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**ONTARIO
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**NOTICE OF MOTION
(New Excise Duty Security)
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Rothmans, Benson & Hedges Inc. (the “**Applicant**” or “**RBH**”) will make a motion before the Honourable Mr. Justice McEwen of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) on July 11, 2022 at 10:30 a.m., or as soon after that time as the motion can be heard, by Zoom videoconference, the details of which will be circulated to the Service List upon receipt from the Court.

THE MOTION IS FOR an Order substantially in the form attached at Tab 3 of the Applicant’s Motion Record, among other things:

1. abridging and validating the time for service and filing of the Motion Record of the Applicant and the tenth report of Ernst & Young Inc. in its capacity as Monitor of the Applicant (the “**Monitor**”), to be filed (the “**Tenth Report**”);
2. authorizing the Applicant to post collateral, bonds and/or other security as required by the Excise Act Amendments (defined below) of up to \$5 million (the “**New Excise Duty Security**”),

and permitting the New Excise Duty Security to be required, received and/or held notwithstanding any restrictions to the contrary in the Initial Order (defined below); and

3. granting such other relief as this Honourable Court may allow.

THE GROUNDS FOR THE MOTION ARE:

Background

1. On March 22, 2019, the Court granted an initial order pursuant to the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* (Canada) (the "CCAA"). On April 5, 2019, the Court granted an amended and restated initial order, which was further amended and restated by a second amended and restated initial order, dated April 25, 2019 (the "**Initial Order**").

2. Among other things, the Initial Order (i) authorized the Applicant to post Bonding Collateral (as defined therein) in an aggregate amount not exceeding \$31,100,000 in relation to, among other things, federal excise tax requirements imposed in the ordinary course and consistent with past practice; and (ii) restricted taxing authorities from requiring additional bonding or other security in connection with Sales & Excise Taxes (as defined therein).

3. Recently, the Canadian Federal government introduced a new excise duty framework applicable to vaping products manufactured in Canada or imported and intended for use in a vaping device in Canada (the "**Excise Act Amendments**").

4. Among other things, the Excise Act Amendments require manufacturers and importers of vaping products to register for a vaping stamp regime, which requires that all vaping products entering the Canadian duty-paid market be packaged with an excise stamp affixed to the product showing that duties have been paid.

5. The Applicant imports packaged vaping products for the Canadian duty-paid market and must affix vaping excise stamps to all such products imported into Canada on or after October 1, 2022 (the “**Amendment Effective Date**”).
6. There is urgency to obtain the vaping excise stamps and begin applying them in the manufacturing process as soon as possible to prevent delay in having the Applicant’s vaping products packaged with the required stamps and available for sale in Canada by the Amendment Effective Date.
7. The CRA requires the New Excise Duty Security of up to \$5 million as one of the conditions of the vaping excise licence application, which must be approved to obtain the vaping excise stamps. Since this is a new licensing framework for vaping products, failure to comply with the relevant requirements could result in the Applicant being unable to import vaping products into Canada on or after the Effective Date.
8. The Applicant believes that it is appropriate to provide the New Excise Duty Security and seeks authorization to do so promptly.
9. Since the Excise Act Amendments are new, posting the New Excise Duty Security will not be “consistent with past practice” as required by the Initial Order authorization for Bonding Collateral. As a result, the Applicant seeks authorization to post the New Excise Duty Security separate from, and in addition to, the Bonding Collateral permitted in the Initial Order and notwithstanding any restrictions in the Initial Order.
10. The Monitor supports the requested relief.
11. RBH also relies upon the following:

- (a) section 11 and other provisions of the CCAA and the inherent and equitable jurisdiction of this Court;
- (b) section 63 of the Initial Order, which permits the Applicant to from time to time apply to the Court to amend, vary, supplement or replace the Initial Order;
- (c) rules 2.03, 3.02, 16, 37 and 39 of the *Rules of Civil Procedure* (Ontario), as amended; and
- (d) such further and other grounds as counsel may advise and this Honourable Court may permit.

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE will be used at the hearing of the motion:

- (a) the Affidavit of Peter Luongo sworn July 6, 2022;
- (b) the Tenth Report of the Monitor, to be filed; and
- (c) such further and other materials as counsel may advise and this Court may permit.

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Applicant

**AFFIDAVIT OF PETER LUONGO
(Sworn July 6, 2022)**

I, Peter Luongo, of the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario, MAKE OATH
AND SAY:

1. I am the Managing Director of Rothmans, Benson & Hedges Inc. ("**RBH**" or the "**Applicant**"). I have served in this capacity since December 1, 2016. I have been employed with the PMI group, which includes RBH's parent company, Philip Morris International Inc. ("**PMI**") and its affiliates including RBH (the "**PMI Group**"), for over eight years. Throughout this time, I have been employed by PMI Management S.A. Prior to my appointment as Managing Director, I served as Vice President, Treasury and Planning for PMI from June 2013 to November 2016. Prior to my employment with the PMI Group, I was a partner at Centerview Partners, an investment banking advisory firm. In mid-July 2022, Mindaugas Trumpaitis will assume the role of Managing Director of RBH. I will remain a director of RBH at that time.

2. Through my current role as Managing Director of RBH, I am familiar with RBH operations, financial results and strategies and, as such, have personal knowledge of the

matters to which I depose in this affidavit. Where I do not possess personal knowledge, I have stated the source of my knowledge and believe it to be true.

3. I swear this affidavit in support of RBH's motion for an Order substantially in the form attached at Tab 3 of the Applicant's Motion Record, among other things:

- (i) authorizing the Applicant to post collateral, bonds and/or other security as required by the Excise Act Amendments (defined below) of up to \$5 million (the "**New Excise Duty Security**"), and permitting the New Excise Duty Security to be required, received and/or held by the relevant party notwithstanding any restrictions to the contrary in the Initial Order (defined below); and
- (ii) granting such further and other relief as counsel may request.

Background: Initial Order Authorizations & Restrictions Relating to Excise Duty Security

4. On March 22, 2019, the Court granted an initial order pursuant to the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* (Canada) (the "**CCAA**") that, among other things, appointed Ernst & Young Inc. as Monitor (the "**Monitor**"). On April 5, 2019, the Court granted an amended and restated initial order, which was further amended and restated by a second amended and restated initial order, dated April 25, 2019 (the "**Initial Order**"). Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is the Initial Order.

5. In paragraph 11 of the Initial Order, the Court authorized the Applicant to post Bonding Collateral (as defined therein) in an aggregate amount not exceeding \$31,100,000 in relation

to, among other things, federal excise tax requirements imposed in the ordinary course and consistent with past practice, as follows:

11. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Applicant is authorized to post and to continue to have posted cash collateral, letters of credit, performance bonds, payment bonds, guarantees and other forms of security from time to time, in an aggregate amount not exceeding \$31,100,000 (the “**Bonding Collateral**”), to satisfy regulatory or administrative requirements to provide security that have been imposed on it in the ordinary course and consistent with past practice in relation to the collection and remittance of federal excise taxes and customs and import duties and federal, provincial and territorial tobacco taxes, whether the Bonding Collateral is provided directly or indirectly by the Applicant as such security and the Applicant is authorized to post and to continue to have posted cash collateral with Citibank Canada and any other issuers of Bonding Collateral as security therefor.

6. In paragraph 12 of the Initial Order, the Court imposed restrictions on taxing authorities to prevent them from requiring additional bonding or other security in connection with Sales & Excise Taxes, which was defined in the Initial Order to include, among other things, “all other federal excise taxes and customs and import duties and all federal, provincial and territorial tobacco taxes.” Paragraph 12 of the Initial Order provides:

12. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Canadian federal, provincial and territorial authorities entitled to receive payments or collect monies from the Applicant in respect of Sales & Excise Taxes are hereby stayed during the Stay Period from requiring that any additional bonding or other security be posted by or on behalf of the Applicant in connection with Sales & Excise Taxes or any other matters for which such bonding or security may otherwise be required.

7. These provisions (collectively, the “**Initial Order Sales & Excise Tax Bonding Restrictions**”) were intended to permit the Applicant to post or continue to post Bonding Collateral required for its operations, without permitting taxing authorities (or others) to impose additional security requirements that could negatively impact ongoing operations, including as a result of the CCAA filing.

8. Paragraph 63 of the Initial Order provides that “the Applicant or the Monitor may from time to time apply to this Court to amend, vary, supplement or replace this Order...”

Excise Act Amendments and Implications

9. The Canadian Federal government announced in its 2022 budget that a new excise duty framework would be imposed on vaping products in Canada. I understand that the bill implementing changes to such excise duties (Bill C-19 An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on April 7, 2022 and other measures), received royal assent on June 23, 2022.

10. The Government of Canada webpage (at <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/taxes/excise-taxes-duties-and-levies/excise-duty-vaping-products.html>) describes the changes, including amendments to the Excise Act, 2001 (S.C. 2002, c. 22) and associated regulations (collectively, the “**Excise Act Amendments**”) as follows:

An excise duty on vaping products, as announced in Budget 2022, is being implemented on October 1, 2022 through the introduction of a new excise duty framework. The excise duty applies to vaping substances that are manufactured in Canada or imported and that are intended for use in a vaping device in Canada.

Manufacturers of vaping products are required to get a vaping product licence from the CRA. Importers are required to apply for a registration from the CRA.

Manufacturers and importers are also required to register for the vaping stamping regime. All vaping products entering the Canadian duty-paid market are required to be packaged with an excise stamp affixed to the product. The excise stamps shows that duties have been paid.

11. The Applicant imports packaged vaping products for the Canadian duty-paid market.

As a result, I understand that the Applicant must register for the vaping stamping regime and

that the Applicant will be required to affix vaping excise stamps to all such products imported into Canada on or after October 1, 2022 (the “**Amendment Effective Date**”).

12. I have been advised by Valentin Baxin, RBH Head of Operations Customer Service Canada that, based on the timeline for manufacturing and importing the Applicant’s vaping products into Canada, it is necessary to obtain the applicable vaping excise stamps and begin applying them in the packaging process as soon as possible in order to have the Applicant’s vaping products packaged with the requisite excise stamps and available for sale in Canada by the Amendment Effective Date.

13. I have also been advised by Facundo Gonzalez Lobo, RBH Director Finance Canada, that: (i) representatives of the Canada Revenue Agency (“**CRA**”) have advised that the CRA requires the New Excise Duty Security as one of the conditions of the vaping excise licence application, which must be approved to obtain the vaping excise stamps; and (ii) the Stamping and Marking of Tobacco and Cannabis Products Regulations (SOR/2003-288) and Regulations Respecting Excise Licences and Registrations (SOR/2003-115) (together, the “**Regulations**”) provide details of the security required for the vaping excise licence application, including that the required security ranges from \$5,000 to \$5 million. The Regulations include the following:

Security

4.1 (1) Subject to subsections (2) to (4), the amount of security for the purpose of subsection 25.1(3) of the Act is the greater of

(a) the amount equal to one half of the amount of duty that would be imposed under section 42 of the Act on tobacco products if they were stamped with

(i) the unaffixed tobacco excise stamps in the applicant’s possession at the time of application, and

(ii) the tobacco excise stamps to be issued in respect of the application;
and

(b) \$5,000.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), if the amount referred to in paragraph (1)(a) is greater than \$5 million, the amount of security for the purpose of subsection 25.1(3) of the Act is \$5 million.

(3) If a person has provided security under paragraph 23(3)(b) of the Act in an amount that is equal to or greater than the amount of security determined in accordance with subsection (1) or (2), as the case may be, the amount of security for the purpose of subsection 25.1(3) of the Act is nil.

(4) If a person has provided security under paragraph 23(3)(b) of the Act in an amount that is less than the amount of security determined in accordance with subsection (1) or (2), as the case may be, the amount of security for the purpose of subsection 25.1(3) of the Act is the difference between the amount of security determined in accordance with subsection (1) or (2), as the case may be, and the amount of security provided by the person under paragraph 23(3)(b) of the Act.

14. If the Applicant is authorized to provide the New Excise Duty Security, it may be necessary to provide cash collateral to Citibank Canada or another issuer as security for a bond or other New Excise Duty Security.

Appropriate to Authorize New Excise Duty Security

15. Since the Excise Act Amendments are new, posting the New Excise Duty Security will not be “consistent with past practice” as required by the current Initial Order Sales & Excise Tax Bonding Restrictions that permit posting of Bonding Collateral not exceeding \$31,100,000. Moreover, since this is a new licensing framework for vaping products, failure to comply with the relevant requirements, including affixing the vaping excise stamps, could result in the Applicant being unable to import vaping products into Canada on or after the Effective Date.

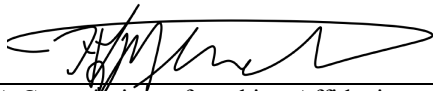
16. As a result, I believe it is important and necessary to post the required New Excise Duty Security in compliance with the Excise Tax Amendments, separate from, and in addition to, the existing Bonding Collateral and notwithstanding the previous restrictions in the Initial Order. I further believe that there is urgency to do so to enable the Applicant to continue supplying packaged vaping products in Canada on and after the Amendment Effective Date.

17. As a result, the Applicant requests the Court’s authorization to post the New Excise Duty Security in an amount up to \$5 million, and permission for the New Excise Duty Security to be required, received and/or held, notwithstanding the Initial Order Sales & Excise Tax Bonding Restrictions, which would continue to apply in all other respects.

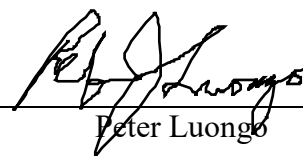
18. I am not aware of any party that would be prejudiced by the requested relief and believe it is in the best interests of the Applicant and its stakeholders to post the New Excise Duty to permit the Applicant to continue to import vaping products in the usual course after the Amendment Effective Date.

19. I understand that the Monitor supports the requested relief and will provide further information in a report to the Court, to be filed.

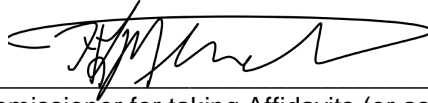
SWORN BEFORE ME over videoconference this 6th day of July, 2022 in accordance with O. Reg. 431/20, Administering Oath or Declaration Remotely. The affiant is located in New York, New York and the commissioner is located in the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario.



A Commissioner for taking Affidavits, etc.
Heather L. Meredith | LSO #48354R


Peter Luongo

This is Exhibit "A" referred to in the
Affidavit of **Peter Luongo**,
sworn before me on July 6, 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Meredith', written over a horizontal line.

A Commissioner for taking Affidavits (or as may be)
Heather L. Meredith LSO #: 48354R

Exhibit "A"
Second Amended & Restated Initial Order



Court File No. CV-19-616779-00CL

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THE HONOURABLE) THURSDAY, THE 25th
MR. JUSTICE MCEWEN) DAY OF APRIL, 2019

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ORDER

THIS MOTION, made by Rothmans, Benson & Hedges Inc. (the "**Applicant**"), 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 Notice of Motion of the Applicant dated March 28, 2019, the affidavit of Peter Luongo sworn March 22, 2019 (the "**Initial Order Affidavit**"), the affidavit of Peter Luongo sworn March 28, 2019 and the exhibits thereto (the "**Luongo Affidavit**"), the Pre-Filing Report of Ernst & Young Inc. in its capacity as the proposed Monitor of the Applicant (the "**Monitor**"), the First Report of the Monitor, and on hearing the submissions of counsel for the Applicant, the Monitor, and such other counsel as were present, no one else appearing although duly served as appears from the affidavit of service of Sonia Antonellis dated March 29, 2019 and the affidavit of service of Emilia Moon-de Kemp dated April 3, 2019.

1. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the time for 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.

APPROVAL OF SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED INITIAL ORDER

2. **THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES** that the order of Pattillo J. dated March 22, 2019 (the “**Initial Order**”) as amended and restated on April 5, 2019, is hereby amended and restated in the form attached hereto as Schedule “A”.



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Schedule "A"

See attached.

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THE HONOURABLE) FRIDAY, THE 22ND
JUSTICE PATTILLO) DAY OF MARCH, 2019

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SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED INITIAL ORDER

THIS APPLICATION, made by Rothmans, Benson & Hedges Inc. (the "**Applicant**"), 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 (i) the affidavit of Peter Luongo sworn March 22, 2019 and the exhibits thereto (the "**Luongo Affidavit**") and (ii) the pre-filing report dated March 22, 2019 of Ernst & Young Inc. ("**EYI**") in its capacity as the proposed Monitor of the Applicant, and on hearing the submissions of counsel for the Applicant and EYI, and on reading the consent of EYI to act as the Monitor,

SERVICE

1. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the time for service and filing 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 AND DECLARES** that the Applicant is a company to which the CCAA applies.

PLAN OF ARRANGEMENT

3. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Applicant shall have the authority to file and may, subject to further order of this Court, file with this Court a plan of compromise or arrangement (hereinafter referred to as the "**Plan**").

DEFINITIONS

4. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that for purposes of this Order:
- (a) "**Deposit Posting Order**" means the order of the Court of Appeal of Quebec granted October 27, 2015 and any other Order requiring the posting of security or the payment of a deposit in respect of the Quebec Class Actions;
 - (b) "**Pending Litigation**" means any and all actions, applications and other lawsuits existing at the time of this Order in which the Applicant is a named defendant or respondent (either individually or with other Persons (as defined below)) relating in any way whatsoever to a Tobacco Claim, including, without limitation, the Quebec Class Actions, the Class Actions, the Health Care Actions, the Tobacco Growers' Action and the Individual Actions (as each of those terms is defined in the Luongo Affidavit);

- (c) **“PMI Group”** means Philip Morris International Inc. and all entities related to or affiliated with it, other than the Applicant;
- (d) **“Quebec Class Actions”** means the proceedings in the Quebec Superior Court and the Court of Appeal of Quebec in (i) *Cécilia Létourneau et al. v. JTI-Macdonald Corp., Imperial Tobacco Canada Limited and Rothmans, Benson & Hedges Inc.* and (ii) *Conseil Québécois sur le Tabac et la Santé and Jean-Yves Blais v. JTI-Macdonald Corp., Imperial Tobacco Canada Limited and Rothmans, Benson & Hedges Inc.* and all decisions and orders in such proceedings, including, without limitation, the Deposit Posting Order;
- (e) **“Sales & Excise Taxes”** means all goods and services, harmonized sales or other applicable federal, provincial or territorial sales taxes, and all federal excise taxes and customs and import duties and all federal, provincial and territorial tobacco taxes;
- (f) **“Tobacco Claim”** means any right or claim (including, without limitation, a claim for contribution or indemnity) of any Person against or in respect of the Applicant or any member of the PMI Group that has been advanced (including, without limitation, in the Pending Litigation), that could have been advanced or that could be advanced, and whether such right or claim is on such Person’s own account, on behalf of another Person, as a dependent of another Person or on behalf of a certified or proposed class or made or advanced as a government body or agency, insurer, employer or otherwise, under or in connection with:
 - (i) applicable law, to recover damages in respect of the development, manufacture, production, marketing, advertising, distribution, purchase or sale of Tobacco Products, the use of or exposure to Tobacco Products or any representation in respect of Tobacco Products, in Canada or, in the case of the Applicant, anywhere else in the world; or
 - (ii) the HCCR Legislation (as defined in the Luongo Affidavit),

excluding any right or claim of a supplier relating to goods or services supplied to, or the use of leased or licensed property by, the Applicant or any member of the PMI Group; and

- (g) **“Tobacco Products”** means tobacco or any product made or derived from tobacco or containing nicotine that is intended for human consumption, including any component, part, or accessory of or used in connection with a tobacco product, including cigarettes, cigarette tobacco, roll your own tobacco, smokeless tobacco, electronic cigarettes, vaping liquids and devices, heat-not-burn tobacco, and any other tobacco or nicotine delivery systems and shall include materials, products and by-products derived from or resulting from the use of any tobacco products.

POSSESSION OF PROPERTY AND OPERATIONS

5. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Applicant shall remain in possession and control of its 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 Applicant shall continue to carry on business in a manner consistent with the preservation of its business (the **“Business”**) and Property. The Applicant is authorized and empowered to continue to retain and employ the employees, independent contractors, consultants, agents, experts, accountants, counsel and such other persons (collectively **“Assistants”**) currently retained or employed by it, with liberty to retain such further Assistants as it deems reasonably necessary or desirable in the ordinary course of business, to preserve the value of the Property or the Business, or for the carrying out of the terms of this Order.

6. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Applicant shall be entitled to continue to utilize the bank accounts currently used by it as described in the Luongo Affidavit and to use or replace them with other accounts from time to time for similar purposes (the **“Bank Accounts”**) and that any present or future bank providing the Bank Accounts and related services (**“Banking Services”**) shall not be under any obligation whatsoever to inquire into the propriety, validity or legality of any transfer, payment, collection or other action taken to, from or with the Bank Accounts, or as to the use or application by the Applicant of funds transferred, paid, collected or

otherwise dealt with in or to the Bank Accounts, shall be entitled to provide Banking Services without any liability in respect thereof to any Person other than the Applicant, pursuant to the terms of the documentation applicable to the Bank Accounts and Banking Services, and shall be, in its capacity as provider of the Bank Accounts and Banking Services, an unaffected creditor under the Plan with regard to any claims or expenses it may suffer or incur in connection with the provision of the Bank Accounts and Banking Services.

7. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Applicant shall be entitled but not required to pay the following expenses whether incurred prior to, on or after the date of this Order:

- (a) all outstanding and future wages, salaries, commissions, compensation, vacation pay, bonuses, incentive plan payments, employee and retiree pension and other benefits and related contributions and payments (including, without limitation, expenses related to employee and retiree medical, dental, disability, life insurance and similar benefit plans or arrangements, employee assistance programs and contributions to or any payments in respect of the Registered Pension Plans, the Non-Registered Pension Plans and the RRSP (each as defined in the Luongo Affidavit)), reimbursement expenses (including, without limitation, amounts charged to corporate credit cards), termination pay, salary continuance and severance pay, all of which is payable to or in respect of employees, independent contractors and other personnel, in each case incurred in the ordinary course of business and consistent with existing compensation policies and arrangements or with Monitor approval;
- (b) the fees and disbursements of any Assistants retained or employed by the Applicant at their standard rates and charges;
- (c) any payment under or in respect of any Trade Program (as defined in the Luongo Affidavit) operated by the Applicant; and
- (d) any expense that was incurred during or that pertains to the period prior to the date of this Order if, in the opinion of the Applicant and with the consent of the Monitor, the applicable payee or the payment of such expense is necessary or desirable for the

preservation of the Business or the Property or the ongoing operations of the Applicant.

8. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, except as otherwise provided to the contrary herein, the Applicant shall be entitled but not required to pay all reasonable expenses incurred by the Applicant in carrying on the 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;
- (b) capital expenditures other than as permitted in clause (a) above to replace or supplement the Property or that are otherwise of benefit to the Business, provided that Monitor approval is obtained for any single such expenditure in excess of \$1,000,000 or an aggregate of such expenditures in a calendar year in excess of \$10,000,000; and
- (c) payment for goods or services supplied or to be supplied to the Applicant on or after the date of this Order (including the payment of any royalties or shared services).

9. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Applicant is authorized to complete outstanding transactions and engage in new transactions with the members of the PMI Group and to continue, on and after the date hereof, to buy and sell goods and services and to allocate, collect and pay costs, expenses and other amounts from and to the members of the PMI Group, including without limitation in relation to finished, unfinished and semi-finished materials, personnel, administrative, technical and professional services, and royalties and fees in respect of trademark licences (collectively, all transactions and all inter-company policies and procedures between the Applicant and any member of the PMI Group, the “**Intercompany Transactions**”) in the ordinary course of business or as otherwise approved by the Monitor. All Intercompany Transactions in the ordinary course of business between the Applicant and any member of the PMI Group, including the provision of goods and services from any member of the PMI Group

to the Applicant, shall continue on terms consistent with existing arrangements or past practice or as otherwise approved by the Monitor.

10. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Applicant shall remit, in accordance with legal requirements, or pay (whether levied, accrued or collected before, on or after the date of this Order):

- (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 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 Sales & Excise Taxes required to be remitted by the Applicant in connection with the Business; 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 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 Applicant.

11. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Applicant is authorized to post and to continue to have posted cash collateral, letters of credit, performance bonds, payment bonds, guarantees and other forms of security from time to time, in an aggregate amount not exceeding \$31,100,000 (the "**Bonding Collateral**"), to satisfy regulatory or administrative requirements to provide security that have been imposed on it in the ordinary course and consistent with past practice in relation to the collection and remittance of federal excise taxes and customs and import duties and federal, provincial and territorial tobacco taxes, whether the Bonding Collateral is provided directly or indirectly by the Applicant as such security and the Applicant is authorized to post

and to continue to have posted cash collateral with Citibank Canada and any other issuers of Bonding Collateral as security therefor.

12. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Canadian federal, provincial and territorial authorities entitled to receive payments or collect monies from the Applicant in respect of Sales & Excise Taxes are hereby stayed during the Stay Period from requiring that any additional bonding or other security be posted by or on behalf of the Applicant in connection with Sales & Excise Taxes or any other matters for which such bonding or security may otherwise be required.

13. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that until a real property lease is disclaimed or resiliated in accordance with the CCAA, the Applicant shall pay all amounts constituting rent or payable as rent under real property leases (including, for greater certainty, common area maintenance charges, utilities and realty taxes and any other amounts payable to the landlord under the lease) 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, at such intervals as such Rent is usually paid in the ordinary course of business. 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.

14. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, except as specifically permitted herein, the Applicant is 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 the Applicant or claims to which it is subject to any of its creditors as of this date and to post no security in respect of any such amounts or claims, including pursuant to any order or judgment; (b) to grant no security interests, trust, liens, charges or encumbrances upon or in respect of any of its Property; and (c) to not grant credit or incur liabilities except in the ordinary course of the Business.

RESTRUCTURING

15. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Applicant shall, subject to such requirements as are imposed by the CCAA, have the right to:

- (a) permanently or temporarily cease, downsize or shut down any of its business or operations, and to dispose of redundant or non-material assets not exceeding \$5,000,000 in any one transaction or \$10,000,000 in any calendar year in the aggregate;
- (b) terminate the employment of such of its employees or temporarily lay off such of its employees as it deems appropriate;
- (c) pursue all avenues of refinancing of the Business or Property, in whole or part, subject to prior approval of this Court being obtained before any material refinancing; and
- (d) pursue all avenues to resolve any of the Tobacco Claims, in whole or in part,

all of the foregoing to permit the Applicant to proceed with an orderly restructuring of the Business (the “**Restructuring**”).

16. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Applicant shall provide each of the relevant landlords with notice of the Applicant’s intention to remove any fixtures from any leased premises at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the intended removal. The relevant landlord shall be entitled to have a representative present in the leased premises to observe such removal and, if the landlord disputes the Applicant’s entitlement to remove any such fixture under the provisions of the lease, such fixture shall remain on the premises and shall be dealt with as agreed between any applicable secured creditors, such landlord and the Applicant, or by further Order of this Court upon application by the Applicant on at least two (2) days’ notice to such landlord and any such secured creditors. If the Applicant disclaims or resiliates the lease governing such leased premises in accordance with Section 32 of the CCAA, it shall not be required to pay Rent under such lease pending resolution of any such dispute (other than Rent payable for the notice period provided for in Section 32(5) of the CCAA), and the disclaimer or resiliation of the lease shall be without prejudice to the Applicant’s claim to the fixtures in dispute.

17. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that if a notice of disclaimer or resiliation is delivered pursuant to Section 32 of the CCAA, then (a) during the notice period prior to the effective time of the disclaimer or resiliation, the landlord may show the affected leased premises to prospective tenants during normal business hours, on giving the Applicant and the Monitor 24 hours' prior written notice, and (b) at the effective time of the disclaimer or resiliation, the relevant landlord shall be entitled to take possession of any such leased premises without waiver of or prejudice to any claims or rights such landlord may have against the Applicant in respect of such lease or leased premises, provided that nothing herein shall relieve such landlord of its obligation to mitigate any damages claimed in connection therewith.

STAY OF PROCEEDINGS

18. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that until and including June 28, 2019, 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**"), including but not limited to an application for leave to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada in the Quebec Class Actions (a "**QCA Leave Application**"), the Pending Litigation and any other Proceeding in relation to a Tobacco Claim, shall be commenced, continued or take place by, against or in respect of the Applicant, the Monitor or the Court-Appointed Mediator (defined below), or affecting the Business or the Property or the funds deposited pursuant to the Deposit Posting Order, except with leave of this Court, and any and all Proceedings currently under way or directed to take place by, against or in respect of the Applicant or affecting the Business or the Property or the funds deposited pursuant to the Deposit Posting Order are hereby stayed and suspended pending further Order of this Court. All counterclaims, cross-claims and third party claims of the Applicant in the Pending Litigation are likewise subject to this stay of Proceedings during the Stay Period. *by the Applicant*

19. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that during the Stay Period, (i) none of the Pending Litigation or any Proceeding in relation thereto shall be commenced, continued or take place against or in respect of any Person named as a defendant or respondent (other than Imperial Tobacco Canada Limited, Imperial Tobacco Company Limited or JTI-Macdonald Corp.) in any of the Pending Litigation (such Persons, the "**Other Defendants**"); and (ii) no Proceeding in Canada that relates

in any way to a Tobacco Claim or to the Applicant, the Business or the Property shall be commenced, continued or take place against or in respect of any member of the PMI Group; except with leave of this Court, and any and all such Proceedings currently underway or directed to take place against or in respect of any of the Other Defendants or any member of the PMI Group, or affecting the Business or the Property or the funds deposited pursuant to the Deposit Posting Order are hereby stayed and suspended pending further Order of this Court.

20. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, to the extent any prescription, time or limitation period relating to any Proceeding by, against or in respect of the Applicant, any of the Other Defendants or any member of the PMI Group that is stayed pursuant to this Order may expire, including but not limited to any prescription of time whereby the Applicant would be required to commence the QCA Leave Application, the term of such prescription, time or limitation period shall hereby be deemed to be extended by a period equal to the Stay Period.

NO EXERCISE OF RIGHTS OR REMEDIES

21. **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 Applicant or the Monitor, or affecting the Business or the Property or to obtain the funds deposited pursuant to the Deposit Posting Order (including, for greater certainty, any enforcement process or steps or other rights and remedies under or relating to the Quebec Class Actions against the Applicant or the Property), are hereby stayed and suspended except with the written consent of the Applicant and the Monitor, or leave of this Court, provided that nothing in this Order shall (i) empower the Applicant to carry on any business which the Applicant is not lawfully entitled to carry on, (ii) affect such investigations, actions, suits or proceedings by a regulatory body as are permitted by Section 11.1 of the CCAA, (iii) prevent the filing of any registration to preserve or perfect a security interest, or (iv) prevent the registration of a claim for lien.

NO INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS

22. **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 the Applicant, except with the written consent of the Applicant and the Monitor, or leave of this Court.

CONTINUATION OF SERVICES

23. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that during the Stay Period, all Persons having oral or written agreements with the Applicant 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, transportation services, utility, customs clearing, warehouse or logistical services, or other services to the Business or the Applicant, 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 Applicant, and that the Applicant shall be entitled to the continued use of its 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 Applicant in accordance with normal payment practices of the Applicant or such other practices as may be agreed upon by the supplier or service provider and each of the Applicant and the Monitor, or as may be ordered by this Court.

NON-DEROGATION OF RIGHTS

24. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, notwithstanding anything else in this Order, 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 the Applicant. Nothing in this Order shall derogate from the rights conferred and obligations imposed by the CCAA.

SALES AND EXCISE TAX CHARGE

25. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Canadian federal, provincial and territorial authorities that are entitled to receive payments or collect monies from the Applicant in respect of Sales & Excise Taxes shall be entitled to the benefit of and are hereby granted a charge (the “**Sales and Excise Tax Charge**”) on the Property, which charge shall not exceed an aggregate amount of \$270,000,000, as security for all amounts owing by the Applicant in respect of Sales & Excise Taxes, after taking into consideration any Bonding Collateral posted in respect thereof. The Sales and Excise Tax Charge shall have the priority set out in paragraphs 45 and 47 herein.

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

26. **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 the Applicant with respect to any claim against the directors or officers that arose before the date hereof and that relates to any obligations of the Applicant 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

27. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Applicant shall indemnify its directors and officers against obligations and liabilities that they may incur as directors or officers of the Applicant 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.

28. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the directors and officers of the Applicant 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 \$7,000,000, as security for the indemnity

provided in paragraph 27 of this Order. The Directors' Charge shall have the priority set out in paragraphs 45 and 47 herein.

29. **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 Applicant's 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 27 of this Order.

APPOINTMENT OF MONITOR

30. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that EYI is hereby appointed pursuant to the CCAA as the Monitor, an officer of this Court, to monitor the business and financial affairs of the Applicant with the powers and obligations set out in the CCAA or set forth herein and that the Applicant and its shareholders, officers, directors, and Assistants shall advise the Monitor of all material steps taken by the Applicant 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.

31. **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 Applicant's receipts and disbursements;
- (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) advise the Applicant in its preparation of the Applicant's cash flow statements, which information shall be reviewed with the Monitor;

- (d) advise the Applicant in its development of the Plan and any amendments to the Plan;
- (e) assist the Applicant, to the extent required by the Applicant, with the holding and administering of creditors' or shareholders' meetings for voting on the Plan;
- (f) 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 Applicant, to the extent that is necessary to adequately assess the Applicant's business and financial affairs or to perform its duties arising under this Order;
- (g) 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;
- (h) assist the Applicant, to the extent required by the Applicant, in its efforts to explore the potential for a resolution of any of the Tobacco Claims;
- (i) consult with the Court-Appointed Mediator in connection with the Court-Appointed Mediator's mandate, including in relation to any negotiations to settle any Tobacco Claims and the development of the Plan; and
- (j) perform such other duties as are required by this Order or by this Court from time to time.

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

33. **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 the 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*, the *Ontario Environmental Protection Act*, the *Ontario Water Resources Act*, the *Ontario Occupational Health and Safety Act*, the *Quebec Environment Quality Act*, the *Quebec Act Respecting Occupational Health and Safety* and 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 the Property within the meaning of any Environmental Legislation, unless it is actually in possession.

34. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor shall provide any creditor of the Applicant and the Court-Appointed Mediator with information provided by the Applicant 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 Applicant 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 Applicant may agree.

35. **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.

36. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor, counsel to the Monitor and counsel to the Applicant shall be paid their reasonable fees and disbursements, in each case at their standard rates and charges, by the Applicant as part of the costs of these proceedings. The Applicant is

hereby authorized and directed to pay the accounts of the Monitor, counsel for the Monitor and counsel for the Applicant on a bi-weekly basis and, in addition, the Applicant is hereby authorized to pay the Monitor and counsel to the Monitor, retainers in the amount of \$250,000 and \$50,000 respectively to be held by them as security for payment of their respective fees and disbursements outstanding from time to time.

37. **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.

38. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor, counsel to the Monitor and counsel to the Applicant 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 \$3,000,000, 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 set out in paragraphs 45 and 47 hereof.

COURT-APPOINTED MEDIATOR

39. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Hon. Warren K. Winkler, Q.C. is hereby appointed, as an officer of the Court and shall act as a neutral third party (the "**Court-Appointed Mediator**") to mediate a global settlement of the Tobacco Claims.

40. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that in carrying out his mandate, the Court-Appointed Mediator may, among other things:

- (a) Adopt processes which, in his discretion, he considers appropriate to facilitate negotiation of a global settlement;
- (b) Retain independent legal counsel and such other advisors and persons as the Court-Appointed Mediator considers necessary or desirable to assist him in carrying out his mandate;

- (c) Consult with all Persons with Tobacco Claims (“**Tobacco Claimants**”), the Monitor, the Applicant, the Co-Defendants (as defined in the Luongo Affidavit), other creditors and stakeholders of the Applicant and/or the Co-Defendants and any other persons the Court-Appointed Mediator considers appropriate;
- (d) Accept a court appointment of similar nature in any proceedings under the CCAA commenced by a company that is a co-defendant or respondent with the Applicant or the Co-Defendants in any action brought by one or more Tobacco Claimants, including the Pending Litigation; and,
- (e) Apply to this Court for advice and directions as, in his discretion, the Court-Appointed Mediator deems necessary.

41. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, subject to an agreement between the Applicant and the Court-Appointed Mediator, all reasonable fees and disbursements of the Court-Appointed Mediator and his legal counsel and financial and other advisors as may have been incurred by them prior to the date of this Order or which shall be incurred by them in relation to carrying out his mandate shall be paid by the Applicant and the Co-Defendants on a monthly basis, forthwith upon the rendering of accounts to the Applicant and the Co-Defendants.

42. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Court-Appointed Mediator shall be entitled to the benefit of and is hereby granted a charge (the “**Court-Appointed Mediator Charge**”) on the Property, which charge shall not exceed an aggregate amount of \$1 million, as security for his fees and disbursements and for the fees and disbursements of his legal counsel and financial and other advisors, in each case incurred at their standard rates and charges, both before and after the making of this Order in respect of these proceedings. The Court-Appointed Mediator Charge shall have the priority set out in paragraphs 45 and 47 hereof.

43. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Court-Appointed Mediator is authorized to take all steps and to do all acts necessary or desirable to carry out the terms of this Order, including dealing with any Court, regulatory body or other government ministry, department or agency, and to take all such steps as are necessary or incidental thereto.

44. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, in addition to the rights and protections afforded as an officer of this Court, the Court-Appointed Mediator shall incur no liability or obligation as a result of his appointment or the carrying out of the provisions of this Order, save and except for any gross negligence or wilful misconduct on his part. Nothing in this Order shall derogate from the protections afforded a person pursuant to Section 142 of the *Courts of Justice Act* (Ontario).

VALIDITY AND PRIORITY OF CHARGES CREATED BY THIS ORDER

45. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the priorities of the Administration Charge, the Court-Appointed Mediator Charge, the Directors' Charge and the Sales and Excise Tax Charge (collectively, the "**Charges**"), as among them, shall be as follows:

First – Administration Charge (to the maximum amount of \$3,000,000) and the Court-Appointed Mediator Charge (to the maximum amount of \$1,000,000), *pari passu*;

Second – Directors' Charge (to the maximum amount of \$7,000,000); and

Third – Sales and Excise Tax Charge (to the maximum amount of \$270,000,000).

46. **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.

47. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that each of the Charges shall constitute a charge on the Property and such Charges shall rank in priority to all other security interests, trusts, liens, charges, encumbrances and claims of secured creditors, statutory or otherwise (collectively, the "**Encumbrances**") in favour of any Person in respect of such Property, save and except for:

- (a) purchase-money security interests or the equivalent security interests under various provincial legislation and financing leases (that, for greater certainty, shall not include trade payables);

- (b) statutory super-priority deemed trusts and liens for unpaid employee source deductions;
- (c) deemed trusts and liens for any unpaid pension contribution or deficit with respect to the Registered Pension Plans, but only to the extent that any such deemed trusts and liens are statutory super-priority deemed trusts and liens afforded priority by statute over all pre-existing Encumbrances granted or created by contract;
- (d) liens for unpaid municipal property taxes or utilities that are given first priority over other liens by statute; and
- (e) cash collateral deposited with a financial institution as security for letters of credit or bank guarantees issued by the financial institution at the request of the Applicant.

48. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that except as otherwise expressly provided for herein, or as may be approved by this Court, the Applicant shall not grant any Encumbrances over any Property that rank in priority to, or *pari passu* with, any of the Charges, unless the Applicant also obtains the prior written consent of the Monitor and the beneficiaries of the Charges affected thereby (collectively, the “**Chargees**”), or further Order of this Court.

49. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Charges shall not be rendered invalid or unenforceable and the rights and remedies of the Chargees 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 the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* of Canada (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; (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 Applicant, and notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in any Agreement:

- (a) the creation of the Charges shall not create or be deemed to constitute a breach by the Applicant 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 Charges; and
- (c) the payments made by the Applicant pursuant to this Order 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.

50. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that any Charge created by this Order over leases of real property in Canada shall only be a Charge in the Applicant's interest in such real property leases.

SERVICE AND NOTICE

51. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor shall (i) without delay, publish in The Globe and Mail (National Edition) and La Presse a notice containing the information prescribed under the CCAA as well as the date of the Comeback Motion (as defined below), (ii) within five days after the date of this Order or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, (A) make this Order publicly available in the manner prescribed under the CCAA, (B) send, in the prescribed manner, a notice (which shall include the date of the Comeback Motion) to every known creditor who has a claim (contingent, disputed or otherwise) against the Applicant of more than \$1,000, except with respect to (I) plaintiffs in the Pending Litigation, in which cases the Monitor shall only send a notice to counsel of record, as applicable, (II) beneficiaries of the Registered Pension Plans (as that term is defined in the Luongo Affidavit), in which case the Monitor shall only send a notice to the trustees of each of the Registered Pension Plans and the Financial Services Commission of Ontario and the Régie Des Rentes Du Québec, as applicable, and (III) current and former employees of the Applicant; and (C) 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. The list referenced at subparagraph (C) above shall not include the names, addresses, or estimated amounts of the claims of those creditors who are individuals or any personal information in respect of an individual.

52. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the E-Service Guide of the Commercial List (the “**Guide**”) is approved and adopted by reference herein and, in this proceeding, the service of documents made in accordance with the Guide (which can be found on the Commercial List website at <http://www.ontariocourts.ca/scj/practice/practice-directions/toronto/eservice-commercial/>) 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 13 of the Guide, service of documents in accordance with the Guide will be effective on transmission. This Court further orders that a Case Website shall be established by the Monitor in accordance with the Guide with the following URL: www.ey.com/ca/rbh (the “**Case Website**”).

53. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that if the service or distribution of documents in accordance with the Guide is not practicable, the Applicant and the Monitor are at liberty to serve or distribute this Order, any other materials and orders in these proceedings and any notices or other correspondence, by forwarding true copies thereof by prepaid ordinary mail, courier, personal delivery, facsimile or other electronic transmission to the Applicant’s creditors or other interested parties at their respective addresses as last shown on the records of the Applicant and that any such service or notice by courier, personal delivery, facsimile or other electronic transmission shall be deemed to be received on the date of forwarding thereof, or if sent by ordinary mail, on the third business day after mailing.

54. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Applicant is authorized to rely upon the notice provided in paragraph 51 to provide notice of the comeback motion to be heard on a date to be set by this Court upon the granting of this Order (the “**Comeback Motion**”) and shall only be required to serve motion materials relating to the Comeback Motion, in accordance with the Guide, upon those parties who serve a Notice of Appearance in this proceeding prior to the date of the Comeback Motion.

55. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor shall create, maintain and update as necessary a list of all Persons appearing in person or by counsel in this proceeding (the “**Service List**”). The Monitor shall post the Service List, as may be updated from time to time, on the Case Website as part of the public materials to be recorded thereon in relation to this proceeding. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Monitor shall have no liability in respect of the accuracy of or the timeliness of making any changes to the Service List.

56. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Applicant and the Monitor and their counsel are at liberty to serve or distribute this Order, any 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 Applicant’s 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 juridical obligation, and notice requirements within the meaning of clause 3(c) of the Electronic Commerce Protection Regulations, Reg. 8100 2-175 (SOR/DORS).

57. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, subject to paragraph 58, all motions in this proceeding are to be brought on not less than seven (7) calendar days' notice to all persons on the Service List. Each Notice of Motion shall specify a date (the “**Return Date**”) and time for the hearing.

58. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that motions for relief on an urgent basis need not comply with the notice protocol described herein.

59. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that any interested Person wishing to object to the relief sought in a motion must serve responding motion material or, if they do not intend to file material, a notice in all cases stating the objection to the motion and the grounds for such objection in writing (the “**Responding Material**”) to the moving party, the Applicant and the Monitor, with a copy to all Persons on the Service List, no later than 5 p.m. on the date that is four (4) calendar days prior to the Return Date (the “**Objection Deadline**”).

60. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, if no Responding Materials are served by the Objection Deadline, the judge having carriage of the motion (the “**Presiding Judge**”) may determine:

- (a) whether a hearing is necessary;
- (b) whether such hearing will be in person, by telephone or by written submissions only;
and
- (c) the parties from whom submissions are required

(collectively, the “**Hearing Details**”). In the absence of any such determination, a hearing will be held in the ordinary course.

61. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, if no Responding Materials are served by the Objection Deadline, the Monitor shall communicate with the Presiding Judge regarding whether a determination has been made by the Presiding Judge concerning the Hearing Details. The Monitor shall thereafter advise the Service List of the Hearing Details and the Monitor shall report upon its dissemination of the Hearing Details to the Court in a timely manner, which may be contained in the Monitor's next report in the proceeding.

62. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that if any party objects to the motion proceeding on the Return Date or believes that the Objection Deadline does not provide sufficient time to respond to the motion, such objecting party shall, promptly upon receipt of the Notice of Motion and in any event prior to the Objection Deadline, contact the moving party and the Monitor (together with the objecting party and any other party who has served Responding Materials, the “**Interested Parties**”) to advise of such objection and the reasons therefor. If the Interested Parties are unable to resolve the objection to the timing and schedule for the motion following good faith consultations, the Interested Parties may seek a scheduling appointment before the Presiding Judge to be held prior to the Return Date or on such other date as may be mutually agreed by the Interested Parties or as directed by the Presiding Judge to establish a schedule for the motion. At the scheduling appointment, the Presiding Judge may provide directions including a schedule for the delivery of any further materials and the hearing of the contested motion, and may address such other matters, including interim relief, as the Court may see fit. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Presiding Judge may require the Interested Parties to proceed with the contested motion on the Return Date or on any other date as may be directed by the

Presiding Judge or as may be mutually agreed by the Interested Parties, if otherwise satisfactory to the Presiding Judge.

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63. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Applicant or the Monitor may from time to time apply to this Court to amend, vary, supplement or replace this Order or for advice and directions concerning the discharge of their respective powers and duties under this Order or the interpretation or application of this Order.

64. **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 the Applicant, the Business or the Property.

65. **THIS COURT HEREBY REQUESTS** the aid and recognition of any court, tribunal, regulatory or administrative body having jurisdiction in Canada or outside of Canada, to give effect to this Order and to assist the Applicant, the Monitor and their respective agents in carrying out the terms of this Order. All courts, tribunals and regulatory and administrative bodies are hereby respectfully requested to make such orders and to provide such assistance to the Applicant 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 Applicant and the Monitor and their respective agents in carrying out the terms of this Order.

66. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that each of the Applicant and the Monitor 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 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.

67. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that any interested party (including the Applicant 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.

68. **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 (the "**Effective Time**") and that from the Effective Time to the time of the granting of this Order any action taken or notice given by any creditor of the Applicant or by any other Person to commence or continue any enforcement, realization, execution or other remedy of any kind whatsoever against the Applicant, the Property, the Business or the funds deposited pursuant to the Deposit Posting Order shall be deemed not to have been taken or given, as the case may be.



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THE HONOURABLE) MONDAY, THE 11th
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MR. JUSTICE MCEWEN) DAY OF JULY, 2022

IN THE MATTER OF THE *COMPANIES' CREDITORS
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AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR
ARRANGEMENT OF ROTHMANS, BENSON & HEDGES INC.

Applicant

**ORDER
(New Excise Duty Security)**

THIS MOTION, made by Rothmans, Benson & Hedges Inc. (the "**Applicant**"), pursuant to the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* (Canada), as amended, for an order, among other things, authorizing the Applicant to post the New Excise Duty Security (defined below), and permitting the New Excise Duty Security to be required, received and/or held by the relevant party notwithstanding any restrictions to the contrary in the initial order as amended and restated, including by a second amended and restated initial order dated April 25, 2019 (the "**Initial Order**"), was heard this day by judicial videoconference via Zoom in Toronto, Ontario due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

ON READING the Notice of Motion of the Applicant dated July 6, 2022, the Affidavit of Peter Luongo sworn July 6, 2022 (the "**Luongo Affidavit**"), the Tenth Report of Ernst & Young Inc. in its capacity as Monitor of the Applicant (the "**Monitor**"), and on hearing the submissions of counsel for the Applicant, the Monitor, and such other counsel as were present as listed on the participant sheet, no one else appearing although duly served as appears from the affidavit of service, filed:

SERVICE

1. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the time for service and filing of the Motion Record of the Applicant herein and the Tenth Report is hereby abridged and validated such that this motion is properly returnable today and hereby dispenses with further service thereof.

NEW EXCISE DUTY AUTHORIZATION

2. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Applicant is authorized to post cash collateral, bonds and/or other security as required by the Excise Act Amendments (defined in the Luongo Affidavit) in an aggregate amount not exceeding \$5 million (the “**New Excise Duty Security**”), whether such New Excise Duty Security is provided directly or indirectly by the Applicant as such security, and the Applicant is authorized to post and to continue to have posted cash collateral with Citibank Canada and any other issuer of New Excise Duty Security as security therefor, which amount shall be separate from and in addition to the Bonding Collateral presently authorized in the Initial Order, and which posting is authorized notwithstanding any restrictions to the contrary in the Initial Order, including that the Canadian federal authority entitled to the New Excise Duty Security is entitled to require, receive and/or hold the New Excise Duty Security notwithstanding any restrictions to the contrary in the Initial Order.

3. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that except as specifically revised herein or in another order of this Court, the Initial Order continues in full force and effect, including the Initial Order Sales & Excise Tax Bonding Restrictions (as defined in the Luongo Affidavit).

GENERAL

4. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that this Order is effective from the date that it is made and is enforceable without any need for entry and filing.

5. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that this Order shall have full force and effect in all provinces and territories in Canada.

6. **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 Applicant and 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 Monitor, as an officer of this Court, as may be necessary or desirable to give effect to this Order or to assist the Monitor and its agents in carrying out the terms of this Order.

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