

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

THE HONOURABLE
JUSTICE KOEHNEN

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TUESDAY, THE
2nd DAY OF MARCH, 2021

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

AND 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

ORDER

(Procedure for the Resolution of Investor Claims)

THIS MOTION made by Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein LLP in its capacity as representative counsel for the Investor Claimants (“**Representative Counsel**”) for an order establishing a process for the resolution of claims of Investor Claimants in respect of their acquisition of the preferred shares of PACE Financial Limited and First Hamilton Holdings Inc. (together, with the claims of 7903197 Canada Inc. in respect of its purchase of Pace Capital Partners Series A Limited Partnership Units, the “**Preferred Shareholder Claims**”), was heard this day via Zoom conference at Toronto, Ontario.

ON READING the motion record of the moving party, the Court Appointed Liquidator’s Third Report, the consent of Pace Savings & Credit Union Ltd. by its Administrator, Financial Services Regulatory Authority of Ontario (the “**Credit Union**”),

and on hearing the submissions of counsel for the moving party, the Credit Union, and the Court Appointed Liquidators, and certain potential defendants to the Preferred Shareholder Claims, no one else appearing,

1. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the timing and method of service and filing of this motion is hereby abridged and validated such that the motion is properly returnable today and hereby dispenses with further service thereof.
2. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that in this order the capitalized terms below shall have the indicated meanings, and that capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this order shall have the meaning given to them in the Representative Counsel Order:
 - a. **"Claims Adjudication Process"** means the expedited process to be determined by this Court following the Claims Adjudication Start Date after receiving any evidence and hearing submissions from the Representative Counsel, the Court Appointed Liquidators and Interested Parties and receiving any recommendation from the Mediator, which process will feature documentary and oral discoveries, as appropriate, and 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 9 months after the Claims Adjudication Start Date, subject to paragraphs 4, 7(g) , any order made pursuant to paragraph 11 below and the further order of this Court.
 - b. **"Claims Adjudication Start Date"** means 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, the Interested Parties and the Court Appointed Liquidators may jointly agree.
 - c. **"Claims Brief"** means a briefing book prepared by Representative Counsel containing 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;

- d. **“Court Appointed Liquidators”** means the PSC Liquidator together with the FHH Liquidator or either of them, as the context requires;
- e. **“Document”** means anything within the scope of Rule 30.01 of the Ontario *Rules of Civil Procedure*;
- f. **“FHH Liquidator”** means MNP Ltd. in its capacity as court appointed liquidator of First Hamilton Holdings Inc., First Hamilton Financial Services Inc., First Hamilton Capital Inc., First Hamilton General Partner 2 Inc. and First Hamilton Mortgage Brokers Inc.;
- g. **“FSRA”** means the Financial Services Regulatory Authority of Ontario;
- h. **“Interested Party”** means every person against whom a Preferred Shareholder Claim is asserted in the Claims Brief or who is named in a Responding Brief for the purposes of a Related Claim, and such other persons whom the Mediator may, in his discretion, identify, provided, for the avoidance of doubt, that the Investor Claimants, Representative Counsel, the Court Appointed Liquidators, and FSRA are not an Interested Party for the purposes of this order without further leave of this Court.
- i. **“Mediation Process”** means the process established by the Mediator for the purpose of facilitating the resolution of the Preferred Shareholder Claims;

- j. **“Mediation Start Date”** means 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 to the Mediator by Representative Counsel pursuant to this order;
 - k. **“Mediator”** means Mr. Joel Wiesenfeld;
 - l. **“PSC Liquidator”** means Ernst & Young Inc. in its capacity as court appointed liquidator of Pace Securities Corp., Pace Financial Limited, Pace Insurance Brokers Limited and Pace General Partner Limited;
 - m. **“Related Claim”** means any claim identified in a Responding Brief;
 - n. **“Representative Counsel Order”** means the order made in these proceedings dated August 6, 2020, appointing representative counsel for the Investor Claimants; and,
 - o. **“Responding Brief”** means a briefing book prepared by an Interested Party describing, so far as possible having regard to the information available to them at the time of its preparation, the Interested Party’s defences, counter-claims, cross-claims and third party claims, including, without limitation, the amount of any claims, the Interested Parties against whom the claims are asserted, a concise statement of the material facts alleged in support of the defences and claims, and any relevant point or conclusion of law, and an Interested Party may, in its discretion, include in the Responding Brief such evidence as it determines may be helpful to the resolution of the Preferred Shareholder Claims or Related Claims identified in any Responding Brief.
3. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Mediator is hereby appointed to attempt to facilitate the resolution of the Preferred Shareholder Claims and any Related Claims.

4. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Mediator's primary objective is to achieve, if possible, a comprehensive settlement of all Preferred Shareholder Claims and Related Claims, but that where the Mediator is satisfied that attainment of that objective is not possible, the Mediator may seek to facilitate partial settlements, and shall seek to obtain agreement with respect to the Claims Adjudication Process, and the participants in the Mediation Process shall work together and with the Mediator, in good faith, to attain these objectives.
5. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that Representative Counsel shall in due course prepare the Claims Brief and, no later than 20 days after the making of this Order, shall deliver a copy of this order and the Claims Brief to the Mediator, the Court Appointed Liquidators, FSRA, and to every Interested Party, with a covering letter specifically directing their attention to the mandatory obligations created by paragraphs 15 and 16 of this order, as follows: where they have filed a Notice of Appearance or are otherwise on the Service List in these proceedings, by email to the recipient's counsel of record or to the recipient if they are self-represented; where they have not filed a Notice of Appearance and are not on the Service List in these proceedings, , to the last known email address that is recorded in records of the Court Appointed Liquidators, provided that the Liquidators do not have reason to believe that the email address is no longer active; where they have not filed a Notice of Appearance and are not on the Service List in these proceedings, and where there is no known active email address, by regular mail to the last known municipal mailing address of the recipient that is recorded in records of the Court Appointed Liquidators; or, as this Court may otherwise direct.
6. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that following the Mediator's review of the Claims Brief, the Mediator shall consult with each of Representative Counsel, the Court Appointed Liquidators, and every other Interested Party, and shall thereafter establish and implement the Mediation Process, provided that the Mediation Process shall not commence before the Mediation Start Date.

7. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, for the purpose of determining and implementing the Mediation Process, the Mediator is hereby empowered to do all such things as the Mediator believes would be helpful to the resolution of the Preferred Shareholder Claims and Related Claims, including, without limitation:
- a. requiring Interested Parties to participate in the Mediation;
 - b. requiring the delivery of Responding Briefs;
 - c. requiring the production of any insurance policies that may respond to the claims at issue and the amount and status of coverage under the policy;
 - d. facilitating agreement of the participants in the Mediation Process on a document production protocol, including a timely and efficient process to resolve any disputed assertions of privilege in respect of any Documents, and, if necessary, compelling the production of Documents from participants in the Mediation Process, including the Investor Claimants, provided that the production of Documents at the direction of the Mediator is without prejudice to the producing party's right to seek a ruling of the court in any civil proceeding as to the relevance and/or privileged nature of any such Documents produced and any attendant or other relief associated with any such ruling;
 - e. meeting with Representative Counsel, the Court Appointed Liquidators, the Interested Parties, and FSRA, either privately or in groups;
 - f. imposing obligations as to the confidentiality of information exchanged in respect of the Mediation Process in addition to those obligations set out in this order; and,
 - g. making recommendations to this Court in respect of the Claims Adjudication Process, but such recommendations shall not be binding on this Court.
8. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Mediator may apply to this Court on notice to the Representative Counsel, any Interested Parties, the Court Appointed

Liquidators, and FSRA for advice and direction as he determines is necessary from time to time.

9. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Mediator's costs shall be paid by the Interested Parties in the proportions to be agreed by them in consultation with the Mediator, and, in the absence of agreement, the Mediator shall apportion the costs as he thinks fair and reasonable having regard to the issues raised in such consultation, provided that the Mediator's total costs apportioned in this way shall not exceed \$100,000. If the Mediator's total costs are estimated to exceed \$100,000, the parties to the mediation may agree to an arrangement to pay such costs or terminate the Mediation Process.
10. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Mediator shall not be liable to any party or participant for any act or omission in connection with the Mediation Process and shall have the immunity of a Judge of a Superior Court in Canada.
11. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that following the Claims Adjudication Start Date, the Court Appointed Liquidators or Representative Counsel, as appropriate, shall bring a motion to this Court, on no less than 7 days notice, 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.
12. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, notwithstanding anything else in this order, FSRA shall be entitled, but not required, to participate in the Mediation Process, either in whole or in part, for the purpose of observing and facilitating the Mediation Process; for greater certainty, FSRA shall not be an Interested Party within the meaning of this order without leave of this Court.
13. **THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES** that, subject to any direction of the Mediator or further order of this Court, the Court Appointed Liquidators have a facilitative role to play in respect of preparation of the Claims Brief, the preparation of the Responding Briefs, the Mediation Process, and the Claims

Adjudication Process, including, without limitation, through the production of non-privileged Documents and other relevant information to Representative Counsel and to the Interested Parties in accordance with the terms of the Document production protocol established pursuant to paragraph 7(d), above, and, accordingly, the Court Appointed Liquidators, acting in consultation with the Mediator and subject to such terms as to costs or otherwise as the Court Appointed Liquidators may in their discretion require, are hereby authorized to:

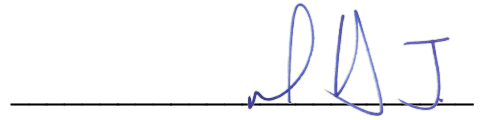
- a. establish one or more electronic data rooms to facilitate the transmission of relevant information to Representative Counsel and Interested Parties;
- b. populate the electronic data rooms with such non-privileged Documents and information as determined to be relevant pursuant to the terms of the Document production protocol established in paragraph 7(d) above;
- c. gather non-privileged information, and produce reports to be shared with Representative Counsel and/or the Interested Parties as the Mediator requests and directs; and,
- d. render such other assistance to the Mediator as he may require,

provided, for greater certainty, that nothing in this paragraph shall detract from any powers or protections granted to the Court Appointed Liquidators by any prior orders of this Court.

14. THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES that the exclusion of the Court Appointed Liquidators from the definition of “Interested Party” and their role pursuant to paragraph 13, above, shall not prejudice a party’s right to bring a Related Claim against Pace Securities Corp., Pace Financial Limited, Pace Insurance Brokers Limited, Pace General Partner Limited, First Hamilton Holdings Inc., First Hamilton Financial Services Inc., First Hamilton Capital Inc., First Hamilton General Partner 2 Inc. and First Hamilton Mortgage Brokers Inc., or any of their directors or officers.

15. **THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES** that the Claims Brief, Responding Briefs and all other briefs, reports and communications exchanged in the course of the Mediation Process shall have the same privileges as pleadings in a Superior Court in Canada for the purpose of any defence to a potential future claim for libel or defamation arising therefrom.
16. **THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES** that the Claims Brief, Responding Briefs, all other briefs, reports and communications exchanged as part of the Mediation Process, and the Mediator's notes and records shall be deemed to be without prejudice settlement discussions, and shall not be disclosed to or discussed with this Court or any third parties not participating in the Mediation Process, and shall not be used for any purpose other than the Mediation Process.
17. **THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES** that any and all information or documents, including, but not limited to, briefs, Documents and submissions, which come into FSRA's possession by way of the Mediation Process (the "Mediation Information") shall not be disclosed by FSRA to any other regulatory agency, authority or body, wherever located, whether pursuant to an information sharing protocol, memorandum of understanding, or otherwise, provided that nothing herein prejudices the right of an individual to provide information available to it outside of the Mediation Process to FSRA or any right that FSRA may have to compel the production of information outside of the Mediation Process.
18. **THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES**, for greater certainty, that, notwithstanding the pendency of the Mediation Process but subject to compliance with paragraph 16 of this order, participants in the mediation remain at liberty to seek relief from this court in respect of any matter relevant to these proceedings.
19. **THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES** that an Interested Party that was not provided with notice of the motion giving rise to this order may move to vary or

set aside this Order as it applies to that Interested Party on not less than 7 days notice to Representative Counsel, the Interested Parties, 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.

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