit and remaining assets;
- u) filed interim reports on the Companies as of November 16, 2020 with the Superintendent of Bankruptcy pursuant to section 246(2) of the BIA;
- v) provided information to Representative Counsel pursuant to the Order dated August 6, 2020;
- w) requested new HST accounts be opened in the name of the Liquidator;
- x) collected HST refunds and filed all monthly statutory returns;
- y) complied with Canada Revenue Agency (“**CRA**”) requests concerning HST and source deduction audits;
- z) arranged for the completion and filing of PSC’s corporate tax return for 2019;
- aa) continued to pay for post-filing goods and services in the normal course; and
- bb) maintained a statement of receipts and disbursements and an accounting of the ongoing disbursements and general banking responsibilities. Attached as **Appendix “B”** is the Liquidator’s Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the period from May 14, 2020 to February 2, 2021.

Transfer of Accounts

20. As initially discussed in the First Report of the Liquidator dated June 16, 2020 (the “**First Report**”), PSC managed approximately 2,000 active registered and non-registered accounts for about 1,200 clients. Nearly half of active PSC customer accounts held at LBS (registered and non-registered) contained as investments, among other things, private company preference shares of either PFL, FHH or both, as well as FHH warrants.

21. Pursuant to the Order dated June 19, 2020 (the “**Share Transfer Order**”), the preference shares and/or warrants of PFL and FHH were transferred out of the client accounts to the Liquidator, who is holding them on behalf of the clients until the affairs of PFL and FHH are wound up. Approximately 10 clients requested that the certificates for the preference shares and/or warrants of PFL and FHH be sent to them, and as authorized by the Share Transfer Order, the Liquidator complied with their request.
22. Once the transfer of PFL and FHH preference shares and/or warrants was completed, the number of transfers of PSC customer accounts to new investment dealers increased considerably.
23. As of December 11, 2020, there were approximately 200 PSC accounts remaining with LBS that relate to 150 clients. Of these accounts,
 - a) approximately 115 accounts contain investments still to be transferred;
 - b) approximately 55 registered accounts contain only cash still to be transferred; and
 - c) approximately 30 non-registered accounts contain only cash still to be transferred or paid out to the client.
24. After sending notices on June 22 and August 18, 2020, the Liquidator sent a further notice on December 21, 2020 to customers who had not yet initiated a transfer request indicating that if they did not initiate transfers by the end of 2020, their accounts will be formally transferred to LBS or Laurentian Bank Discount Brokerage in January 2021. This formal transfer process is taking longer than expected and is still ongoing.

Sale of Investments

25. As initially discussed in the First Report, based on discussions with LBS and a review of the PSC, PFL and PCP account statements, it appears that the investments in these entities consist almost entirely of debt instruments (bonds) that have limited or no immediately realizable value. Some of the companies whose bonds these entities hold have either just completed, or are in the process of completing, a financial restructuring, and/or their bonds

are no longer trading. The bonds that have some liquidity are trading at a significant discount to face value and may take a considerable period of time to liquidate.

26. The Liquidator has approached the remaining limited partners in PCP to allow them to find a general partner to replace PGPL or to acquire the underlying investments held in PCP. While none have shown interest in finding a replacement general partner, the Liquidator is in discussions with one of these limited partners regarding a purchase of the remaining investments held in PCP.
27. The Liquidator has consulted (and continues to consult) with analysts at LBS and other various financial institutions who are familiar with the bond market. While the market for certain of the remaining bonds remains generally illiquid, the Liquidator continues to monitor the market for opportunities to liquidate the investments of PSC, PFL and PCP. As authorized by the Appointment Order, the Liquidator plans to liquidate these investments as opportunities arise based upon information from third party consultants.

PROPOSED PROCEDURE ORDER

28. As initially discussed in the Second Report of the Liquidator dated July 31, 2020 (the **“Second Report”**), EYI has been made aware of claims and/or potential claims by holders of PFL and FHH preference shares and warrants (collectively referred to herein as the **“Investor Claimants”**) against various parties including the Companies, FHH, Pace Credit Union, and their respective directors and officers (collectively, the **“Potential Defendants”**).
29. On August 6, 2020, Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein LLP (**“Paliare Roland”**) was appointed by Order of Justice Hainey (the **“Representative Counsel Order”**) as Representative Counsel to, among other things, advance the interests of the Investor Claimants in this proceeding and the liquidation proceeding in respect of FHH.
30. The Representative Counsel Order also granted Pace Credit Union the exclusive authority, until October 15, 2020, to seek, design and present a settlement and/or settlement package in respect of direct and indirect certain claims against Pace Credit Union, to Representative

Counsel and the Court Appointed Liquidators (the “**Exclusivity Period**”). By the consent of Representative Counsel and the Court Appointed Liquidators, the Exclusivity Period was extended until October 30, 2020.

31. As of the end of the Exclusivity Period, no settlement offer or package was delivered to Representative Counsel and the Court Appointed Liquidators.
32. On or about November 20, 2020, FSRA announced that as a result of the resignation of several directors and officers of Pace Credit Union, FSRA was resuming oversight of the day-to-day operations of Pace Credit Union pursuant to a previously issued administration order.
33. During and after the Exclusivity Period, communications continued between Representative Counsel, counsel for Pace Credit Union, FSRA, EYI, and the FHH Liquidator with respect to, among other things, a process for the resolution of the Investor Claimants’ claims.
34. The Proposed Procedure Order provides the framework for a process for resolving the claims of the Investor Claimants, summarized as follows:⁴

Mediation

The Mediator is to be appointed as an officer of the Court to attempt to facilitate the resolution of the Preferred Shareholder Claims and any Related Claims. The Mediator’s primary objective is to achieve a comprehensive settlement of all Preferred Shareholder Claims and Related Claims, but where the Mediator is satisfied that attainment of that objective is not possible, the Mediator may seek to facilitate partial settlements, and/or seek to obtain agreement with respect to the Claims Adjudication Process.

The Mediator shall consult with each of Representative Counsel, the Court Appointed Liquidators, Pace Credit Union and every other Interested Party, and shall thereafter establish and implement the Mediation Process

⁴ All capitalized terms not defined in this Report are used as defined in the Proposed Procedure Order.

No later than 20 days after the making of the Order, Representative Counsel shall deliver a Claims Brief to the Mediator, the Court Appointed Liquidators, Pace Credit Union, OSC, FSRA, and to every Interested Party who was served with the Representative Counsel's motion record. The Claims Brief shall contain unissued pleadings on behalf of the Investor Claimants, describing, so far as possible having regard to the information available to them at the time of its preparation, the Preferred Shareholder Claims, including, without limitation, the amount of the claims, the individuals against whom the claims are asserted, a concise statement of the material facts alleged in support of the claims and the cause of action advanced, and any relevant point or conclusion of law, and Representative Counsel may, in its discretion, include in the Claims Brief such evidence as it determines may be helpful to the resolution of the Preferred Shareholder Claims. (A draft of the Investor Claimants' claim was delivered by Representative Counsel, in confidence and without prejudice, on January 31, 2021.)

The Mediation Start Date shall be the date that is designated by the Mediator, no less than 30 days and no more than 60 days following the date of the delivery of the Claims Brief by Representative Counsel.

Claims Adjudication

The Claims Adjudication Start Date shall be the date that is the earlier of (i) the date so designated by the Mediator, and (ii) the date that is 6 months from the Mediation Start Date or such later date as Representative Counsel, Pace Credit Union and the Court Appointed Liquidators may jointly agree.

On the first available date following the Claims Adjudication Start Date, the Court Appointed Liquidators shall bring a motion to this Court for an order establishing the Claims Adjudication Process in respect of all Preferred Shareholder Claims and any Related Claims that remain unresolved at that time.

The Claims Adjudication Process means the expedited and simplified process to be determined by this Court following the Claims Adjudication Start Date after hearing submissions from the Court Appointed Liquidators and Interested Parties and receiving

any recommendation from the Mediator, which process will feature fixed trial dates and which is intended to result in the adjudication of any outstanding Preferred Shareholder Claims and Related Claims by no later than 6 months after the Claims Adjudication Start Date.

Role of the Court Appointed Liquidators

The Court Appointed Liquidators shall have a facilitative role to play in respect of preparation of the Claims Brief, the Mediation Process, and Claims Adjudication Process, including, without limitation, through the production of non-privileged documents and other relevant information to Representative Counsel, to Pace Credit Union, and to Interested Parties for those purposes.

Other

Any Interested Party that was not served with a draft of the Proposed Procedure Order before it was made may move to vary or set aside the Proposed Procedure Order as it applies to that Interested Party on not less than 7 days' notice to Representative Counsel, Pace Credit Union, and the Court Appointed Liquidators, provided that notice of their motion to vary or set aside shall be given no later than 10 days after delivery to them of the Claims Brief, Responding Brief or other notice that they are an Interested Party.

35. EYI supports the process as set out in the Proposed Procedure Order for the following reasons:
 - a) the Investor Claimants are a vulnerable and disparate group of individuals, including seniors, that would benefit from an efficient and timely claim resolution process;
 - b) it will allow for the engagement of all stakeholders in a fair and meaningful manner; and
 - c) the proposed process would be streamlined in such a way that would reduce the administrative burden associated with a more cumbersome and time-consuming

approach while also maintaining a process under the exclusive jurisdiction of this Court.

MOTIONS BY 7903197 CANADA INC.

36. 7903197 Canada Inc. (“**790**”), one of the limited partners in PCP, has brought motions seeking orders amending the Representative Counsel Orders in both Liquidation Proceedings to include its purchase of PCP Series A Limited Partnership Units within the definition of “Preference Shares” contained in Schedule A of such orders and for such inclusion to be as effective as if it had been contained within the original Representative Counsel Orders.
37. As set out in paragraph 14 above, there are five remaining limited partners in PCP. Two of the remaining limited partners are related to former officers or directors of PSC. To the best of the Liquidator’s knowledge, 790 and the other two limited partners are not related to, and transacted at arm’s length from, PSC and its officers and directors (the “**Unrelated Limited Partners**”).
38. The Liquidator is not currently aware of any basis for distinguishing the Unrelated Limited Partners’ purchase of their interests in PCP from the purchase by the Investor Claimants (as defined under the Representative Counsel Orders in both Liquidation Proceedings) of their Preference Shares.

RECOMMENDATIONS

39. For the reasons enumerated above, the Liquidator recommends the approval of the process for resolving the claims of the Investor Claimants, as set out in the Proposed Procedure Order, and provided that Paliare Roland agrees, the Liquidator does not oppose the relief sought in the motions by 790 and the extension of such relief to the other Unrelated Limited Partners.

All of which is respectfully submitted this 3rd day of February, 2021.

ERNST & YOUNG INC.,

Solely in its capacity as Liquidator of
Pace Securities Corp., Pace Financial Limited,
Pace Insurance Brokers Limited, and Pace General Partner Limited
and not in its personal or corporate capacity

Per:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey D. Kerbel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeffrey" and last name "Kerbel" clearly distinguishable.

Jeffrey D. Kerbel
Senior Vice-President

TAB A

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THE HONOURABLE MR.

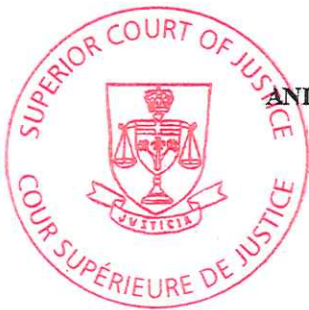
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WEDNESDAY, THE 14th DAY

JUSTICE HAINEY

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OF MAY, 2020



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AND IN THE MATTER OF A WINDING UP OF
PACE SECURITIES CORP., PACE FINANCIAL LIMITED,
PACE INSURANCE BROKERS LIMITED AND
PACE GENERAL PARTNER LIMITED

WINDING-UP ORDER

THIS APPLICATION, made by Pace Securities Corp. ("PSC"), Pace Financial Limited ("PFL"), Pace Insurance Brokers Limited ("PIB"), Pace General Partner Limited ("PGPL", together with PSC, PFL and PIB, the "**Companies**"), pursuant to section 207 of the *Business Corporations Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. B.16, as amended (the "**OBCA**") and section 214 of the *Canada Business Corporations Act*, RSC 1985, c. C-44 (the "**CBCA**"), for an Order, among other things, winding up each of the Companies, was heard this day at 330 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

ON READING the Affidavit of Mitch Vininsky affirmed on May 14, 2020, and on hearing the submissions of counsel for the Companies,

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.

APPLICATION

2. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that that each of the Companies shall be wound up pursuant to section 207 of the OBCA and section 214 of the CBCA with effect as of the date of this Order.

NO PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE COMPANIES OR THEIR PROPERTY

3. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that from the date of this Order until further order of this Court (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 the Companies, any of its subsidiaries or affiliates, or the Liquidator, or affecting any of the Companies' current or future assets, undertakings or properties of every nature and kind whatsoever, and wherever situate, including all proceeds thereof, and for greater certainty, including all funds on deposit with Laurentian Bank Securities and all customer accounts (collectively, the "**Property**"), except with the written consent of the Liquidator, or with leave of this Court, and any and all Proceedings currently under way against or in respect of or affecting the Property are hereby stayed and suspended pending further order of this Court.

NO EXERCISE OF RIGHTS OR REMEDIES

4. **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 the Companies or the Liquidator, or affecting the Property, including rights of set-off, are hereby stayed and suspended except with the written consent of the Liquidator, or leave of this Court, provided that nothing in this Order shall: (i) empower the Liquidator to carry on any business which the Companies are not lawfully entitled to carry on; (ii) exempt the Liquidator from compliance with statutory or regulatory provisions relating to health, safety or the environment;

- (iii) prevent the filing of any registration to preserve or re-perfect an existing security interest; or
- (iv) prevent the registration of a claim for lien.

NO INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS

5. **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, lease, sub-lease, licence or permit in favour of or held by the Companies, except with the written consent of the Liquidator, or leave of this Court.

CONTINUATION OF SERVICES

6. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that during the Stay Period, all Persons having oral or written agreements with the Companies 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, payroll services, insurance, employee benefits, transportation services, utility, leasing or other services to the Companies, are hereby restrained until further order of this Court from discontinuing, altering, interfering with or terminating the supply of such goods or services as may be required by the Liquidator, and that the Liquidator shall be entitled to the continued use of the Companies' current premises, telephone numbers, facsimile numbers, internet addresses 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 the Liquidator in accordance with normal payment practices of the Companies or such other practices as may be agreed upon by the supplier or service provider and the Liquidator, or as may be ordered by this Court.

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

7. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that during the Stay Period, no Proceeding may be commenced or continued against any of the former, current or future directors or officers of the Companies with respect to any claim against the directors or officers that arose before the date hereof and that relates to any obligations of the Companies whereby the directors or officers are alleged under any law to be liable in their capacity as directors or officers of the Companies, except with the written consent of the Liquidator or leave of this Court.

THE LIQUIDATOR

8. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that Ernst & Young Inc. is hereby appointed pursuant to section 210 of the OBCA and section 217(b) of the CBCA as liquidator (in such capacity, the "**Liquidator**") of the estate and effects of the Companies for the purpose of winding up their business and affairs and distributing their Property, and the Companies' officers, directors, employees, consultants, agents, experts, accountants, counsel and such other persons currently retained or employed by it shall co-operate fully with the Liquidator in the exercise of its powers and discharge of its obligations and provide the Liquidator with the assistance that is necessary to enable the Liquidator to adequately carry out the its functions.

9. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Liquidator is expressly empowered and authorized, but not obligated, to do any of the following:

- (a) take possession of and exercise control over the Property and any and all proceeds, receipts and disbursements arising out of or from the Property;
- (b) deposit all money belonging to the Companies in any bank of Canada listed in Schedule I or II to the *Bank Act (Canada)* or in any trust corporation or loan corporation that is registered under the *Loan and Trust Corporations Act* or in any other depository approved by the Court, which deposits shall not be made in the name of the Liquidator individually, but shall be separate deposit accounts in the Liquidator's name as Liquidator of the Companies;
- (c) carry on the business of the Companies so far as may be required as beneficial for the winding up of the Companies;
- (d) sell any of the Property by public auction or private sale or, where applicable, through a stock exchange, and receive payment of the purchase price either in cash or otherwise;
- (e) enter into one or more agreements for the transfer of the Companies' client accounts to other investment dealers on such terms as the Liquidator may in its discretion deem appropriate;

- (f) take such steps with respect to accounts of deferred customers (as that term is defined in the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* (the "BIA")) as the Liquidator may in its discretion deem appropriate;
- (g) engage consultants, appraisers, agents, experts, auditors, accountants, managers, counsel and such other persons from time to time and on whatever basis, including on a temporary basis, to assist with the exercise of the Liquidator's powers and duties, including engaging the services of a broker to effect the sale of securities held by the Companies;
- (h) do all acts and execute, in the name and on behalf of the Companies, all documents, and for that purpose use the seal of the Companies, if any;
- (i) draw, accept, make and endorse any bill of exchange or promissory note in the name and on behalf of the Companies;
- (j) make such compromise or other arrangement as the Liquidator thinks expedient with any creditor or person claiming to be a creditor or having or alleging that he, she or it has a Claim whereby the Companies may be rendered liable;
- (k) compromise all debts and liabilities capable of resulting in debts, and all claims, whether present or future, certain or contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, subsisting or supposed to subsist between the Companies and any contributory, alleged contributory or other debtor or person who may be liable to the Companies and all questions in any way relating to or affecting the Property, or the winding up of the Companies, upon the receipt of such sums payable at such times and generally upon such terms as are agreed, and the Liquidator may take any security for the discharge of such debts or liabilities and give a complete discharge in respect thereof;
- (l) disclaim any leases entered into by the Companies;
- (m) cause to be filed with the appropriate governmental authority all tax returns required to be filed by the Companies, their subsidiaries and, if necessary, any

trusts or special purpose entities for which the Companies continue to have responsibility;

- (n) remit all taxes required to be remitted by the Companies in accordance with all applicable statutes;
- (o) obtain any all applicable clearance certificates from governmental authorities;
- (p) cause to be filed with the appropriate governmental authority all financial statements and reports required to be filed by the Companies;
- (q) establish and implement a claims process in respect of any or all of the Companies;
- (r) in respect of each of the Companies, pay or otherwise satisfy all claims from the Property thereof if there are sufficient funds to do so, and after satisfying all such claims, distribute the remaining Property or proceeds thereof (if any) rateably among the registered shareholders thereof according to their rights and interests;
- (s) bring or defend any action, suit or prosecution, or other legal proceedings, civil or criminal, in the name and on behalf of the Companies;
- (t) at any time after the affairs of any of the Companies have been fully wound up, make an application to the Court for an order dissolving any or all of the Companies;
- (u) wind up or dissolve all wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Companies; and
- (v) do and execute all such other things as are necessary for winding up the business and affairs of the Companies and distributing the Property.

10. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Liquidator shall provide any creditor or shareholder of the Companies with information provided by the Companies in response to reasonable requests for information made in writing by such creditor or shareholder addressed to the Liquidator or its legal counsel. The Liquidator 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 Liquidator has been advised by the Companies is confidential or otherwise material, non-public information, the Liquidator shall not provide such information to creditors or shareholders unless otherwise directed by this Court, or on such terms as the Liquidator may agree.

11. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, in addition to the rights and protections afforded the Liquidator under the OBCA and the CBCA, the Liquidator 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 Liquidator by the OBCA or any applicable legislation.

12. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Liquidator and counsel to the Liquidator shall be paid their reasonable fees and disbursements incurred both before and after the making of this Order, in each case at their standard rates and charges, that the Liquidator and counsel to the Liquidator shall be entitled to and are hereby granted a charge (the "**Administration Charge**") on the Property, as security for such fees and disbursements, and that the Administration Charge shall form a first charge on the Property in priority to all security interests, trusts, liens, charges and encumbrances, statutory or otherwise (collectively, "**Encumbrances**"), in favour of any Person.

13. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Liquidator and its legal counsel shall pass their accounts from time to time, and for this purpose the accounts of the Liquidator and its legal counsel are hereby referred to a judge of the Commercial List of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.

14. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that prior to the passing of their accounts, the Liquidator shall be at liberty from time to time to apply reasonable amounts, out of the monies in its hands, against its fees and disbursements, including legal fees and disbursements, and such amounts shall constitute advances against its remuneration and disbursements when and as approved by this Court.

15. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the filing, registration or perfection of the Administration Charge shall not be required, and that the Administration Charge shall be valid and enforceable for all purposes, including as against any right, title or interest filed, registered, recorded or

perfected subsequent to the Administration Charge coming into existence, notwithstanding any such failure to file, register, record or perfect.

16. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Administration Charge shall not be rendered invalid or unenforceable and the rights and remedies of the chargees entitled to the benefit of the Administration Charge shall not otherwise be limited or impaired in any way by: (a) the pendency of these proceedings; (b) any application(s) for bankruptcy order(s) issued pursuant to the 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 or otherwise; (d) the provisions of any federal or provincial 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 Companies, and notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in any Agreement:

- (a) the creation of the Administration Charge shall not create or be deemed to constitute a breach by the Companies of any Agreement to which it is 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 creation of the Administration Charge; and
- (c) the payments made by the Companies pursuant to this Order and the granting of the Administration Charge do not and will not constitute preferences, fraudulent conveyances, transfers at undervalue, oppressive conduct, or other challengeable, reviewable, void or voidable transactions under any applicable law.

FUNDING OF THE LIQUIDATION

17. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Liquidator be at liberty and it is hereby empowered to borrow by way of a revolving credit or otherwise, such monies from time to time as it may consider necessary or desirable, provided that the outstanding principal amount does not exceed \$250,000 (or such greater amount as this Court may by further Order authorize) at any time, at such rate or rates of interest as it deems advisable for such period or periods of time as it may

arrange, for the purpose of funding the exercise of the powers and duties conferred upon the Liquidator by this Order, including interim expenditures. The whole of the Property shall be and is hereby charged by way of a fixed and specific charge (the "**Liquidator's Borrowings Charge**") as security for the payment of the monies borrowed, together with interest and charges thereon, in priority to all security interests, trusts, liens, charges and encumbrances, statutory or otherwise, in favour of any Person, but subordinate in priority to the Administration Charge.

18. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that neither the Liquidator's Borrowings Charge nor any other security granted by the Liquidator in connection with its borrowings under this Order shall be enforced without leave of this Court.

19. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Liquidator is at liberty and authorized to issue certificates substantially in the form annexed as **Schedule "A"** hereto (the "**Liquidator's Certificates**") for any amount borrowed by it pursuant to this Order.

20. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the monies from time to time borrowed by the Liquidator pursuant to this Order or any further order of this Court and any and all Liquidator's Certificates evidencing the same or any part thereof shall rank on a *pari passu* basis, unless otherwise agreed to by the holders of any prior issued Liquidator's Certificates.

EMPLOYEES

21. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that all employees of the Companies shall be deemed terminated as of the date of this Order. The Liquidator shall not be liable for any employee-related liabilities other than such amounts as the Liquidator may specifically agree in writing to pay.

PIPEDA

22. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, pursuant to clause 7(3)(c) of the Canada *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act*, the Liquidator shall disclose personal information of identifiable individuals to prospective purchasers or bidders for the Property and to their advisors, but only to the extent desirable or required to negotiate and attempt to complete one or more sales of the Property (each, a "**Sale**"). Each prospective purchaser or bidder to

whom such personal information is disclosed shall maintain and protect the privacy of such information and limit the use of such information to its evaluation of the Sale, and if it does not complete a Sale, shall return all such information to the Liquidator, or in the alternative destroy all such information. The purchaser of any Property shall be entitled to continue to use the personal information provided to it, and related to the Property purchased, in a manner which is in all material respects identical to the prior use of such information by the Debtor, and shall return all other personal information to the Liquidator, or ensure that all other personal information is destroyed.

SERVICE AND NOTICE

23. 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: www.ey.com/ca/pacesecurities.

24. THIS COURT ORDERS that if the service or distribution of documents in accordance with the Protocol is not practicable, the Liquidator is 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 interested parties at their respective addresses as last shown on the records of the Companies 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.

GENERAL

25. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that Liquidator may from time to time apply to this Court for advice and directions in the discharge of its powers and duties under this Order.

26. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that nothing in this Order shall prevent the Liquidator from acting as a trustee in bankruptcy of the Companies.

27. **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 Liquidator and its 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 Liquidator, as an officer of this Court, as may be necessary or desirable to give effect to this Order, to grant representative status to the Liquidator in any foreign proceeding, or to assist the Liquidator and its respective agents in carrying out the terms of this Order.

28. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Liquidator be at liberty and is 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 Liquidator 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.

29. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that any interested party (including the Liquidator) 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.

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

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MAY 15 2020

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PER / PAR: 

SCHEDULE "A"

LIQUIDATOR'S CERTIFICATE

CERTIFICATE NO. _____

AMOUNT \$ _____

1. THIS IS TO CERTIFY that Ernst & Young Inc., the liquidator (the "**Liquidator**") of the assets, undertakings and properties of by Pace Securities Corp., Pace Financial Limited and Pace General Partner Limited (collectively, the "**Companies**"), including all proceeds thereof (collectively, the "**Property**") appointed by Order of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) (the "**Court**") dated the 13th day of May, 2020 (the "**Order**") made in an action having Court file number __-CL-_____, has received as such Liquidator from the holder of this certificate (the "**Lender**") the principal sum of \$_____, being part of the total principal sum of \$_____ which the Liquidator is authorized to borrow under and pursuant to the Order.

2. The principal sum evidenced by this certificate is payable on demand by the Lender with interest thereon calculated and compounded [daily][monthly not in advance on the _____ day of each month] after the date hereof at a notional rate per annum equal to the rate of _____ per cent above the prime commercial lending rate of Bank of _____ from time to time.

3. Such principal sum with interest thereon is, by the terms of the Order, together with the principal sums and interest thereon of all other certificates issued by the Liquidator pursuant to the Order or to any further order of the Court, a charge upon the whole of the Property, in priority to the security interests of any other person, but subject to the priority of the charges set out in the Order, and the right of the Liquidator to indemnify itself out of such Property in respect of its remuneration and expenses.

4. All sums payable in respect of principal and interest under this certificate are payable at the main office of the Lender at Toronto, Ontario.

5. Until all liability in respect of this certificate has been terminated, no certificates creating charges ranking or purporting to rank in priority to this certificate shall be issued by the

Liquidator to any person other than the holder of this certificate without the prior written consent of the holder of this certificate.

6. The charge securing this certificate shall operate so as to permit the Liquidator to deal with the Property as authorized by the Order and as authorized by any further or other order of the Court.

7. The Liquidator does not undertake, and it is not under any personal liability, to pay any sum in respect of which it may issue certificates under the terms of the Order.

DATED the ____ day of _____, 20__.

**ERNST & YOUNG INC., solely in its
capacity as Liquidator of the Property, and
not in its personal capacity**

Per: _____
Name:
Title:

IN THE MATTER OF A WINDING UP OF
PACE SECURITIES CORP., PACE FINANCIAL LIMITED, AND
PACE GENERAL PARTNER LIMITED .

Court File No. **CV-20-641059-0006**

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TAB B

ERNST & YOUNG INC.
Liquidator of Pace Securities Corp., Pace Financial Limited,
Pace Insurance Brokers Limited & Pace General Partner Limited
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD May 14, 2020 TO February 2, 2021

Receipts:

Balance of Funds from Company Accounts	\$ 490,609.70
Interest on Bonds from LBS	396,011.17
Refund from Landlord	85,000.00
HST Refunds	68,138.33
PIBL - Cash on Hand	13,700.67
Miscellaneous Refunds	2,379.25
Interest Earned	525.73
HST Refund Interest	<u>104.30</u>

Total Receipts \$ 1,056,469.15

Disbursements:

Liquidator Fees and Disbursements	\$ 678,690.10
Legal Fees and Disbursements	144,966.63
HST Paid	108,243.73
Insurance	9,180.00
Monthly Service Provider	9,000.00
Contractor Services	5,671.88
Non - Resident Tax	377.43
Registration Fees	286.16
Bank Charges	86.00
OBCA Fees	75.00
Advertising	<u>75.00</u>

Total Disbursements \$ 956,651.93

Excess Receipts over Disbursements \$ 99,817.22