IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:

AGDP HOLDING INC., et al., 1

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 25-11446 (MFW)

(Jointly Administered)

Hearing Date: September 4, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. (ET) Obj. Deadline: August 28, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. (ET)

DEBTORS' APPLICATION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION AND EMPLOYMENT OF YOUNG CONAWAY STARGATT & TAYLOR, LLP AS COUNSEL FOR THE DEBTORS, EFFECTIVE AS OF THE PETITION DATE

The above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") respectfully state the following in support of this application (this "Application"):²

RELIEF REQUESTED

The Debtors hereby submit this Application for entry of an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit D (the "Proposed Order"), authorizing the retention and employment of Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP ("Young Conaway" or the "Firm") as bankruptcy counsel for the Debtors, effective as of the Petition Date (as defined below). In support of this Application, the Debtors rely upon the declaration of Sean M. Beach (the "Beach Declaration"),

² A detailed description of the Debtors and their businesses, and the facts and circumstances supporting this Application and the Debtors' chapter 11 cases, are set forth in greater detail in the Declaration of Gary Richards in Support of Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Pleadings [Docket No. 13] (the "First Day Declaration"), filed contemporaneously herewith. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to such terms in the First Day Declaration.



¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, together with the last four digits of the Debtors' federal tax identification number, are AGDP Holding Inc. (6504); Avant Gardner, LLC (6504); AG Management Pool LLC (9962); EZ Festivals LLC (8854); Made Event LLC (6272); and Reynard Productions, LLC (5431). The Debtors' service address is 140 Stewart Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11237, Attn: General Counsel.

attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and the declaration of Gary Richards (the "<u>Richards Declaration</u>"), attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court") has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference* from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, dated February 29, 2012. This matter is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2). The Debtors confirm their consent, pursuant to rule 9013-1(f) of the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Local Rules"), to the entry of a final order by the Court in connection with this Application, to the extent that it is later determined that the Court, absent consent of the parties, cannot enter final orders or judgments in connection herewith consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution.
 - 2. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
- 3. The statutory and legal bases for the relief requested herein are section 327(a) of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101–1532 (the "Bankruptcy Code"), Rule 2014 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), and Local Rule 2014-1.

BACKGROUND OF THE DEBTORS

4. The Debtors operate a multi-space entertainment venue complex, specializing in large-scale live entertainment—concerts, festivals, corporate functions, and multimedia events—and is known for state-of-the-art audiovisual production, including a 2022 upgrade featuring one of the world's highest-resolution video walls. The Debtors focus on industry-leading production capabilities, immersive audiovisual experiences, and status as one of North America's largest standing-room-only entertainment venues.

- 5. On August 4, 2025 (the "Petition Date"), each of the Debtors filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the Court. The Debtors continue to operate their businesses and manage their properties as debtors-in-possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. No party has requested the appointment of a trustee or examiner in these cases, and no statutory committee has been appointed.
- 6. The factual background regarding the Debtors, including their business operations, their capital and debt structures, and the events leading to the filing of these chapter 11 cases is set forth in detail in the First Day Declaration.
- 7. Young Conaway was retained by the Debtors to provide restructuring work pursuant to an engagement agreement dated July 14, 2025 (the "Engagement Agreement").

BASIS FOR RELIEF REQUESTED

I. Young Conaway's Qualifications

- 8. The Debtors seek to retain Young Conaway as their counsel in light of the Firm's extensive knowledge, expertise, and experience in the field of debtors' and creditors' rights and business reorganizations under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. Young Conaway's knowledge, expertise, and experience practicing before the Court will enable the Firm to work in an efficient and cost-effective manner on behalf of the Debtors' estates. Additionally, in preparing for these chapter 11 cases, Young Conaway has become familiar with the Debtors' business and affairs and many of the potential legal issues that may arise in the context of these chapter 11 cases. Accordingly, the Debtors believe that Young Conaway is uniquely qualified to represent them as restructuring counsel in these chapter 11 cases.
- 9. In selecting Young Conaway, the Debtors reviewed the Firm's rates, including rates for bankruptcy services, and compared them to outside law firms that the Debtors have used in the past to determine that the rates are reasonable. Young Conaway has informed the Debtors that its 33438794.7

current hourly rates are the Firm's standard hourly rates for work of the nature proposed herein. Young Conaway further informed the Debtors that the Firm operates in both national and regional marketplaces for legal services in which rates are driven by multiple factors relating to the individual lawyer, his or her area of specialty, the Firm's expertise, performance, and reputation, the nature of the work involved, as well as other factors.

- 10. The Debtors supervise all legal fees and expenses in order to reasonably manage costs. The Debtors have procedures and policies for reviewing fees of outside counsel, and the Debtors intend to review fees in these chapter 11 cases in accordance with such procedures and policies. The rates Young Conaway charged the Debtors in the period prior to the Petition Date are the same as the rates Young Conaway has indicated it will charge the Debtors post-petition. Young Conaway has informed the Debtors (and discloses herein) that the Firm's hourly rates are subject to periodic adjustments to reflect economic and other conditions.
- 11. The Debtors recognize that it is their responsibility to closely monitor the billing practices of their counsel to ensure that the fees and expenses paid by the Debtors' estates remain consistent with the Debtors' expectations and the exigencies of these chapter 11 cases. As they did pre-petition, the Debtors will continue to review and monitor professional fees and expense reimbursement requests for reasonableness.

II. Payment of Fees and Expenses

12. Young Conaway will seek Court approval of its compensation and reimbursement of its actual, necessary expenses and other charges incurred by the Firm upon the filing of appropriate applications for interim and final compensation and reimbursement pursuant to sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and applicable orders of the Court. The principal attorneys and the paralegal presently designated to represent the Debtors, and their current standard hourly rates, are:

| (a) Craig Grear | \$1,500.00 per hour |
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| (b) Edmon L. Morton | \$1,290.00 per hour |
| (c) Sean M. Beach | \$1,235.00 per hour |
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| (i) Evan S. Saruk | \$500.00 per hour |
| (a) Troy Bollman (paralegal) | \$385.00 per hour |

- 13. The hourly rates set forth above are subject to periodic adjustments to reflect economic and other conditions.³ Other attorneys and paralegals from Young Conaway may from time to time also serve the Debtors in connection with the matters described herein.
- 14. The hourly rates set forth above are the Firm's standard hourly rates for work of this nature. These rates are set at a level designed to fairly compensate the Firm for the work of its attorneys and paralegals and to cover fixed and routine overhead expenses. It is the Firm's policy to charge its clients in all areas of practice for all other expenses incurred in connection with the client's case. The expenses charged to clients include, among other things, mail and express mail charges, special or hand delivery charges, document processing, photocopying charges, charges for mailing supplies (including, without limitation, envelopes and labels) provided by the Firm to outside copying services for use in mass mailings, travel expenses, expenses for "working meals," computerized research, transcription costs, as well as non-ordinary overhead expenses

³ Generally, the Firm implements rate increases on January 1 of each year.

approved by the client such as secretarial expenses and other overtime. The Firm will charge the Debtors for these expenses in a manner and at rates consistent with charges made generally to the Firm's other clients. The Firm believes that it is fairer to charge these expenses to the clients incurring them than to increase the hourly rates and spread the expenses among all clients.

- 15. Pursuant to the Engagement Agreement, attached to the Beach Declaration as Exhibit II, Young Conaway received an initial retainer of \$50,000 on July 21, 2025 (the "Initial Restructuring Retainer") in connection with the planning and preparation of initial documents and the Firm's proposed post-petition representation of the Debtors. The Initial Restructuring Retainer was supplemented as set forth in the chart below (together with the Initial Restructuring Retainer, the "Restructuring Retainer").
- 16. A chart summarizing retainers provided by the Debtors to Young Conaway, and the prepetition application of incurred fees and expenses arising from services rendered prior to the Petition Date against such retainers, is set forth below:

| Date Range of Services | Date of Payment | Form of Payment | Payment Amount | Retainer Balance |
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| Additional Retainer | 8/1/2025 | WIRE | \$300,000.00 | \$400,000.00 |

17. As set forth above, prior to filing this Application, Young Conaway applied outstanding invoices for services provided prior to the Petition Date against the Restructuring Retainer. Following a final reconciliation, Young Conaway currently holds a Restructuring

Retainer in the amount of \$131,926.00, which will be held as a general retainer as security for post-petition services and expenses.⁴

18. As set forth in the Beach Declaration, Young Conaway has not shared nor agreed to share any of its compensation from the Debtors with any other person, other than as permitted by section 504 of the Bankruptcy Code.

III. Services to be Provided

- 19. The professional services that Young Conaway will render to the Debtors include, but shall not be limited to, the following:
 - (a) providing legal advice and services with respect to the Debtors' powers and duties as debtors in possession in the continued operation of their business, management of their property, the Local Rules, practices, and procedures, and providing substantive and strategic advice on how to accomplish the Debtors' goals in connection with prosecution of these chapter 11 cases;
 - (b) preparing, on behalf of the Debtors, necessary applications, motions, answers, orders, reports, and other legal papers;
 - (c) appearing in Court, at any meeting with the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware (the "<u>U.S. Trustee</u>"), and any meeting of creditors at any given time on behalf of the Debtors;
 - (d) advising the Debtors on corporate, bankruptcy, litigation, and other matters, including, without limitation, advising the Debtors' board of directors (the "Board") and the independent restructuring committee of the Board (the "Special Committee") and attending Board and Special Committee meetings; and
 - (e) performing all other legal services for the Debtors that may be necessary and proper in these chapter 11 cases as counsel to the Debtors.
- 20. By separate applications or motions, the Debtors are or will be seeking Court approval for the retention of: (i) Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC d/b/a Verita Global as administrative agent; (ii) Triple P TRS, LLC as its restructuring advisor; (iii) and Triple P

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Securities, LLC as its investment banker. The Debtors may also file motions or applications to employ additional professionals and may seek authority to retain certain ordinary course professionals.

21. Each firm listed above works, and will continue to work, under the direction of the Debtors' management. The Debtors' Board and senior management are committed to minimizing duplication of services to reduce professional costs. To that end, Young Conaway will work closely with each professional to ensure that there is no unnecessary duplication of effort or cost.

IV. Bankruptcy Rule 2014 Disclosure

- 22. To the best of the Debtors' knowledge, and except as disclosed herein and in the Beach Declaration, Young Conaway has not represented the Debtors, their creditors, or any other parties-in-interest, or their respective attorneys, in any matter relating to the Debtors or their estates. Young Conaway is a "disinterested person" as that term is defined in section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code in that the Firm, its partners, counsel, and associates:
 - (a) are not creditors, equity security holders, or insiders of the Debtors;
 - (b) are not and were not, within two (2) years before the Petition Date, directors, officers, or employees of the Debtors; and
 - (c) do not have an interest materially adverse to the interests of the Debtors' estates or of any class of the Debtors' creditors or equity security holders, by reason of any direct or indirect relationship to, connection with, or interest in, any of the Debtors, or for any other reason.
- 23. For the above reasons, the Debtors submit that Young Conaway's employment is necessary and in the best interests of the Debtors and their estates.

NOTICE

24. Notice of this Application has been provided to: (a) the Office of the United States

Trustee for the District of Delaware; (b) the holders of the thirty (30) largest unsecured claims
against the Debtors; (c) Alter Domus (US) LLC, in its capacity as administrative agent and

collateral agent under the Prepetition Financing Agreement and the DIP Facility; (d) counsel to the DIP Lenders and Prepetition Term Loan Lender; (e) counsel to LiveStyle; (f) the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Delaware; (g) the Internal Revenue Service; and (h) any party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002. The Debtors submit that, in light of the nature of the relief requested, no other or further notice need be given.

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WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request that the Court enter the Proposed Order granting the relief requested in this Application and such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

Dated: August 14, 2025 Respectfully submitted, AGDP Holding Inc.

Debtors and Debtors in Possession

/s/ Gary Richards
Gary Richards Chief Executive Officer AGDP Holding Inc.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>") have filed the *Debtors' Application for Entry of an Order Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP as Counsel for the Debtors, Effective as of the Petition Date* (the "<u>Application</u>") with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any responses or objections to the Application must be filed on or before <u>August 28, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. (ET)</u> (the "<u>Objection Deadline</u>") with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, Wilmington, Delaware 19801. At the same time, you must serve a copy of the objection or response upon the undersigned proposed counsel to the Debtors so as to be received on or before the Objection Deadline.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT A HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION IS SCHEDULED FOR <u>SEPTEMBER 4, 2025 AT 2:00 P.M. (ET)</u> BEFORE THE HONORABLE MARY F. WALRATH, IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE, 824 N. MARKET STREET, 5TH FLOOR, COURTROOM NO. 4, WILMINGTON.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT IF NO OBJECTIONS OR RESPONSES TO THE APPLICATION ARE TIMELY FILED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE COURT MAY GRANT THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE APPLICATION WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE OR A HEARING.

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Dated: August 14, 2025

Wilmington, Delaware

YOUNG CONAWAY STARGATT & TAYLOR, LLP

/s/ Evan Saruk

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Proposed Counsel to the Debtors and Debtors in Possession

Exhibit A

Beach Declaration

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DECLARATION OF SEAN M. BEACH IN SUPPORT OF THE DEBTORS' APPLICATION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION AND EMPLOYMENT OF YOUNG CONAWAY STARGATT & TAYLOR, LLP AS COUNSEL FOR THE DEBTORS, EFFECTIVE AS OF THE PETITION DATE

- I, Sean M. Beach, declare, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, under penalty of perjury that:
- 1. I am a partner in the firm of Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP ("Young Conaway" or the "Firm"), with principal offices at Rodney Square, 1000 North King Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, and have been duly admitted to practice in the State of Delaware, the State of New Jersey, and the State of New York, as well as the United States District Courts for the District of Delaware, the District of New Jersey, and the Southern District of New York. I submit this declaration (this "Declaration") in support of the Debtors' Application for Entry of an Order Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP as Counsel for the Debtors, Effective as of the Petition Date (the "Application").²
- 2. Young Conaway has conducted a series of searches in the Firm's conflicts databases to identify relationships with the Debtors, their lenders, equity holders, and various other

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parties-in-interest in these chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "Interested Parties").³

- 3. Based on the conflicts and connections search conducted and described herein, to the best of my knowledge, neither I, Young Conaway, nor any partner, counsel, or associate thereof, insofar as I have been able to ascertain, has any connection with the Debtors or any other parties-in-interest herein, except as stated below:
 - (a) In recent months, Young Conaway and certain of its partners and associates have rendered legal services to the Debtors relating to their plans to seek relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code and the preparation of the petitions and other papers initiating and prosecuting these chapter 11 cases.
 - (b) The Debtors have sought or will seek to retain: (i) Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC d/b/a Verita Global as administrative agent; (ii) Triple P TRS, LLC as its restructuring advisor; (iii) and Triple P Securities, LLC as its investment banker. The Debtors may also file motions or applications to employ additional professionals and will seek authority to retain certain ordinary course professionals. On numerous occasions, Young Conaway has in the past and/or currently does work with and/or against these professionals in connection with matters wholly unrelated to these chapter 11 cases.
 - (c) Young Conaway has, in the past, represented the following Interested Parties, or parties who may be affiliated with such Interested Parties, in matters wholly unrelated to the Debtors and these chapter 11 cases:
 - 1-800-Flowers
 - 99 Cents & Up
 - Aaa Communications
 - Acme
 - Aeg Presents Llc
 - AFCO
 - Afco Direct
 - Aldi
 - Alibaba.Com
 - American Express
 - Americold
 - Anheuser Busch
 - At&T
 - AutoZone
 - Axar Capital

- Homeland Ins Co of Delaware
- Internal Revenue Service
- Jackson Lewis P.C.
- Jams, Inc
- Kelco
- Las Vegas Marriott Pkg
- Lund Fire Products Co. Inc.
- Main Light, LLC
- Mbi
- McMaster-Carr
- Meta Platforms, Inc.
- MIH Systems Group
- Motorola Solutions Onl
- New York City Department of Finance

³ A list of the Interested Parties searched is attached hereto as **Exhibit I.**

- Axis Surplus Insurance Co
- BJ's
- BP Grand Petrole
- CAC Group
- Canon Financial Services, Inc.
- Cbi Professional
- CityBridge, LLC
- Clarkson Sears Holdings LLC
- Clear Channel
- Cornerstone Consulting
- Dhl
- Dollar tree
- DoorDash, Inc.
- Dropbox
- Dunkin
- Ebay
- Ecolab Inc
- Ecolab Inc.
- Enterprise Rent-A-Car
- Exxon
- Fedex
- First Corporate Solutions
- Grant Thornton LLP
- Greenberg Traurig LLP
- Gulf Oil
- Hdi Global Specialty SE
- Heller
- Holland & Knight LLP

- New York State Department of Taxation and Finance
- NRG Social Inc
- On Target
- Questex Events
- Rite Aid
- Servpro
- Sherwin Williams
- Sirius XM
- Staples
- State Farm Insurance
- Sunbelt Rentals Inc.
- Target
- The Hartford
- The Home Depot
- Time Warner Cable
- Total Wine
- Underwriters at Lloyd's
- United Airlines
- United Healthcare
- United Rentals
- United Site Services
- Ups
- US Foods
- Usps
- Vodafone Roaming Servi
- Wayfair
- William Morris Endeavor Entertainment LLC
- Zurich American Insurance Company
- (d) Young Conaway currently represents, and may in the past have represented, the following Interested Parties, or parties who may be affiliated with such Interested Parties, in matters wholly unrelated to the Debtors and these chapter 11 cases:
 - Access Event Solutions
 - Acme
 - Adobe
 - Airbnb
 - Alliance
 - Alter Domus
 - Amazon

- Intuit Quickbooks
- J.P. Morgan Chase
- Linkedin
- Lowes
- Microsoft
- NRG Social Inc
- Oaktree Solutions Ltd.

- Ankura Consulting Group LLC
- Apollo
- Apple
- Autodesk Ady
- Beazley Excess & Surplus Lines Ins inc
- Bp
- BP Grand Petrole
- Buyers Edge Platform
- Cbi
- Cbi Professional Wirin
- Charles Schwab
- Costco Warehouse
- Dell
- Go Daddy
- Google
- Houlihan Lokey Capital, Inc.

- Sidley Austin LLP
- Spotify
- State of Delaware
- Stripe
- Sunoco
- The British Petroleum Company p.l.c
- Toast
- Transportation Management Services
- Verizon
- Wme Entertainment
- Xchange Telecom

- 4. Furthermore, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief and in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 5002, neither I, nor any attorney at Young Conaway is a relative of the United States Bankruptcy Judge assigned to these chapter 11 cases, and Young Conaway does not have a connection with the United States Bankruptcy Judge that would render the Firm's retention in these chapter 11 cases improper. Further, in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 2014, Young Conaway does not have any connection with the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware (the "U.S. Trustee"), or any persons employed by the U.S. Trustee.
- 5. Young Conaway is continuing to review the list of Interested Parties. Based upon its review to date of the Interested Parties, Young Conaway has determined that it does not represent any party in these proceedings with a material adverse interest with respect to the Debtors. Young Conaway will supplement this Declaration, as necessary, with additional information or disclosures in the event that additional information is developed.

- 6. Young Conaway is a "disinterested person" as that term is defined in section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code in that Young Conaway, its partners, counsel, and associates:
 - (a) are not creditors, equity security holders, or insiders of the Debtors;
 - (b) are not and were not, within two (2) years before the Petition Date, a director, officer, or employee of the Debtors; and
 - (c) do not have an interest materially adverse to the interests of the Debtors' estates or of any class of creditors or equity security holders, by reason of any direct or indirect relationship to, connection with, or interest in, the Debtors, or for any other reason.
- 7. As set forth above, and subject to any explanations and/or exceptions contained herein, Young Conaway (i) does not hold or represent any interest adverse to the Debtors in connection with the matters upon which Young Conaway is to be engaged, and (ii) is disinterested. If the results of further investigation reveal any additional connections, Young Conaway will make any further disclosures as may be appropriate at that time.
- 8. Young Conaway was retained by the Debtors to provide restructuring-related services under an engagement agreement dated July 14, 2025 (the "Engagement Agreement"), attached hereto as **Exhibit II**. Pursuant to the Engagement Agreement, Young Conaway received an initial retainer of \$50,000 on July 21, 2025 (the "Initial Restructuring Retainer") in connection with the planning and preparation of initial documents and the Firm's proposed post-petition representation of the Debtors. The Initial Restructuring Retainer was supplemented as set forth in the chart below (together with the Initial Restructuring Retainer, the "Restructuring Retainer").
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11. Young Conaway intends to apply for compensation for professional services rendered in connection with these chapter 11 cases subject to approval of the Court and in compliance with applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and any administrative order entered by the Court, on an hourly basis, plus reimbursement of actual, necessary expenses, and other charges incurred by Young Conaway. The principal attorneys and paralegal designated to represent the Debtors and their current standard hourly rates are:

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- 14. No promises have been received by Young Conaway, nor by any partner, counsel, or associate thereof, as to compensation in connection with these chapter 11 cases other than in accordance with the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code. Young Conaway has no agreement with any other entity to share with such entity any compensation received by Young Conaway in connection with these chapter 11 cases.
- 15. Consistent with the U.S. Trustee's Appendix B—Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. § 330 by Attorneys in Larger chapter 11 cases (the "U.S. Trustee Guidelines"), which became effective on November 1, 2013,⁵ I state as follows:
 - Young Conaway has not agreed to a variation of its standard or customary billing arrangements for this engagement;
 - none of the Firm's professionals included in this engagement have varied their rate based on the geographic location of these chapter 11 cases;
 - Young Conaway was retained by the Debtors pursuant to an Engagement Letter dated July 14, 2025. The billing rates and material terms of the pre-petition engagement are the same as the rates and terms described in the Application; and
 - the Debtors have approved or will be approving a prospective budget and staffing plan for Young Conaway's engagement for the post-petition period as appropriate. In accordance with the U.S. Trustee Guidelines, the budget may be amended as necessary to reflect changed or unanticipated developments.

⁵ The U.S. Trustee Guidelines themselves acknowledge that "the Guidelines do not supersede local rules, court orders, or other controlling authority." While the Debtors and Young Conaway intend to work cooperatively with the U.S. Trustee to address requests for information and any concerns that may have led to the adoption of the U.S. Trustee Guidelines, neither the filing of this Declaration, nor anything contained herein, is intended to or shall be deemed to be an admission by Young Conaway that the Firm is required to comply with the U.S. Trustee Guidelines. Young Conaway reserves any and all rights with respect to the application of the U.S. Trustee Guidelines in respect of any application for employment or compensation filed in these chapter 11 cases.

- 16. The professional services that Young Conaway will render to the Debtors include, but shall not be limited to, the following:
 - providing legal advice and services with respect to the Debtors' powers and duties as debtors in possession in the continued operation of their business, management of their property, the Local Rules, practices, and procedures, and providing substantive and strategic advice on how to accomplish the Debtors' goals in connection with prosecution of these chapter 11 cases;
 - preparing, on behalf of the Debtors, necessary applications, motions, answers, orders, reports, and other legal papers;
 - appearing in Court, at any meeting with the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware (the "<u>U.S. Trustee</u>"), and any meeting of creditors at any given time on behalf of the Debtors;
 - advising the Debtors on corporate, bankruptcy, litigation, and other matters, including, without limitation, advising the Debtors' board of directors (the "Board") and the independent restructuring committee of the Board (the "Special Committee") and attending Board and Special Committee meetings; and
 - performing all other legal services for the Debtors that may be necessary and proper in these chapter 11 cases as counsel to the Debtors.
- 17. To the extent that Young Conaway is assigned services by the Debtors that fall outside the scope of those identified herein and in the Application, Young Conaway will file a supplemental declaration in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 2014.
- 18. The facts set forth herein and in the Application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Dated: August 14, 2025 /s/ Sean M. Beach

Sean M. Beach

Exhibit I

Interested Parties

Interested Parties - Debtors

Debtors

AGDP Holding Inc.
Avant Gardner, LLC
AG Management Pool LLC
EZ Festivals LLC
Made Event LLC
Reynard Productions, LLC

Interested Parties - Judges & UST

Judges & UST

Benjamin Hackman

Christine Green

Dion Wynn

Edith A. Serrano

Elizabeth Thomas

Hannah M. McCollum

Hawa Konde

Holly Dice

James R. O'Malley

Jane Leamy

Jonathan Lipshie

Jonathan Nyaku

Joseph Cudia

Joseph McMahon

Lauren Attix

Linda Casey

Linda Richenderfer

Malcolm M. Bates

Michael Girello

Nyanquoi Jones

Richard Schepacarter

Shakima L. Dortch

Timothy J. Fox, Jr.

The Honorable Brendan L. Shannon

The Honorable Craig T. Goldblatt

The Honorable J. Kate Stickles

The Honorable John T. Dorsey

The Honorable Karen B. Owens

The Honorable Laurie Selber Silverstein

The Honorable Mary F. Walrath

The Honorable Thomas M. Horan

Interested Parties - Vendors

Vendors

Heini

Gateway Productions

Nova Traffic

Able Equipment Rental Inc

Christie Lites Enterprises

McAlpine

Brookside

Creative Artists Agency

BILDSTEIN GROUP LLC

Iron Group

Zin Electrical

Tomexpo

MTD USA

Telecom Communications

BCLP

Allstar Security and Consulting Inc

BrownTech

4ID Solutions

CID Plumbing

BILLFOLD LLC

Moncon

All Access Staging & Productions

Wizard

United Site Services

Grant Thornton LLP

Plus Music

Singer Equipment Company, Inc.

Kelco

Patrick Doerr Pllc

SEO

508 Operations LLC

Marica LLC

HIve.co

Daversa Partners

Clair Global

Hard Feelings

Brief Carmen & Kleiman LLP

Stys Hospitality Initiative

SHI

Loupe Digital Inc.

Con Edison

Greenspoon Marder LLP

NYC Environmental Protection

United Healthcare

DTDS

Great Lakes Hotel Supply

Geiger

Sirkkas, LLC

UNREAL-SYSTEMS

Kaufman Dolowich, LLP

Interested Parties - Vendors

Vendors

4 WALL ENTERTAINMENT, INC Paradocs Kostow Greenwood Anchin, Block & Anchin LLP Meta Platforms, Inc. Fresh Prints LLC United Staging & Rigging Mega Lasers Productions, Inc. US Foods Fepaz Enterprises

Interested Parties - Vendors

Vendors

JDL FX LLC

AG Der Pioniere

Chateau Brooklyn LLC

PLUSMUSIC US Inc.

HBT Planung GmbH

Wasserman Music LLC

AG Security Group Inc.

Afco

United Talent Agency

Swiss Event Operation GmbH

See Tickets

One Pulse Group LLC

AEG Presents LLC

WME Entertainment

Liaison Artists

Moncon Inc.

Brooklyn Storehouse LLC

SPI Consulting

Poggesi USA

Rivka Noskeau

Technical Arts Group LLC

Cornucopia Cruise Line

Muller

PSG Engineering

Buds and Blooms

&LANA LLC

Seer Assets LLC

Adelman Matz P.C.

Ready Set Inc

ClarksonSears Holdings LLC

Obstacle Paving

Dynamic Hoisting Scaffolding

Alive Coverage LLC

Silent Volume LLC

Ellenoff Grossmann & Schole LLP

Jackson Koloskus

GREAT LAKES HOTEL SUPPLY COMPANY

Kelco Productions Inc

VierD AG

Southern Glazers

Interested Parties - Artists

Artists

Tiesto

Zeds Dead

Kayzo

Brutalismus 3000

Odd Mobb

Charlotte de Witte

Francis Mercier

Anjunadeep

Boris Brejcha

Galantis

Alegria

Black Coffee

Excision

Elrow

Subtronics

Loud Luxury

The Chainsmokers

Deadmau5

Alesso

Kai Wachi

Themba

Drumcode

Sublime

Nora En Pure

Timmy Trumpet

Wooli

A.G. Cook

Afrojack

DJ Snake

Tape B

Gryffin

Yousuke Yukimatsu

Bunt

Indo Warehouse

Big Wild

It's Murph

Two Friends

Polo & Pan

Awakenings

Viagra Boys

Hardwell

Holy Priest

Illenium

Maz

Hugel

Adventure Club

Amelie Lens

Sub Focus

Disco Lines

Horsegirl

Interested Parties - Artists

Artists

ARMNHMR

Meduza

Yung Lean

Peggy Gou

Acraze

Azealia Banks

Sullivan King

Artbat

Maddix

Slander

Funk Tribu

MK

Big Gigantic

Levity

Mestiza

Notion

Ray Vlope

Tchami

Interested Parties - Landlords

Landlords

Packin Realty Company, LLC Gardner Purchaser LLC Stewart Purchaser LLC Vlat, LLC **Avant Gardner** *Interested Parties - Equity Holders*

Equity HoldersJurgen Bildstein

Interested Parties - D&O

D&O

Gary Richards Faisal Lateef Hooman Yazrahi

Interested Parties - Insurance

Insurance

CAC Group

Standard Security Life Insurance Company
The NY State Insurance Fund
StarStone Specialty Insurance Co
Republic Vanguard Insurance Co
Hiscox Insurance Co
Beazley Excess & Surplus Lines Ins inc
Zurich American Insurance Company
Homeland Ins Co of Delaware
Underwriters at Lloyd's
Ascot Ins Co
Vantage Risk Assurance Co
HDI Global Specialty SE
Texas Ins Co
Axis Surplus Insurance Co
HGR Group Inc

Interested Parties - Restructuring Professionals

Restructuring Professionals

Triple P Securities, LLC (Portage Point Partners)
Triple P TRS, LLC (Portage Point Partners)
Sidley Austin LLP
Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP
Verita Global

Interested Parties - Lenders & Agents

Lenders & Agents

Axar Capital

TVT Capital Source LLC

Pinnacle Business Funding LLC

Alter Domus

Strategic Yieldco LLC

Strategic III Diversified Growth Fund LLC

Strategic Consolidated Income Fund LLC

Strategic Diversified Income Fund LLC

Michigan Diversified Income Fund LLC

NYC Festivals, LLC

NYC Club Event, LLC

SFXE IP LLC

LiveStyle Holdings, Inc

HYG Financial Services, Inc.

ACE Endico Corporation

US Foods, Inc.

Interested Parties - Banks

Banks

J.P. Morgan Chase

Interested Parties - Taxing Authorities

Taxing Authorities

Internal Revenue Service
New York State Department of Taxation and Finance
New York City Department of Finance
New York Department of Labor
State of Delaware

Interested Parties - Litigation

Litigation

Fred Orsita

Nicholas De Heras

Narendra Persaud

Mark Kabbeko

508 Operations LLC

Nicole Brockmole

Lauren Bair

Nick Ercklentz

Alexandra Avchukov

Quentin Chappat

Sandra Maestra Pereira

Kris Iyer

Anthony Palie

Dakota Bedell

Carl Corbo

Annabel Gould

Dolores Thompson

Bridgette Winkelmann

Billy Ting

Duoc Vo

Garry Huang

Jeffrey Wang

Joshua Chin

Willy Ngo

Steven Scinto

James Power

Kimberly Power

Rupert Byron Finlay Ramsay

AG Light and Sound, Inc.

Manhattan Mirage Inc. & Lorenzo P. Anderson aka LP Anderson

Medpro RRG Risk Retention Group

Sviatoslav Dobriuk

Brocho V.H. LLC

Goldstar Staffing Corp. & Marcos Sanchez

T&M USA LLC

Laser Light Company

Sunbelt Rentals Inc.

Raven Production Management Group, LLC

The Bright Pursuit LLC

WeatherPrep LLC

Entertainment & Rigging

Michael Hang

NY Tent LLC

Brett Carter

Christopher Adams

Interested Parties - Litigation

Litigation

Daniel Ahn

Daniel Chiu

Jin Ang

John Jeon

John Sun

Joseph Lee

Joshua Friedman

Timmy Howard

Weichieh Chi

Afara Mir

Albeil Benitez-Maruri

Ana Ralbovski

Andres Felipe Perez Guzman

Anbal Mendoza

Anna Skakhbazov

Ariel Ramage

Arturo Olmos

Augusto Meyo

Ayla Brown

Celestino Cruz Guevara

Danielle Casale

Diana Henriquez

Doris Galinec

Eddy Cedeno

Felipe Castro

Fernando Romero

Giovanni William Tamayo

Giselle Johnson

Hector Rodriguez

Janela Bunke

Janelle Colantuone

Jorge Mota Cortorreal

Jovanna Del Plato

Jovanni Espinoza

Juan Carlos Garcia

Kaitlene Tan

Kaitlin Capacccio

Laurie Bowen

Lingpeng Qian

Luis Rafael Velazquez

Margarite Morano

Miguel Ocampo

Nazareth Dehkordi

Nilsson Dominguez

Norberto Campos Hernandez

Interested Parties - Litigation

Litigation

Omar Cruz Paola Montellese Paulina Lempicka Rosalina Giaquinto Sabrina Lorena Rojas Sarah Kabir

Tiffany Rasombath

Interested Parties - Contractors

Contractors

Alex Joss

Discotech

Luffy

QianLingPeng

Amaju

Bryan Lee

Deep Roots

Frank Nostros

Indo Warehouse

Jahan Hussain

Jay Lin

Joey Sutera

Lisa Marcelo

Nervous Records

Nochum Schechter

Sheriff Wasfy

Dream Hospitality Group

Nick Mora

Avant Gardner *Interested Parties - UCC Lien Parties*

UCC Lien PartiesFirst Corporate Solutions

Exhibit II

Engagement Agreement

RODNEY SQUARE

NEW YORK ROCKEFELLER CENTER

> Sean M. Beach P 302.571.6621 F 302.576.3281 sbeach@ycst.com

July 14, 2025

Gary S. Richards **Chief Executive Officer** AGDP Holding Inc. 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202 Brooklyn, NY 11228

> Engagement Agreement with Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP Re:

Dear Mr. Sirkka:

YOUNG

CONAWAY

Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP ("Young Conaway" or the "Firm") is pleased to serve as Delaware counsel to AGDP Holding Inc., Avant Gardner LLC, Reynard Productions LLC, EZ Festivals LLC, Made Event LLC and certain affiliates (collectively the "Company") on terms set forth herein in connection with the potential restructuring of the Company. We look forward to working with the Company, Sidley Austin LLP and the other advisors to the Company on this matter.

Matter; Scope. Young Conaway's engagement will include representation of the Company in preparing for and implementing all aspects of its restructuring efforts, including any potential Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing. We will also be available to represent the Company in any litigation that may arise in connection with any Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing.

Fees, Services and Retainer. Young Conaway's periodic invoices will reflect charges for services rendered, calculated on the basis of our guideline hourly rates. For attorney services, these rates of our restructuring professionals range from \$500 to \$1,545 per hour. My standard rate is currently \$1,235 per hour. The guideline hourly rate charged for paralegals is \$385 to \$395 per hour. Our guideline hourly rates are adjusted periodically to reflect the advancing experience, capabilities and seniority of our professionals as well as general economic factors.

Our invoices also will include amounts for charges and disbursements. Such charges and disbursements will include, among others things, charges for messenger services, air couriers, document preparation services, secretarial overtime, photocopying, court fees, travel expenses, working meals, postage, materials for large mailings, telephone and facsimile charges, computerized legal research facilities, computerized document inventory and control, investigative searches, and other charges customarily invoiced by law firms in addition to fees for legal services. In the event extraordinary or significant expenses are incurred, the Company agrees that it will pay those expenses directly or will promptly reimburse the Firm separately from our normal invoice procedure.

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Young Conaway will send the Company and the Company will pay periodic invoices for services rendered and charges and disbursements incurred. The invoices will reflect charges for services rendered calculated on the basis of our guideline hourly rates. Invoices shall be payable upon receipt.

Young Conaway customarily receives a reasonable evergreen security retainer in matters of this nature. The retainer is designed to assure the Company's continued access to representation despite the potential delays in obtaining authority to pay fees, the potential imposition of cash collateral requirements and other factors. At this time, Young Conaway requires payment of an initial evergreen security retainer in the amount of \$100,000 (the "Retainer"). To the extent we determine that the Retainer is insufficient for the magnitude of the services and expenses requested for the engagement, Young Conaway may require an increase to the Retainer amount. In addition, we will require the pre-payment of the chapter 11 filing fee of \$1,738.00, per filing entity, which fees can be funded at a time closer to any potential bankruptcy filing.

The Retainer funds will be held for the purpose of providing a Retainer for professional services to be rendered and expenses to be charged by us to the Company account in connection with the representation described above. The Retainer will be held in an interest-bearing account for the benefit of the Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts ("IOLTA") Program established by the Delaware Supreme Court unless you elect to have the Retainer held in an interest-bearing account for your benefit, in which case, interest will be credited to the escrow account monthly and will accumulate until the Retainer is applied to our invoices for services or until the balance of the Retainer is remitted to the Company at the conclusion of this matter. Enclosed is a tax reporting form, which must be completed, signed by an authorized representative of the Company and returned to us before our bank will open an interest-bearing escrow account for your benefit.

In the event of a chapter 11 filing, Young Conaway shall be indemnified and compensated by the Company and their estates for any fees or costs arising from the successful defense and prosecution of any fee application by Young Conaway in connection with its fees pursuant to sections 328 and 330 of the Bankruptcy Code.

<u>Discharge and Withdrawal</u>. The Company may discharge Young Conaway at any time. Young Conaway may withdraw from this representation at any time with the Company' consent or for good cause without the Company' consent. Good cause includes the Company's breach of this agreement (including the Company's failure to pay any statement when due), the Company's refusal or failure to cooperate with us or any fact or circumstance that would render our continuing representation unlawful or unethical.

<u>Conflict Waiver; Confidentiality</u>. Our firm represents many other companies and individuals. Thus, it is possible that during the time we represent you, some of our present or future clients may have disputes or interests adverse to you. Accordingly, this letter will confirm your agreement that we may continue to represent or may undertake in the future to represent existing or new clients in any matter that is not substantially related to our work for you in this matter, even if the interests of such clients in those other matters are directly adverse to you and

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even if such representation includes litigation against you, provided that we reasonably believe that we will be able to provide competent and diligent representation to you and the other affected clients. We will not represent any party adverse to you with respect to the matters for which you engage us to represent you pursuant to this engagement letter.

Please be assured that, despite any such representation, we strictly preserve all client confidences and zealously pursue the interests of each of our clients, including in those circumstances in which we represent the adversary of an existing client in an unrelated case. The Company agrees that it does not consider such future representation, in unrelated matters, of the Company and any adversary to be inappropriate and, therefore, waives any objections to any such future representation. Of course, with respect to any particular matter that may arise in connection with any chapter 11 case that may be commenced, we understand that the Company will evaluate all of the circumstances extant at that time and will coordinate assignments among Young Conaway and other counsel to best serve and benefit the Company.

Young Conaway is being engaged by the Company as a corporate entity. Our employment does not, and cannot, include the representation of any individual officer, director, manager, member, shareholder or employee; we encourage each such person to consult independent counsel.

Records Retention. Paper and other records which are created or held on your behalf will be retained by the Firm in accordance with law and at its discretion during the pendency of this matter. Unless required by law to be retained in paper or other tangible form, as the case may be, the Firm may scan or otherwise convert all such records to electronic or digital form and dispose of the paper or other tangible record. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Firm will not convert any record exclusively to electronic or digital form if doing so would violate the law or if the Firm realizes in advance that, in doing so, the information contained in the record would be made illegible or unusable.

All documents and other materials relating to the subject matter of this engagement, including those maintained electronically, will be retained and disposed of in accordance with Young Conaway's document retention policy, which provides generally that Young Conaway will not retain documents relating to this type of engagement for more than six years. As such, absent your prior written request to return documents and other materials at the conclusion of this engagement, all documents and other materials in storage may be destroyed after the expiration of the designated document retention period.

<u>Choice of Law and Jurisdiction</u>. In the unlikely event that a dispute arises concerning the engagement provided herein, the Company and Young Conaway agree that this agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with, and governed by, the laws of the State of Delaware, and that the courts of the State of Delaware shall have exclusive jurisdiction of all matters relating, in any way, to any disputes arising from this agreement.

Other legal matters may arise during our representation of the Company that are not set forth in, or contemplated by, this engagement letter. Indeed, given the magnitude of the representation, it would be unusual if this were not the case. Please feel free to contact us to

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clarify the current representation or to discuss matters that have arisen and, if necessary, supplement this engagement letter to ensure the Company's legal representation on such matters.

The foregoing sets forth the terms regarding Young Conaway's retention. There are no representations or promises other than as expressly set forth herein. If the foregoing terms of our representation meet with your approval and accurately represent your understanding of the Company' Retainer agreement with Young Conaway, please execute this agreement and return it to Young Conaway at your earliest convenience. Wiring instructions for payment of the Retainer are set forth below.

We very much appreciate the opportunity to represent the Company.

Sincerely,

YOUNG CONAWAY STARGATT & TAYLOR, LLP

Sean M. Beach, Partner

Sm Beach

Gary S. Richards

By:

Chief Executive Officer AGDP Holding Inc.

Wiring Instructions

Bank Name: M&T Bank

Location: 1007 North Market Street, Suite 12, Wilmington, DE 19801

Routing or ABA #: 022000046 **FBO Account** #: 9886728667

Account Name: Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP Attorney Trust Account

Special Instructions: (Please provide reference number 099999.1596 for proper processing of

funds)

Exhibit B

Richards Declaration

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

| In re: | | | |
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Chapter 11

AGDP HOLDING INC., et al., 1

Case No. 25-11446 (MFW)

Debtors.

(Jointly Administered)

DECLARATION OF GARY RICHARDS IN SUPPORT OF THE DEBTORS'
APPLICATION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION AND
EMPLOYMENT OF YOUNG CONAWAY STARGATT & TAYLOR, LLP AS
COUNSEL FOR THE DEBTORS, EFFECTIVE AS OF THE PETITION DATE

- I, Gary Richards, hereby declare under penalty of perjury, pursuant to section 1746 of title 28 of the United States Code, as follows:
- 1. I am the Chief Executive Officer of AGDP Holdings Inc. and its subsidiaries which are the debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned cases (collectively, the "Debtors").
- 2. I submit this declaration (this "<u>Declaration</u>") in support of the *Debtors' Application* for Entry of an Order Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP as Counsel for the Debtors, Effective as of the Petition Date (the "<u>Application</u>").² Except as otherwise noted, I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein.

RATE STRUCTURE

3. Young Conaway has informed the Debtors that its rates for bankruptcy representations are comparable to the rates Young Conaway charges for non-bankruptcy

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, together with the last four digits of the Debtors' federal tax identification number, are AGDP Holding Inc. (6504); Avant Gardner, LLC (6504); AG Management Pool LLC (9962); EZ Festivals LLC (8854); Made Event LLC (6272); and Reynard Productions, LLC (5431). The Debtors' service address is 140 Stewart Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11237, Attn: General Counsel.

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Application.

representations. I am informed that the rates Young Conaway charged the Debtors in the prepetition period are the same rates Young Conaway will charge the Debtors in the post-petition period, subject to customary adjustments, as described in the Beach Declaration.

THE DEBTORS' SELECTION OF YOUNG CONAWAY AS COUNSEL

4. As noted in the Application, the Debtors seek to retain Young Conaway as counsel to the Debtors. The Debtors selected Young Conaway as bankruptcy counsel because of the Firm's extensive knowledge, expertise, and experience in the field of debtors' and creditors' rights and business reorganizations under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. Young Conaway's knowledge, expertise, and experience practicing before the Court will enable the Firm to work in an efficient and cost-effective manner on behalf of the Debtors' estates. Additionally, in preparing for these chapter 11 cases, Young Conaway has become familiar with the Debtors' business and affairs and many of the potential legal issues that may arise in the context of these chapter 11 cases. Since its engagement, the Firm has advised the Debtors, among other things, on the Bankruptcy Local Rules, practices, and procedures with respect to various restructuring issues. Accordingly, the Debtors believe that Young Conaway is uniquely qualified to represent them in these chapter 11 cases.

COST SUPERVISION

5. The Debtors will review invoices submitted by Young Conaway during these chapter 11 cases and will monitor the billing practices of their counsel closely during these chapter 11 cases to ensure that the fees and expenses paid by the Debtors' estates remain consistent with the Debtors' expectations and the circumstances of these chapter 11 cases. As they did prepetition, the Debtors will continue to bring discipline, predictability, client involvement, and accountability to the counsel fees and expenses reimbursement process.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated: August 14, 2025 /s/ Gary Richards

Gary Richards Chief Executive Officer AGDP Holding Inc.

Exhibit C

Rule 2016 Statement

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:

Chapter 11

AGDP HOLDING INC., et al., 1

Case No. 25-11446 (MFW)

Debtors.

(Jointly Administered)

STATEMENT OF YOUNG CONAWAY STARGATT & TAYLOR, LLP UNDER RULE 2016 OF THE FEDERAL RULES OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE AND SECTION 329 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE

- 1. Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP ("Young Conaway"), pursuant to Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), Rule 2016-1 of the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Local Rules"), and section 329 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101–1532 (the "Bankruptcy Code"), states that the undersigned is proposed counsel for the above captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases.
- 2. Compensation agreed to be paid by the Debtors to Young Conaway is to be for legal services rendered in connection with these chapter 11 cases. The Debtors have agreed to pay Young Conaway at the firm's standard hourly rates for the legal services rendered or to be rendered on the Debtors' behalf in connection with these chapter 11 cases by Young Conaway's various attorneys and paralegals. The Debtors have also agreed to reimburse Young Conaway for its actual and necessary expenses incurred in connection with these chapter 11 cases.

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, together with the last four digits of the Debtors' federal tax identification number, are AGDP Holding Inc. (6504); Avant Gardner, LLC (6504); AG Management Pool LLC (9962); EZ Festivals LLC (8854); Made Event LLC (6272); and Reynard Productions, LLC (5431). The Debtors' service address is 140 Stewart Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11237, Attn: General Counsel.

- 3. Young Conaway was retained by the Debtors to provide restructuring work pursuant to an engagement agreement dated July 14, 2025 (the "Engagement Agreement"). As further detailed in the First Day Declaration.
- 4. Pursuant to the Engagement Agreement, attached to the Beach Declaration as Exhibit II, Young Conaway received an initial retainer of \$50,000 on July 21, 2025 (the "Initial Restructuring Retainer") in connection with the planning and preparation of initial documents and the Firm's proposed post-petition representation of the Debtors. The Initial Restructuring Retainer was supplemented as set forth in the chart below (together with the Initial Restructuring Retainer, the "Restructuring Retainer").
- 5. A chart summarizing retainers provided by the Debtors to Young Conaway, and the prepetition application of incurred fees and expenses arising from services rendered prior to the Petition Date against such retainers, is set forth below:

| Date Range of Services | Date of Payment | Form of Payment | Payment Amount | Retainer Balance |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Initial Restructuring Retainer | 7/21/2025 | WIRE | \$50,000.00 | \$50,000 |
| Additional Retainer | 7/25/2025 | WIRE | \$50,000.00 | \$100,000 |
| Additional Retainer | 8/1/2025 | WIRE | \$300,000.00 | \$400,000 |

6. Prior to filing the Application, Young Conaway applied outstanding invoices for services provided prior to the Petition Date against the Restructuring Retainer. Following a final reconciliation, Young Conaway currently holds a Restructuring Retainer in the amount of

\$131,926.00, which will be held as a general retainer as security for post-petition services and expenses.²

- 7. Within the year prior to the Petition Date, Young Conaway received no other payments or promises of payment from the Debtors on account of services rendered or to be rendered in contemplation of or in connection with these chapter 11 cases. Young Conaway will seek approval of payment of compensation upon its filing of appropriate applications for allowance of interim or final compensation pursuant to sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and any applicable orders of the Court. All filing fees in these chapter 11 cases have been paid in full.
 - 8. The services to be rendered include all those services set forth in the Application.
- 9. Young Conaway further states that it has neither shared nor agreed to share (i) any compensation it has received or may receive with another party or person, other than with the partners, counsel, and associates of Young Conaway, or (ii) any compensation another person or party has received or may receive.

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² The remaining retainer is \$131,926.00, but YCST will be fully reconciling prepetition fees and expenses and will update prior to the hearing if necessary.

Dated: August 14, 2025

Wilmington, Delaware

YOUNG CONAWAY STARGATT & TAYLOR, LLP

/s/ Sean M. Beach

Edmon L. Morton (No. 3856) Sean M. Beach (No. 4070) Kenneth J. Enos (No. 4544) S. Alexander Faris (No. 6278) Sarah Gawrysiak (No. 7403) Evan S. Saruk (No. 7452) 1000 North King Street Rodney Square Wilmington, Delaware 19801 Telephone: (302) 571-6600

afaris@ycst.com sgawrysiak@ycst.com esaruk@ycst.com

Proposed Counsel to the Debtors and Debtors in Possession

EXHIBIT D

Proposed Order

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

| | Ref: Docket No | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Debtors. | (Jointly Administered) | |
| AGDP HOLDING INC., et al., 1 | Case No. 25-11446 (MFW) | |
| In re: | Chapter 11 | |
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ORDER AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION AND EMPLOYMENT OF YOUNG CONAWAY STARGATT & TAYLOR, LLP AS COUNSEL FOR THE DEBTORS, EFFECTIVE AS OF THE PETITION DATE

Upon the application (the "Application")² of the Debtors for entry of an order, pursuant to section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rule 2014, and Local Rule 2014-1, authorizing the retention and employment of Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP ("Young Conaway" or the "Firm") as bankruptcy counsel, effective as of the Petition Date, as more fully set forth in the Application; and this Court having jurisdiction to consider the Application and the relief requested therein in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference* from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, dated February 29, 2012; and this Court having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2) and that this Court may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and this Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Application in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and it appearing that proper and

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, together with the last four digits of the Debtors' federal tax identification number, are AGDP Holding Inc. (6504); Avant Gardner, LLC (6504); AG Management Pool LLC (9962); EZ Festivals LLC (8854); Made Event LLC (6272); and Reynard Productions, LLC (5431). The Debtors' service address is 140 Stewart Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11237, Attn: General Counsel.

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Application.

adequate notice of the Application has been given and that no other or further notice is necessary; and this Court having reviewed the Application; and upon the Beach Declaration, the Richards Declaration; and upon the record herein; and it appearing that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Application establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and this Court having determined that the relief requested in the Application is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; it is HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Application is GRANTED as set forth herein.
- 2. In accordance with section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors are hereby authorized to retain and employ the firm of Young Conaway as their bankruptcy counsel on the terms set forth in the Application, the Beach Declaration, and the Engagement Agreement effective as of the Petition Date.
- 3. Young Conaway shall be entitled to allowance of compensation and reimbursement of expenses, upon the filing and approval of interim and final applications pursuant to sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and such other orders as this Court may direct, including, without limitation, any order of this Court establishing procedures for interim compensation and reimbursement of professionals retained in these chapter 11 cases. Young Conaway intends to make a reasonable effort to comply with the U.S. Trustee's requests for information and additional disclosures as set forth in the U.S. Trustee's *Appendix B—Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. § 330 by Attorneys in Larger chapter 11 cases*, effective as of November 1, 2013 (both in connection with the Application and the interim and final fee applications to be filed by Young Conaway in these chapter 11 cases).

- 4. Young Conaway shall provide five (5) business days' notice to the Debtors and the U.S. Trustee in connection with any increase of the hourly rates listed in the Application. The U.S. Trustee and the Debtors retain all rights to object to any rate increase on all grounds, including, but not limited to, the reasonableness standard provided in section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code, and this Court retains the right to review any rate increase pursuant to section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 5. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted pursuant to this Order in accordance with the Application.
- 6. This Court shall retain jurisdiction over all matters arising from or related to the implementation or interpretation of this Order.