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## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:

Chapter 11

Apple Tree Life Sciences, Inc., et al.,1

Case No. 25-12177 (LSS)

Debtors.

(Joint Administration Requested)

# NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY LIVE TRANSCRIPT REGARDING DECEMBER 17, 2025 PRE-TRIAL REVIEW HEARING IN THE GRAND COURT OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS FINANCIAL SERVICES DIVISION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, on December 17, 2025, the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands Financial Services Division held a pre-trial review hearing in Cause No. FSD 146 of 2025 (JAJ) and Cause No. FSD 151 of 2025 (JAJ) (the "PTR Hearing").

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The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number include: Apple Tree Life Sciences, Inc. (4506); ATP Life Science Ventures, L.P. (8224); ATP III GP, Ltd. (6091); Apertor Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (3161); Initial Therapeutics, Inc. (2453); Marlinspike Therapeutics, Inc. (4757); and Red Queen Therapeutics, Inc. (8563). The location of the Debtors' service address in these chapter 11 cases is 230 Park Avenue, Suite 2800, New York, NY 10169.



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# EXHIBIT A

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Day 1PTR1 Draft, 17/12/2025
Wednesday, 17 December 2025
(3.00 pm GMT
JUSTICE ASIF KC: Good morning.
MR SCOTT: My Lord, good morning. I appear (inaudible) with
  Mr Faulkner for the plaintiffs and petitioners,
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  the Rigmora LPs, my learned friend Mr Ayres and Ms White
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  for the defendant, the GP.
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    As your Lordship knows, this is the PTR ahead of
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  the January trial in these proceedings. We were last
  before your Lordship at the end of November when
  your Lordship dismissed the mediation and privilge
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  summons brought by the GP.
JUSTICE ASIF KC: Yes.
MR SCOTT: There have since been two very significant
  developments in Delaware. The Delaware judgment came
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  out on Friday, 5 December, and there followed, on
  Tuesday the 9th, commencement by the GP of Chapter 11
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  proceedings against itself and against the partnership
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  and against ATLS. There has since been a flurry of
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  activity in Delaware. Subject to your Lordship, what
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  I want to do this morning is address the court on three
  topics. The first is the Delaware judgment and its
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  significance for your Lordship's purposes, and its
  principal significance is that, as a result of
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  the Delaware judgment (inaudible) of the partnership is
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  now gone, and it is gone because the Chancellor accepted
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our case as to what our total contingent subscriptions
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  are and accepted our case that we have an un(inaudible)
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  discretion over budget approval. And the upshot of that
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  is, once we have complied with the Delaware judgment, as
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  we will do in the coming days and paid many of
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  the capital calls which the Chancellor has required us
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  to pay, there will be just US$29 million left in undrawn
  contingent subscriptions left to call and we will have
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  an unfettered discretion over budget approvals in
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  respect of any future calls for that sum.
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     So the partnership has no future in the form that is
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  envisaged by the parties under the LPA. As I say,
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  (inaudible) as gone and so it needs to be wound up.
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  My Lord, that will be the first topic.
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    The second will be the Chapter 11 proceedings. As
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  your Lordship will have seen from our skeleton, we say
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  and are moving in Delaware to have them dismissed on
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  the basis that they are a bad faith filing, an attempt
  to avoid the consequences of the Delaware judgment,
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  a device by which to kill the January trial in
  your Lordship's court that the GP agreed should take
  place, and a device pursued in circumstances where
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  the partnership is not facing financial distress in
  the slightest, its stated assets being multiple orders
  the magnitude greater than the paltry debts mentioned in
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  the petitions.
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     My Lord, the Delaware bankruptcy court will rule in
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  due course on the motion to dismiss. What I want to
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focus on is the implications, again for your Lordship's
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  purposes, of the commencement of the Chapter 11
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  proceedings having regard to the relevant provisions of
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  the Limited partnership agreement, the LPA, and
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  the associated provisions of the ELP Act because,
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  regardless of whether the Chapter 11 filings were done
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  in good faith or bad faith, regardless of that,
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  the contractually agreed and statutory consequences of
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  their commencement in respect of the GP is that
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  the partnership shall now be wound up under
  the supervision of this court.
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     So the issue that now confronts your Lordship in
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  these proceedings is not whether the partnership should
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  be wound up but rather how and by whom.
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     My Lord, that brings me to the third topic that
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  I wish to address, the question of how your Lordship
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  should manage these proceedings in the light of these
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  recent developments in Delaware.
JUSTICE ASIF KC: Mr Scott, before we go much further, can I just make sure that the message has got
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  everyone that we absolutely must be finished by
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  2 o'clock. If we have to sit over lunch, we can do
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  that, but I've read erches' skeletons, I've read
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  the Delaware judgment, I've read the transcript of
  the hearing before the bankruptcy judge in Delaware, so
  I've got a pretty g picture of the current lie of
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  the land in Delaware, and so I would hope that this
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  morning -- and also I'm also very conscious of what
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  the parties are allowed to argue in front of me as
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  permitted by the bankruptcy judge in Delaware and what
  they're currently not allowed to argue in front of me,
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  so I would hope that that might speed up matters today
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  somewhat.
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MR SCOTT: I'm grateful, my Lord. That indication had
  indeed come to us. I would not expect to be much more
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  than an hour on my feet.
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     My Lord, I should also say at this point there is,
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  I understand, a further hearing in Delaware I think
  scheduled for 3.30 today.
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JUSTICE ASIF KC: Yes, I did see that.
MR SCOTT: And it would be helpful, if possible, if
  your Lordship were able to indicate at the end of
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  submissions this morning what your Lordship's view is on
  the lie of the land and the way forward so that that can
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  be -- (overspeaking) --
JUSTICE ASIF KC: That's understandable, Mr Scott, and I'm
  happy to do that -- well, assuming we've reached
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  a position where I'm able to.
MR SCOTT: I'm grateful, my Lord.
JUSTICE ASIF KC: I will provide whatever assistance to
  the judge in Delaware that I can.
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MR SCOTT: I'm grateful.
     My Lord, just to complete the overview on the third
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  topic, how your Lordship should take forward these
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  proceedings, what we invite your Lordship to do is to
  direct a two-day hearing ideally in the week commencing
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  19 January. We understand that that week had been
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  reserved in your Lordship's diary for judgment writing
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  further to trial. And the purpose of that two-day
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  hearing would be to determine the contractual and
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  statutory consequences of the recent development in
  Delaware as a matter of Cayman law, and they are
  the paragraph 10(b) issues, as we have termed them,
  identified in our skeleton at paragraph 12. Perhaps can
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  I just ask your Lordship to take that up.
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JUSTICE ASIF KC: Yes, I've got that.
MR SCOTT: Your Lordship sees at 12.1, 12.2 and 12.3
  the paragraph 10(b) issues. They are all issues of
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  Cayman law. They are discrete issues capable of
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  determination without the need to resolve any factual
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  serious, because they're issues that -- they're simply
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  the legal consequences of what has happened in Delaware.
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    We say that a determination from your Lordship on
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  those issues would be helpful to the parties in
  the context of these Cayman proceedings because, if we
  are right about them, they will in practice dispose of
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  the case. A determination from your Lordship is also
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  likely to be very helpful in the context of
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  the Chapter 11 proceedings in Delaware, because it would
  provide to the Delaware Bankruptcy Court and to third
  parties an authoritative statement of the Cayman law
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  consequences of what has happened and that can then be
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  factored into whatever decisions need to be taken by
  the bankruptcy judge in the US proceedings. And it will
  obviate, for example, the need for the US bankruptcy
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  judge to hear Cayman law expert evidence on these
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     issues, because there could be no one more expert than
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  a judge of this court pronouncing on the issues as they
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  arise in this particular case.
JUSTICE ASIF KC: Can I just understand, how does this fit
  in with your intended application in terms of to strike
  out or to dismiss the Chapter 11 proceedings? Are you
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  saying that whatever I say about the position of the ELP
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  and the paragraph 10(b) issues needs to be determined
  before that application is made, or is it not? ^.
MR SCOTT: So that application has been made.
JUSTICE ASIF KC: Yes, it's been made but I know it's not
  been heard? It's not been heard. The parties as I know
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  are in the process of preparing a schedule to brief --
JUSTICE ASIF KC: And the Delaware judge has indicated
  pretty plainly that she's not going to make a decision
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  on that in time for the trial here.
MR SCOTT: No, indeed.
JUSTICE ASIF KC: For the trial to go ahead ^.
MR SCOTT: Indeed. And the way we see this working is that
  your Lordship's determination on the paragraph 10(b)
  issues will be relevant for the purpose of disposing of
  the motion to dismiss. They will also be relevant more
  broadly.
JUSTICE ASIF KC: But how are -- in a case how are you going
  to be able to run that before you've got a decision from
  the Delaware judge permitting you to do that given
  the automatic stay u Chapter 11?
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MR SCOTT: Because my Lord what we intend to do and to do
  before the end of this week is to make an application to
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  vary the moratorium.
JUSTICE ASIF KC: All right.
MR SCOTT: To permit us to have the paragraph 10(b) issues
  determined. If -- my Lord, I understand the position in
  Delaware so far as the rules are concerned to be that,
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  having made that motion, the hearing can come on if it
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  can be accommodated within 14 days thereafter. That
  takes us to the very early part of January and we would
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  hope that the Delaware bankruptcy judge would hear us on
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  the motion to vary the moratorium in very early January
  to enable us to come back before your Lordship later in
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  the month to argue out the point. So that's
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  the schedule that we have in mind.
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    All I'm asking to do is that your Lordship reserves
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  the slot in the court's diary and we work towards it.
  But of course if the judge in Delaware cannot
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  accommodate the motion to vary, or is not prepared to
  grant motion to vary, then we will need to come back and
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  deal with the consequences of that because, as I hope we
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  made plain in the skeleton, and let me make it plain
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  again orally, we intend to comply with the moratorium,
  and nothing that I'm saying to your Lordship today
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  should be misrepresented or weaponised in Delaware as
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  any suggestion to the contrary.
JUSTICE ASIF KC: No, that's fine. I just -- I was just
  trying to work out how the chronology would be likely --
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  lay down in my own head how the chronology would be
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  likely to work out.
MR SCOTT: That's the chronology as we see things.
JUSTICE ASIF KC: Right. For what it's worth, the week
  commencing 19 January is -- looks to me to be possible,
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  but it does depend on a lot of goodwill from the judge
  in Delaware being able to accommodate your motion in
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  time, and also because, presumably, everyone is going to
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  say that unless and until the Delaware judge has granted
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  your relief, no one can properly start spending all
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  the money for preparing the paragraph 10(b) arguments.
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     What I can say at this stage is, if the 19th -- if
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  the week of 19 January is not feasible, then subject to
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  26 January being a bank holiday, I could do later in
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  that week, I could do the week of the 2nd, but then
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  I can't do anything until 2 March.
MR SCOTT: Just so I have that clear, my Lord.
JUSTICE ASIF KC: Yes, the week of the 26th, the 26th is
  a public holiday. I have something on the 27th, but
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  I could do the 28th, 29th or 30th January.
    The week of the 2nd, I've got a short hearing on
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  Tuesday morning, but apart from that, that week is
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  currently clear. And then I could not to anything,
  because of trials, until 2 March.
MR SCOTT: That's a very helpful indication, my Lord. Could
  I just turn my back for one moment?
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    (Pause).
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     So my Lord with that --
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JUSTICE ASIF KC: Can I also just say, again, with a few to
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  trying to assist the parties, this seems to me it's
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  preferable that I at least allocate some time at this
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  stage so that there is a space set aside in my calendar,
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  which fills up, as everyone knows, very quickly, because
  if we don't do it now and simply wait until the judge in
  Delaware has ruled, that builds in at least three or
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  four weeks of unnecessary delay in the resolution of
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  the matters that you want determined.
MR SCOTT: And the concern is, on our side of the court at
  least, before you know it, those issues aren't getting
  determined until the spring.
JUSTICE ASIF KC: Yes.
MR SCOTT: And we do say they really are serious of
  fundamental importance Nsome ways they're gating(?) ^
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  issues in the case.
JUSTICE ASIF KC: And the other thing, in my view, is this.
  If it turns out that the Delaware judge says, no, you
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  can't do any of this, then it's much easier to release
  the time than it is to try and work in the other
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  direction.
MR SCOTT: Well, we respectfully agree, my Lord.
    My Lord, with that introduction, can I deal with my
  first topic, which is the Delaware judgment and its
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  implications.
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JUSTICE ASIF KC: Yes.
MR SCOTT: If I can ask your Lordship please to take up our
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  skeleton, paragraph 16.
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JUSTICE ASIF KC: Yes. I thought it's very interesting how
  both sides managed to portray the judgment as
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  a resounding victory. I mean, that's par for
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  the course.
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MR SCOTT: Indeed. My Lord, without meaning to be flippant,
  it's an odd victory run by the GP that results in
  a Chapter 11 filing just a couple of days later, but
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  there we are.
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     My Lord, what I want to do is just invite
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  your Lordship's attention to the contrast between what
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  the GP was asking for in May and what it achieved in
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  the Delaware judgment. Can I ask your Lordship to
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  re-read the rub paragraphs the paragraph 16, which
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  summarise the GP's ask back in May.
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    (Pause).
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JUSTICE ASIF KC: Yes, I've read that.
MR SCOTT: And if your Lordship will then please read
  paragraph 17, we set out there what we say the effect of
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  seeking this relief was.
JUSTICE ASIF KC: Yes, I've read that.
MR SCOTT: I'm grateful.
    And as your Lordship knows from the submissions
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  I made at the August hearing in this matter, our
  position consistently has been that there was never any
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  basis in the LPA for this suite of relief, and what
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  the Delaware complaint as issued was was an account in
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  effect to restructure the partnership through orders for
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  declaratory relief and supposed specific performance,
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  the specific performance of the obligations which didn't
  exist under the LPA but which the GP invited
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  the Delaware Court to impose.
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     My Lord, the absence of any contractual basis for
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  that relief is illustrated by two things. The first is
  that the GP has abandoned -- by the time the Delaware
  trial took place with more still abandoned come
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  the closing argument.
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     The second is the fact that the Delaware Chancellor
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  has found in her judgment following the trial that
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  the GP's case in the most part has failed. It failed in
  particular as regards the level of total contingent
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  subscriptions, and it failed in particular as regards
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  the attempt to strip us of budget approval rights.
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     If your Lordship will then go, please, to
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  paragraph 18 in our skeleton.
JUSTICE ASIF KC: Yes.
MR SCOTT: Your Lordship sees that by the time the music
  stopped, so to speak, and we got to the end of the trial
  in Delaware, there were five claims left in play, which
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  we identify in paragraph 18. First, the claim for
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  a declaration that we had breached the LPA or our common
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  law duet by refusing to consideration budget in good
  faith and had waived our rights to do so in the future.
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  That claim failed and the declaration sought was
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  refused. And importantly, the claim failed because
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  the alleged duty relied upon derived from Braganza was
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  held by the Delaware judge not to exist in the context
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  of this partnership, and that chimes with an observation
  that your Lordship made at the August hearing, that
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  the application of Braganza in the context of an ELP
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  did not appear to reflect Cayman law, as it does not.
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    My Lord, second, there was a claim from the GP for
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  specific performance requiring payment of the disputed
  capital calls made in May. Now, this succeeded to
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  the extent of US$96 million or so of those calls and we
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  intend to pay them as soon as the GP supplies us with
  the account details required under the Chancellor's
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  post-judgment order, which includes protective measures
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  to hold the payment in a segregated account to the order
  of the US Bankruptcy Court.
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     My Lord, third, the GP had sought a declaration that
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  its filing of the Delaware complaint was not done in bad
  faith and was consistent with its fiduciary duties and
  the terms of the LPA. The Chancellor declined to make
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  that declaration, or to deal with the issue in her
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  judgment, and that is because, as she said in her
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  judgment, it was an issue more appropriate for
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  determination by your Lordship.
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     My Lord, fourth, the GP had sought a declaration
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  that the default provisions in the LPA had not been
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  amended. That declaration bore in resemblance to
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  the relief initially sought in the Delaware complaint
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  whereby, if granted, the GP would have been entitled to
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  apply the default charge across all of our interests in
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  the partnership. That request was abandoned come
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  the trial. The declaration that was sought in its place
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  was pointless, because we had never disputed that
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  the default provisions had not been amended, and
  the Chancellor duly refused to grant that pointless
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  declaration.
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    My Lord, fifth and finally, the GP had pursued
  a claim for costs, but the Chancellor dismissed this too
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  finding that the claim had been waived in the course of
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  argument.
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    My Lord, the summary I've just given you is set out
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  in a bit more detail in paragraph 19 with references to
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  the Delaware judgment, but I'm not proposing, in
  the light of your Lordship's indication, to take that up
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  at this stage. But we do say that there is a stark
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  contrast between what the GP sought to achieve by its
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  filing in May and what it has achieved. The GP had
  claimed that the partnership had US$550 million of
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  capital commitments remaining, had more than
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  US$240 million of unfunded approved budgets and that we
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  had lost our rights to approve further budgets. And one
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  can readily see that if that reflected the true position
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  under the LPA, this partnership would have a future.
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  But it does not reflect the true position
  under the LPA, as the Chancellor has found, because
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  following the Delaware judgment the GP has at most
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  $29 million in capital commitments left it to call from
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  ^, and in circumstances where we are free to reject
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  further budgets, as it is our right to do and as we are
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  inclined to do given that we have no trust and
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  confidence in Dr Harrison and the GP.
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     My Lord, we respectfully submit that in those
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  circumstances the partnership sub stratum is simply gone
  and there is no serious argument to the contrary.
  That's not an issue that turns upon the facts about
  whether the lots of trust and confidence is justified.
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  It doesn't depend on any of that. It just depends on
  the financial implications of the Delaware judgment. So
  what we would envisage as regards determination of that
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  issue in January are really our submissions to
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  your Lordship on the sub stratum case law and on
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  the application of the principles from those cases to
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  the financial landscape that results from the Delaware
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  judgment.
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     My Lord, can I make one thing clear at this point,
  and it's important that this not be misrepresented in
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  Delaware or weaponised there. In saying what we do
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  about the loss of sub stratum of the partnership, we are
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  not saying that the partnership is financially
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  distressed. Plainly it is not. It has billions of
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  dollars in assets, it has piles of cash. There is no
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  suggestion that the partnership is unable to meet its
  liabilities as they fall due, nor any suggestion of any
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  risk that such difficulties may arise at the partnership
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  level, whether imminently or otherwise. The point is
  not that the partnership is in financial distress,
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  the point is that Dr Harrison has so managed
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  the partnership capital that the purpose for which it
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  was formed can no longer be carried out. It is
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  impossible or impracticable, the language used by
  the case law, to continue where the partnership has just
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  29 million in remaining available capital, a sum that
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  would soon be burned through by the ATLS fee that
  Dr Harrison causes to be charged.
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     Now, he must have recognised that that would be
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  the position if we were correct in our contentions on
  total contingent subscription amounts and our unfettered
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  right under the LPA to give or refuse budget approvals,
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  and that is no doubt why he caused the GP to put its
  case so high in the Delaware complaint as issued in May
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  and to persist in the fantasy that we had agreed to
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  contribute under it millions more in capital than we
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  ever did, because once the true contractual position is
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  ascertained, as it now has been, it was obvious and it
  is obvious that the partnership cannot continue its
  business within the contractually agreed framework of
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  the LPA.
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    My Lord, the attempt by the GP to achieve
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  a restructuring through the Delaware complaint having
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  died with the Delaware judgment, what happened is
  the pivot just a few days later to Chapter 11 as
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  the means by which to achieve the restructuring. And
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  the commence.
    Of those Chapter 11 proceedings effectively concedes
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  that the sub stratum of the partnership has gone,
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  because if the partnership could continue for
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  the purpose for which it was formed, there would be no
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  basis to seek restructuring under Chapter 11.
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    Importantly, the GP is not seeking Chapter 11 relief
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  to deal with any insolvency at the partnership level,
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  because there is none, and my Lord, that is apparent
  from the Chapter 11 filings themselves. I don't know if
  your Lordship has had the opportunity to look at those.
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JUSTICE ASIF KC: I did not look at those, now.
MR SCOTT: Perhaps I should just show them to your Lordship.
  They're not hearing bundle and they're in broadly
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  similar terms. If your Lordship would just give me
  a moment to find an example. We take one in the case of
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  the partnership, it's at tab 14. Your Lordship sees
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  that it's expressed to be a voluntary petition. It
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  certainly wasn't voluntary from our perspective.
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    And if your Lordship turns to page 336 in the bundle
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  your Lordship sees the estimated assets of
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  the partnership are put at between $1 billion and
  $10 billion and the estimated are put at between 1 and
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  $500,000. Well, if that's financial distress, I suspect
  many of us in the world would wish to be financially
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  distressed. That's the basis upon which this
  restructuring relief is being sought.
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     My Lord, whatever the relief that will ultimately be
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  sought in Delaware if the Chapter 11 proceedings are not
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  struck out, it will be a form of reorganisation that
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  attempts to vary the terms upon which the Rigmora LPs
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  have agreed to participate in the past ^ and to do so
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  without our consent, and again, that illustrates that
  the sub stratum of the partnership is gone.
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     My Lord, another illustration, if you would go,
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  please, to tab 24 in the hearing bundle at page 621, and
  this is a declaration of Dr Harrison that was filed
  earlier this week in the Chapter 11 proceedings. Can
  I ask your Lordship please to read paragraphs 16 and 17.
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     (Pause).
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    As your Lordship sees, Dr Harrison there admits that
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  one of his aims in pursuing the Chapter 11 proceedings
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  is to effect "a restructuring of the partnership's
  capital structure" and to bring in "new investors to
10
  replace the defaulting limited partners" ^. Well, we're
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  not defaulting partners and the suggestion otherwise is
  difficult to reconcile with the injunction that
  your Lordship made earlier this need and continued in
14
  August. That prevents the GP from treating us as
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  defaulting partners on the basis of those disputed
  capital calls. As I have said, we intend to comply with
17
  them as soon as the GP provides us with the relevant
18
  account details.
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     But, my Lord, the fact that Dr Harrison is taking
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  this stance in the Chapter 11 proceedings, whatever
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  the rights and wrongs of it, further illustrates that
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  the sub stratum of this partnership is gone, because on
  his own evidence he's seeking a restructuring of
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  the partnership's capital structure and admission of new
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  investors all without our consent or without any right
  to do it under the Les. My Lord, it is, with respected,
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  impossible to see how Dr Harrison thinks he can get away
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  with that given there is a petition on foot in
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  your Lordship's court and given the provisions of
  Section 99 of the Companies Act under which, in
  the event that a winding-up order is made, any
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  alteration in the status of the partnership's members
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  would be void absent a validation order from
  your Lordship, and there is no suggestion from the GP
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  that it intends to seek one of those, as it has not
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  during the life of these proceedings on a single
12
  occasion.
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     Now, my Lord, these are among the points that we say
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  illustrate the abusive nature of the Chapter 11
  proceedings and the Delaware Court will rule on that in
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  due course, I'm obviously not asking your Lordship to
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  rule upon it. The key point for your Lordship's
18
  purposes is that the commencement of the Chapter 11
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  proceedings in the circumstances of this case concedes
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  that the sub stratum of the partnership has now gone and
  that would be a sufficient basis for the court to wind
22
  up the partnership on just and equitable grounds and to
23
  do so summarily.
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     My Lord, that brings me to my second topic, which is
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  the contractual and statutory consequences of
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  the Chapter 11 proceedings themselves.
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     My Lord, before I address that, just a brief word,
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  if I may, on the circumstances in which the Chapter 11
  bankruptcy proceedings were brought. They are nothing
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  short of extraordinary. Your Lordship will recall that
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  back in August when the GP abandoned its stay
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  application, it agrees to a trial of these Cayman in
  January and joined with us in asking your Lordship to
  make available a court to have the dispute resolved
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  because it was in the interests of all the parties that
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  it be resolved at the January trial. The GP did not
  indicate at that stage that it might seek Chapter 11
13
  protection, nor was that suggested to your Lordship at
14
  the October mention, the October CMC, the recent
  hearings on mediation and privilege sums -- during which
16
  the GP kept this under wraps. Nor was it ever suggested
17
  to the Chancellor in Delaware. Nor had the possibility
  ever been suggested in the correspondence that passed
  between (inaudible). The Chapter 11 proceedings were
  entirely unheralded. The first we heard of them was in
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  a casual email from Mr Burdon ^ of Quinn Emanuel,
  the individual who had filed misleading evidence before
  your Lordship at the last hearing which my learned
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  friend Mr Ayres rightly apologised. We hear from him in
25
  the course of email exchanges oned December about
  settling the post-trial order in Delaware. Mr Burdon
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  said the GP has filed Chapter 11 proceedings. And that
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  was remarkable and remarkable in circumstances where
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  the GP had repeatedly represented to us that it was not
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  seeking to imperil the January trial.
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     If your Lordship will just go, please, to tab 6 in
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  the hearing bundle your Lordship should have there an
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  email from Walkers to the court on Monday of this week,
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  8 December -- so sorry, Monday last week. So sorry,
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  I've lost a week! Monday last week:
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     "Dear Ms Wood thank you for your email. We write to
  confirm that we are instructed to appeal the judge's
13
  decision on the privilege sums."
14
     Well, no surprise that those instructions were
15
  given. But then this:
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     "In order to progress our client's appeal promptly
17
  and so as not to imperil the January trial fixture we
  would be grateful if the reasoned judgment could be
19
  handed down as soon as reasonably practicable."
JUSTICE ASIF KC: Yes, I spent most of the next day working
  on the draft judgment because I also had the request
  from the Court of Appeal to finalise it as soon as
  possible.
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MR SCOTT: And the GP didn't trouble to tell your Lordship
  that at the same time that your Lordship was working
1
  away on the judgment, the GP and Quinn Emanuel were all
2
  working away on these petitions. Your Lordship may wish
3
  to ask Mr Ayres when he gets on his feet when Walkers
  first knew that this was underway, because it's very
5
  difficult to see how an email can have been sent
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  properly in those terms if Walkers knew that Chapter 11
7
  filings were going to be made.
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     My Lord, likewise, if you turn the tab, please, to
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  tab 7, we've got a letter hear from Walkers on
10
  9 December, the very same day that the filings were
11
  made. It's dealing with the appeal in relation to
  the privilege sums ^, and your Lordship sees at
  paragraph 3 Walkers say this:
14
     "For the avoidance of doubt we reject any suggestion
  in your letter that our client's appeal is in any way
16
  unmeritorious or a tactical attempt to delay the trial."
17
     One can (inaudible) communications to the Court of
18
  Appeal demanding that it convene a special sitting in an
19
  attempt to preserve the January trial.
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    Your Lordship will recall from prior hearings in
21
  this case the concerns that we have repeatedly expressed
22
  about the GP's wrecking strategy in relation to
23
  your Lordship's jurisdiction and the repeated attempts
24
  made to forestall this court's examination of the GP's
25
  conduct and the application of its winding up
1
  jurisdiction through this Cayman ELP. Your Lordship
2
  will recall the failed stay application, the one
3
  abandoned by Ms Prevezer in August and the one
4
  informally made by Mr Ayres when he came on the scene at
5
  the October mention. Your Lordship will recall
6
  the charade at the October CMC when the GP turned up
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  without any proposals for directions to trial other than
8
  that we kick everything off for a two-day CMC to be
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  listed who knows when. Your Lordship will recall
  the failed mediation sums, the failed privilege sums,
  the manoeuvressings in Delaware by which we were forced
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  to withdraw our PL application ^ and my Lord
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  the unheralded Chapter 11 proceedings coming hot off
  the heels of the disaster that the Delaware judgment was
  for the GP is all of a piece with the wrecking strategy
  that Dr Harrison has evidently settled upon in relation
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  to proceedings in your Lordship's court.
    Your Lordship sees that tragedy in some ways reach
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  the denouement shortly following the Chapter 11
  proceedings, because if your Lordship will go next to
  tab 9 in the hearing bundle, does your Lordship have
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  the -- an email from Ms Moseley of Walkers on the 10th?
JUSTICE ASIF KC: Yes.
MR SCOTT: And your Lordship will no doubt have read this, I suspect, as it came in. Your Lordship have
asserted
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  that the effect of what happened in Delaware was to
  automatically stay these Cayman proceedings such that
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  the PTR and the January trial had to be vacated. Now,
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  that is quite wrong as a matter of Cayman law, as we
  explain in our skeleton, because it's a decision for
5
  your Lordship how to conduct these proceedings and I'll
6
  return to that in due course.
7
     But when we declined to acquiesce to the GP's
8
  suggestion that the PTR should simply come out of
  the diary, declined because we said we wished to update
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  your Lordship on these important developments, we
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  received a truly remarkable letter from Quinn Emanuel,
  and if your Lordship will please turn that up, it's
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  tab 10 --
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JUSTICE ASIF KC: Yes, I've read that.
MR SCOTT: You've read the letter, I'm grateful. And
  your Lordship will no doubt have formed his own view on
  the appropriateness of a US law firm writing personally
  to a Cayman attorney threatening him with severe
19
  consequences in the event of any knowing violation of
20
  the automatic stay. And my Lord, we would invite you to
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  note the contrast between the aggressive tone that Quinn
  Emanuel took in this letter to Mr Farmer with
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  the position that they adopted before the judge in
24
  Delaware on Monday.
JUSTICE ASIF KC: Yes, I've read the transcript as well.
MR SCOTT: Your Lordship will note that the Quinn Emanuel
  counsel on that occasion did not draw to the Delaware
3
  judge's attention the letter that Quinn Emanuel had sent
4
  just a few days prior. As your Lordship knows, we filed
5
  the motions to strike out the Delaware bankruptcy
6
  proceedings on 12 December -- that was on Friday.
7
  Ancillary to that we moved to shorten the timetables for
8
  the GP to respond and that led to the scheduling hearing
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  on Monday, and your Lordship has indicated that you've
  read the transcript so I don't need to go back over
  that. Your Lordship will have seen that the Delaware
  bankruptcy judge was content for the PTR to go ahead and
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  that is why we are before your Lordship today.
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    I've already addressed your Lordship on what we see
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  as the next steps in Delaware, a motion to vary
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  (inaudible) this week, a request to the Delaware judge,
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if she can accommodate it, for a ruling in early January
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  that will then clear the field for a determination by
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  your Lordship of the paragraph 10(b) issues.
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     So let me turn then to those paragraph 10(b) issues,
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  and I've already addressed your Lordship on
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  the substratum aspect of it. I want to turn next to
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  the contractual and statutory consequences of
24
  the commencement of the Chapter 11 proceedings, because
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  in the GP's desperate attempt to avoid your Lordship's
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  jurisdiction, it seems to have overlooked the statutory
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  and contractual consequences, because this latest front
3
  in the wrecking strategy is in fact a form of kamakaze.
  If I can ask your Lordship please to take up
5
  the authorities bundle at tab 3.
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JUSTICE ASIF KC: Yes.
MR SCOTT: The ELP Act. If I just invite your Lordship's
  attention to section 36, subsection (1):
9
     "An ELP shall be voluntarily wound up in accordance
  with the provisions of the partnership agreement.
11
     "(a) at the time or upon the occurrence of any event
12
  specified in the partnership agreement."
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    And if your Lordship will then move ahead to
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  page 10, your Lordship sees that the winding up of an
15
  exempted limited partnership shall be deemed to commence
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  upon the earlier to occur of the following, and then
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  (d):
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     "The occurrence of an event provided by
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  the partnership agreement from which the ELP is to be
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wound up."
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    If your Lordship will then take up the hearing
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  bundle, please, at tab 5 and if your Lordship will go to
  page (inaudible) -- that's a bad reference. It should
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  be page 56. At the foot of the page you should have
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  paragraph 10(b) -- 10(b) says this:
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     "The hardship shall be wound up and dissolved 1 upon
2
  any event in respect of the general partner specified in
3
  section 15 and of the ELP law."
4
    This definition the ELP law as the 2012 revision as
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  amended from time to time, and the events to which
  section 5 of the 2012 revision referred are now found in
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  section 36(7) of the act and if your Lordship would
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  please go to to section 36(7) your Lordship sees
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  the relevant events there set out, and at (b), one such
  event is the commencement of liquidation, bankruptcy or
11
  dissolution proceedings, and there can be no doubt, we
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  respectfully --
JUSTICE ASIF KC: Well, it's in relation to the sole or last
  remaining qualified general partner, so it's specific to
15
  the gentleman.
MR SCOTT: Indeed. And the point I was -- the follow-on
  point is that where the general partner has commenced
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  Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings against itself, that
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  is plainly an event of withdrawal within the meaning of
  this section and that brings about the termination
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  provision in 10(b) of the LPA.
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    The effect of these provisions, the contract and
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the statute under which the partnership was created and
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  to which it owes its sole existence, the effect is that
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  a voluntary winding up is deemed to have commenced upon
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  9 December with the commencement of the Chapter 11
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  proceedings in respect of the GP. So that is why I say
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  the question is no longer whether the partnership should
  be wound up, the parties have agreed that it shall and
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  the statutory revision ^ that it shall in the events
6
  which have occurred, namely the Chapter 11 proceedings
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  in respect of the GP. And so the question now is how
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  and by whom the winding up should be conducted.
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     Our preference is for a compulsory winding up order
10
  to be made.
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JUSTICE ASIF KC: Can I just ask one question, Mr Scott.
MR SCOTT: Of course.
JUSTICE ASIF KC: If that is right, doesn't it have
  the result that Section 99 only applies from 9 December
15
  onwards so each you might want or you may have reason to
  want me to -- of the winding up of the petition ^.
17
MR SCOTT: That was the first reason (inaudible) on
  the petition, to preserve the operation of Section 99.
  So that's the first reason and it's an important reason.
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    There is a further reason, that we apprehend -- and
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  I don't put it any higher than that -- that it may be
22
  easier for court-appointed liquidators in a compulsory
23
  liquidation to obtain Chapter 11 recognition in
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  the States and it would be for voluntary (inaudible).
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  So that's our preference, my Lord, and that's where
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the substratum point comes in, because if we are right
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  on the substratum point, the consequence would be
3
  a winding-up order on a just and equitable basis in
4
  the existing petition.
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    My Lord, an alternative approach to the preference
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  I've just set out would be for the court to exercise its
7
  power to remove the GP as liquidating agent in
  the voluntary liquidation that is presently on foot and
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  replace it with court appointees. My Lord, the Cayman
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  Court of Appeal has confirmed that there is jurisdiction
  to do just that. That's the One Thousand & One Voices
  Africa Fund LP cases to which we refer at paragraph 35
  of our skeleton and which your Lordship has at tab 8 of
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  the authorities bundle, page 152.
JUSTICE ASIF KC: I also read that yesterday.
MR SCOTT: I'm grateful. We say this would be a clear case
  for exercising that jurisdiction where we have
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  the majority interest in the winding up and our
  preference is that it be done by court appointees rather
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  than the GP. I don't know if your Lordship has had
  the opportunity to remind himself of what Justice
  Kawaley said on that issue at first instance in One
  Thousand & One Voices Africa Fund LP.
JUSTICE ASIF KC: You mean the paragraph at the end?
MR SCOTT: Indeed.
JUSTICE ASIF KC: Yes.
MR SCOTT: I am grateful. About the importance of giving
  due weight, save for exceptional circumstances --
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JUSTICE ASIF KC: To the parties with economic interest.
MR SCOTT: And again, it seems to us that that's an issue
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  your Lordship properly can and should grapple with at
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  the January hearing we seek and an issue that won't
8
  involve having to investigate whether trust and
9
  confidence has justifiably gone, it will simply involve
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  taking due account of our interests as the majority in
11
  having the winding up by court appointees rather than
12
  a GP who we don't trust.
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    I turn finally to the question how the court should
14
  proceed, and as I said earlier, we have every intention
  of complying with and respecting the automatic stay,
  which is why we have applied to have it lifted and why
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  we will be making the further application this week to
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  vary it to permit the termination of the paragraph 10(b)
  issues in January. What I'm addressing your Lordship
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  on, as I am bound to do as an attorney of this court, is
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  your Lordship's powers and the principles that govern
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  them, and it's a matter for your Lordship how to proceed
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  in the light of the Chapter 11 proceedings. We address
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  the principles in our skeleton at 36 to 40.
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  The Chapter 11 stay is not a part of Cayman law. If it
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  is to have effect in this jurisdiction, it would be as a result of a decision by your Lordship to exercise his
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  own power to stay the proceedings and in the usual way
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  your Lordship would do that where the interests of
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  justice so require, where to do so would further
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  the overriding objective, and recognising that while
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  the court properly can and does give assistance to
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foreign courts conducting insolvency proceedings,
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  the court cannot override local substantive law and
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  local public policies. And as a matter of Cayman
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  substantive law and public policy, it is ordinarily
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  important to hold commercial parties to their bargains
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  to protect the property rights that accrue to them under
13
  such bargains and to supervise the winding up of legal
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  persons who owe their sole existence to Cayman law, as
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  does this partnership.
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    My Lord, we do say, applying those principles,
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  the most appropriate course would be for your Lordship
  to direct the two-day hearing we seek to determine
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  the paragraph 10(b) issues. As I said, they are
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  discrete issues of Cayman law and they can be determined
  without the need to resolve any contentious issues of
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  fact and where the resolution will, or at least may,
  provide a shorthand to what should happen to this
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  partnership from the perspective of Cayman law under
25
  which it exists.
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    If we are right that the Delaware judgment means
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  the substratum of the partnership has gone or if we are
3
  right that the contractually agreed statutory -- of
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  Chapter 11 are that we are in winding up now already,
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  there will be no need for your Lordship to determine
6
  the various other issues in these proceedings.
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     My Lord, a further practical practical significance
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  ^ because if we are right on the paragraph 10(b) point,
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  then the partnership has already entered voluntary
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winding up and that being so, the GP is contractually
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  obliged "to carry out the winding up of the affairs of
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  the partnership pursuant to the LPA". That is expressly
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  set out in paragraph 11(a) of the LPA. And the
14
  provision continues to explain that the GP is required
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  to do two things, first, cause the partnership to
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  satisfy its liabilities and obligations to creditors,
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  and then, second, to distribute the net assets remaining
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  to the partners. Those are the purposes for which
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  the GP can act now that voluntary winding up is in
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  train and they are the powers the GP can exercise.
JUSTICE ASIF KC: So are you saying that pursuant --
  a restructuring is outside the scope of the powers?
MR SCOTT: Yes. And that's among the reasons why we say it
  would be valuable to the Delaware bankruptcy judge to
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  have your Lordship's views on that question, because if
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  your Lordship agrees with us that pursuit of
2
  the restructuring is outside the GP's powers under
  the LPA, or at least an improper exercise of such powers
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  that the GP has, that's in our matter that the Delaware
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  judge may wish to bear in mind in determining how to
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  proceed with the Chapter 11. We do say it's in
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  the interests not just the parties but the Delaware
  court and indeed all stakeholders in relation to these
  Chapter 11 proceedings to have clarity on the position
  under Cayman law that results under this LPA and
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  the ELP.
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    My Lord, we also say that would further
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the interests of justice and it would further
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  the overriding objective. It would avoid (inaudible) in
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  its entirety the January fixture that we have and
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  the work that the parties have been doing in preparation
  for it. And the court we propose would not offend
  against the Chapter 11 stay because, as I have said, we
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  intend to move in Delaware to have the stay lifted to
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  the extent necessary to permit determination of
21
  the paragraph 10(b) issues.
22
     My Lord, can I finish on this with a brief word
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  about the GP's position today. As I understand the GP's
24
  skeleton, its position is that your Lordship should
25
  simply vacate the January trial and give the parties
1
  liberty to apply if the Chapter 11 stay is lifted.
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  That's paragraph 8 of their skeleton. That will achieve
3
  the long-standing wrecking strategy that the GP has been
4
  pursuing. The only reason given for it in the GP's
5
  skeleton is the suggestion that "the most appropriate
6
  way to recognise the effect of the worldwide stay
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  imposed by the US bankruptcy proceedings is to vacate
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  the trial". Your Lordship has my submission that
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  the question is not one of recognition, at least not at
  this stage, that no appointee or approved restructuring
  in the Chapter 11 proceedings yet and there may never be
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  one; all there is at this stage is the institution of
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  proceedings. That does not result in an automatic stay
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  under Cayman law. The question is instead a matter for
  your Lordship's discretionary decision-making taking
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account of all the circumstances. And we I do say
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  the appropriate and fair and just exercise of discretion
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  is the one that we propose whereby we try to do
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  something useful in January that will assist
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  all concerned in relation to progressing
  the orderly winding up of this partnership.
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    If your Lordship will just give me one moment.
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    (Pause).
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    My Lord, if I can just come back to the helpful
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  indication that your Lordship gave about dates in
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  January and February. What we will propose is that we
  can contact the court tomorrow after we have had
  the scheduling conference in Delaware.
JUSTICE ASIF KC: That's fine, Mr Scott.
MR SCOTT: But what I can say, my Lord, and this is
  the attempt to be helpful and I hope there will be
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  a similar attempt on the other side, what I can say is
  that from our perspective our Cayman team can do all of
  the dates that your Lordship has indicated. I think
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  I can do most of them.
JUSTICE ASIF KC: That's fine.
MR SCOTT: If Mr Ayres would be good enough to indicate his
  side's availability, and if your Lordship is persuaded
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  to make these two days available, we can all work
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  together to get something in that fits both here and
  with the schedule in Delaware.
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    Unless I can assist your Lordship further, and I'm
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  sorry I've slightly overrun.
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JUSTICE ASIF KC: No, that's fine, Mr Scott. I'm not
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  suggesting this to anyone, the parties will take their
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  own counsel as to the course they want to pursue, but
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  I'm certainly conscious that judges in the Grand Court
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  in the past have made anti-suit injunctions proceeding
  with liquidations or Chapter 11 in the States where
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  the companies are (inaudible). So I'm alive to the fact
  that just because the GP has commenced Chapter 11
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  proceedings is not necessarily the end of the matter.
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MR SCOTT: Well, I hope that has been heard on the other
  side of the court. Obviously it's not an application
  I am making to your Lordship, or can, but your Lordship
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  is quite right to identify the court's own powers to
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  protect its jurisdiction from these sorts of vexatious
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  and oppressive attacks.
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JUSTICE ASIF KC: Yes. Thank you, Mr Scott.
    Yes, Mr Ayres.
MR AYRES: My Lord, I'm going to be in my submissions much
  shorter than my learned friend and part of the reason
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  for that is because I am going to be cautious about what
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  I say in light of the fact there is Chapter 11
  bankruptcy proceedings, including the fact that although
  the judge, Judge Silverstein, gave permission for this
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  PTR to take place, that was not a permission, as far as
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  we were concerned, where any party, myself included, or
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  the opponents, could simply trespass on the merits,
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  describe in detail the positions they wish to put
  forward and effectively advance the merits. So,
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my Lord, I am not going to respond in detail to a lot of
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  what my learned friend said and your Lordship should not
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  take that as an acceptance that he has.
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     My Lord, just one point of information in relation
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  to a document my learned friend took you to. If
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  your Lordship can go -- I think he took you to page 632,
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  which is part of the declaration of Dr Harrison in
  relation to the application for Chapter 11
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  reorganisation --
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JUSTICE ASIF KC: It's actually 621, I think.
MR AYRES: Yes, and if your Lordship goes down in that
  document to the top of page 633 and reads paragraphs 46
  and 47, you'll see, my Lord, in paragraph 47 it's set
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  out there that the partnership owes more than
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  $221 million in unfunded commitments to certain
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  (inaudible). So my Lord that's --
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JUSTICE ASIF KC: (inaudible).
MR AYRES: No, but it's an additional fact that's being put
  before the court at the same time.
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     So, my Lord, in terms of what I want to say, as
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  I said, I'm going to be narrow and cautious in what
  I say. Your Lordship's seen and read the transcript of
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  what happened in front of Judge Silverstein on Monday,
  and of course there are -- or at that stage on Monday
  there were two applications which were being made to
  the Delaware Bankruptcy Court. First of all was
  the motion to submission the whole bankruptcy. But
  secondly, as my learned friend alluded to, I call it
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the expedition motion but I think in Delaware speak it's
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  called "the motion to shorten time".
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JUSTICE ASIF KC: Yes.
MR AYRES: And in terms of dealing with the motion to
  shorten time, that was dismissed, and I know
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  your Lordship's looked at it but I just want to make
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  sure your Lordship's got the right page -- I know
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  your Lordship has -- just to remind you of the relevant
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  section where this is dealt with, 766 of the hearing
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  bundle, in the transcript, which is in tab 25. She
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  makes a ruling at line 13:
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     "I am not going to shorten time."
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     And then over the page your Lordship will see
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  between lines 3 and 16 the judge talks about her own
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  scheduling issues and of course the fact that she had
  a case settle which would allow her to effectively deal
16
  with the application quicker than the parties had hoped.
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  But, my Lord, she makes that comment effectively in
  cognisance of you and she says:
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     "I am quite aware of setting aside scheduling time,
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  I am guite aware of preparing for matters that don't go
  forward and I don't like to disrupt other judges'
22
  schedules."
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     So your Lordship should be aware, you know, this is
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  in the context of obviously in multi-jurisdictional
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  case, that the Delaware Court is expressly cognisant of
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  the fact that it is either disrupting or potentially
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  disrupting something that is happening in this court, so
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JUSTICE ASIF KC: Well, Mr Ayres, from my point of view,
  the January trial is clearly not going ahead both
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  because of the consequences of the Delaware trial and
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  also because of the Chapter 11 process, the current
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  subsistence of the Chapter 11 whether it continues
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  beyond the dismissal or not ^.
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    I raised the question of my availability later than
11
  19 January because I am slightly concerned that it's
12
  a pretty optimistic timetable bearing in mind what
  Judge Silverstein said about her own availability to
  expect everyone to be read for 19 January. But as I've
  indicated, as it happens, I do have availability in
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  early February and the week of 26 January subject to
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  the Bank holiday and the week of 6 February which seemed
  to me to be a more realistic time frame to work with
19
  without requiring the judge in Delaware to disrupt her
20
  own schedule.
MR AYRES: So, my Lord, we are officers of the court and we
  will cooperate with the question of giving our available
23
  dates. I can say personally, myself, I am free on
24
  the 19th because I was going to have to be anyway. But
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  my Lord, being officers of the court and co-operating
  with our opponents and with you as to our available
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  dates, I should make it clear we are not consenting to
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  anything, we are not accepting that any of this should
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  be going ahead, and in fact quite the opposite. So
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  my Lord, I think that needs to be made clear.
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Just back on the page, my Lord, if you've got --
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  I know your Lordship wants to get me on to the topic
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  of --
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JUSTICE ASIF KC: No, no.
MR AYRES: -- where we go and how this works, but I just
  want to just finish off that Judge Silverstein made it
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  very clear in lines 14 to 16 that she is she's it going
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  to grant the relief --
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JUSTICE ASIF KC: Is this on 766 or 767?
MR AYRES: This is 767, lines 14 to 16 -- the whole passage
  from 3 to 16 is appropriate. But she's very clear that
  not any further than that at this point in time
JUSTICE ASIF KC: Well, I think, really my understanding of
  what she says in the transcript -- and tell me if I'm
  wrong -- is -- if you think I'm wrong -- is that she is
  content for the parties and the court, the Grand Court,
22
  to deal with, if I can describe it like this,
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  practicalities, but not substantive matters.
MR AYRES: Well, my Lord, partly correct, but there's
  a narrower -- what she is content -- as I understand it
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  objectively, she is content for the parties to come
2
  before your Lordship to discuss the vacation of
3
  the January trial and that's it, and my opponents, I'm
  afraid to say, have overstepped the mark in terms of
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  the Delaware Bankruptcy Court -- (overspeaking) --
JUSTICE ASIF KC: (inaudible).
MR AYRES: She'll decide that. But obviously my learned
  friend, he made an hour's worth of submissions and on
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two occasions he said "this should not be weaponised or
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  misrepresented". Well, of course it won't be
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  misrepresented, but he has said what he's said on
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  instructions from his client and he has been, in my
  submission, highly incautious in relation to his
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  submissions to this court and how they will be treated
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  in a different court. But my Lord, that's not really
16
  a matter for me, that is a matter for the Delaware
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  Court.
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    But, my Lord, I want to come back to the real topic
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  and I don't really have a great deal to say in relation
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  to this, or certainly more than a few more minutes'
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  worth of submissions, but question is: what is workable?
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  My opponents will say, well, of course he's saying it's
  unworkable, why wouldn't he, because that's part of
24
  the wrecking strategy that they always suggest that we
25
  are guilty of. But my Lord, I am going to make some
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  submissions in relation to how this is actually going
  to, in practical terms, work.
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     So there's already a motion to dismiss which needs
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  to be determined at some stage when Judge Silverstein
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  can do so. We are told that there is also going to be
6
  a new motion issued in Delaware, which is a motion to
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  vary the stay, and as I understand it, we've been told
  that we'll see that on 19 December. And as my learned
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  friend alluded to, if they can persuade
  the Delaware Court to hear that in two weeks or as
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  promptly as possible, we're going to have -- and this is
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of course conjecture -- a determination of that motion
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  to vary in early January. Now, first of all, we just
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  simply don't know at this stage whether that can happen.
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  You have heard anything from my learned friend to
  the effect that they have got some promises or some
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  assurances or even some less than assurances from
18
  the Delaware Court that that may happen. So that's got
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  to happen.
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    If the variation is granted, my Lord, then we can't
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  deal with all these new points that my learned friend
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  has addressed you on today, including the one you
  mentioned at the very end of his submissions in a very
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  unstructured away and either without some form of
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  originating process which is new or the amendment of
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  the existing petition or both, and my Lord, we haven't
2
  seen a draft of any of these amendments or new
3
     originating process, but what we have been provided with
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  in the skeleton argument at paragraph 12 is what's
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  called the paragraph 10(b) issues. My learned friend
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  was good enough to suggest that they call them the 10(b)
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  issues, because I certainly call them 10(b) issues,
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  because the only one that really is a 10(b) issue is
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  the first one, 12.1.
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    Now, I would accept, subject to everything that I've
11
  said earlier on, that 12.1 is a reasonably neat and tidy
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  question, it's slightly more than a point of law but it
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  involves the question of whether or not the references
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  to liquidation, bankruptcy or dissolution proceedings
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includes Chapter 11, and my Lord, because I'm not going
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  to trespass on the merits, I'm not going to say anything
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  more about that, but you shouldn't take my non-trespass
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  as acceptance.
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    But, my Lord, the second and third issues which are
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  described at paragraph 10(b) issues, they're either
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  completely new issues or they are the reheating of
22
  the existing dispute in a different context, and as far
23
  as 12.2 is concerned, that is a request for a compulsory
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  winding up order, in other words the same sort of order
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  that is on the basis of the current petition, using
  the fact or the suggestion that the partnership
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  substratum has now gone based upon recent events
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  including, as it says, a consequence of the Chapter 11
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  bankruptcy proceedings on the Delaware judgment.
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  Obviously your Lordship can do what you like, but the
6
  reality of that is that that is going to need amendment
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  of the existing proceedings in order to be fair to
  the GP no matter how rotten my learned friends think
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  the GP actually is.
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    And as far as 12.3 is concerned, that is not
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  a two-day determination, because that is a determination
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  of the question, notwithstanding what my learned friend
13
  says about One Thousand & One Voices, as
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  to whether or not it is in fact the case that independent liquidators
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  should be appointed in place of the GP as liquidating
  agent. Now, my Lord, one might make submissions about
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  the question of the economic interest, but of course in
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One Thousand & One Voices there was
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  a considerable amount of misconduct of the GP in that
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  case during the course of the liquidation, which also supported
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  the decision that was made in that case. So it is not
  a complete "slam dunk" that the LPs are going to be able
23
  to say One Thousand & One Voices,
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  therefore that is a complete on easy application.
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     -- is that we are going to be considering the impact
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  of the Delaware judgment, the question of whether
2
  the findings in the Delaware judgment are binding upon
3
  you, and the question of whether or not the GP is as
  rotten and guilty of misconduct as the Rigmora LPs say,
  and that's simply a reheating of the whole dispute. So
6
  it's completely unworkable that we can have a two-day
7
  hearing. So, my Lord, we say it can't be fairly tried
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  procedurally either with a run up of two weeks in early
9
  January to the 19th or in any of the dates that
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  your Lordship said in -- I think I should have a look at
  the dates.
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JUSTICE ASIF KC: February.
MR AYRES: So, my Lord, in terms of, I think, the 27th,
  the week of that, I think I'm personally -- I'm
  personally free, I think. Yes, so -- no, sorry, tell
  a lie, I'm not free that week, but I am free in the week
17
  of 2 February. I can do those dates.
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    I am also free in 2 March.
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    So, my Lord, I don't want to suggest in any shape or
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  form that I personally have availability issues. There
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may be Walkers issues but we'll come back to that, and
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  obviously client issues, which we'll communicate with
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  Campbells about tomorrow. But it's simply not workable
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  to have that.
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    If your Lordship wants to set aside time for
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  the purposes of making sure that isn't taken up by other
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  cases then, my Lord, I've nothing more to say about
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  that, that's a matter for you and something you're
4
  perfectly entitled to do. But the idea that this can
5
  happen quickly, in January, is, we say, for the birds,
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  because there are too many hurdles, too much uncertainty
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  and too much contingencies in place.
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     So, my Lord, as I said, I'm going to be much shorter
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  than my learned friend. I'm not going to trespass on
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  the merits, I'm not going to argue against what my
  learned friend said in relation to many of his points
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  not because I agree with them, because I do not want it
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  to be said that we are acquiescing in a hearing which is
  effectively turning into a merits hearing. That is
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  completely contrary to the Chapter 11 bankruptcy stay.
16
    My Lord, unless I can assist further, those are my
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  submissions.
JUSTICE ASIF KC: Thank you.
MR SCOTT: I hope your Lordship knows that none of my
  submissions invited your Lordship to determine any point
  on the merits. What I did was to identify to
  your Lordship the issues as we see them arising out of
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  two undisputed facts: one, the Delaware judgment; and
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two, the Chapter 11 proceedings. I understand Mr Ayres'
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  instructions will no doubt be to attempt to lay
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  the ground for some argument in Delaware that we have
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  breached the moratorium, but we have not.
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     What we would invite your Lordship to note is,
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  despite all the attempts to put roadblocks in the way of
5
  the determination of the issues I've identified -- and
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  I'll come back to those roadblocks in a moment -- there
7
  was no suggestion from Mr Ayres that the GP has
8
  a substantive answer to them.
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     My Lord, before I deal with the 10(b) issues, can
  I just correct or at least give our perspective on
11
  the point from Dr Harrison's declaration that
12
  your Lordship was taken to. If we can go back to it,
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  please, it's tab 24, 633. Your Lordship was shown 46.
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  In addition to the unsecured obligations by
15
  the partnership, ATP and -- if your Lordship just pauses
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  there, those are the entities which filed on 9 December
  and I'll show your Lordship one of the filings. What
18
  then had happened by the time of Dr Harrison's petition
19
  is that some of the portfolio companies had filed as
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  well and they are the filing portfolio companies, and it
  is they who are said to owe more than 5.4 million to
  dozens of creditors, as your Lordship would see from
  the petitions from the portfolio portfolio companies
  that are in the hearing bundle.
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     I should, while we have this open, invite
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  your Lordship's attention to 47, the suggestion that:
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"The partnership owes more than $221 million in
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  unfunded commitments to certain of the Port Cos."
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     That is wrong. The partnership does not owe
5
  anything. It does not have any legal commitment or
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  liability whatsoever to those Port Cos. What
7
  Dr Harrison means there is that he would wish to use
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  that money if it were available to him, which it is not
  as a result of the Delaware judgment.
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     My Lord, while we have the hearing bundle open, if
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  we could just please go again to the transcript of
  the conference earlier in the week and if I can ask
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  your Lordship please to take up page 766.
JUSTICE ASIF KC: Yes.
MR SCOTT: Lines 18 and 19 are, with respected, crystal
  clear:
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     "I will grant relief from stay from the pre-trial
18
  conference to go forward in the Caymans on Wednesday."
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    If your Lordship would just re-read it -- I know
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  your Lordship has read it already -- from line 18 down
21
  to the bottom of the page. Nothing in what I have said
  to your Lordship today is remotely inconsistent with
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  that.
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     So far as concerns the paragraph 10(b) issues, we're
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  not remotely (inaudible) about labelling -- call them
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  the issues if that would be more palatable. What they
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  are in effect are preliminary issues. What we're asking
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  your Lordship to do is direct their determination. In
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  the usual way, your Lordship will give such directions
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as you think appropriate for the determination of those
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  issues. So if your Lordship takes the view that there
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  ought to be either amendments or the issuance of some
8
  originating process, your Lordship has ample power to
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  direct that. Your Lordship might take the view that
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  the issues can be addressed in skeleton arguments.
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  That's certainly our view.
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     My Lord, so far as the issues themselves and whether
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  it makes sense to direct their determination,
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  I understood Mr Ayres to accept that, subject to his
15
  overarching position of being unable to assist
  your Lordship today, paragraph 12.1 is an issue that
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  makes sense to determine. I think he called it a "neat
18
  and tidy" issue. We respectfully agree with that.
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     On paragraphs 12.2 and 12.3, they were objected to
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  as raising either new issues or rehashing the existing
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  issues on the case, and what underlies all of that is
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  the, with respect, false premise that the determination
  of those issues depends on your Lordship reaching a view
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  about the GP's misconduct and it does not. What it
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  depends upon is your Lordship reaching a determination
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  based upon the two undisputed facts that are identified
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  in the Delaware judgment and the Chapter 11 bankruptcy
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  proceeding and then applying to those undisputed facts
  principles of Cayman law.
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     My Lord, as for the suggestion that this cannot be
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  dealt with in a two-day hearing, can I just ask
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  your Lordship please to take up tab 7 of the authorities
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bundle.
JUSTICE ASIF KC: Yes.
MR SCOTT: This is Justice Kawaley's decision in One
  Thousand & One Voices Africa Fund LP. Your Lordship
  will see that it was heard on a single day,
  11 April 2024, and on the papers, and the decision
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  followed on 2 May ^.
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    If I could just invite your Lordship's attention to
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  paragraph 20, can I ask your Lordship please to read 20
  down to 26, which summarise the principles that apply in
18
  this context.
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    (Pause).
JUSTICE ASIF KC: Yes, I've read that.
MR SCOTT: So we do say, with respect, this issue is well
  capable of being dealt with within the context of
23
  the two-day hearing that we suggest. Once it is
24
  recognised that this is not an issue that will require
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  your Lordship to form a view as to the allegations of
  misconduct against the GP, and as I say, we're very much
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  in your Lordship's hands as to what, if any, additional
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  directions are necessary to bring the matter forward in
4
  an orderly way. If your Lordship wants us to amend, of
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  course we'll do that, subject to lifting the stay to
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  the extent necessary to achieve that.
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     My Lord, unless I can assist the court further,
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  those are our submissions.
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    I am reminded that, if it will assist
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  the Delaware Court from our perspective to have
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your Lordship's ruling on these issues, if it were
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  possible, in time for the hearing at 3.30 today.
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JUSTICE ASIF KC: Just remind me, is Delaware currently on
  the same time zone as --
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MR SCOTT: I see parties to my right nodding.
JUSTICE ASIF KC: So I've got about four hours. That's
  fine. I'm just going to rise for about 10/15 minutes
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  maximum and then I will come back and tell you what I'm
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  going to do.
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(A short break)
(4.53 pm GMT)
JUSTICE ASIF KC: This matter --
MR AYRES: Before your Lordship's starts. It's probably in
  everyone's interests that the microphones are unmuted.
JUSTICE ASIF KC: Thank you, Mr Ayres.
    This matter is listed before me today for
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  a pre-trial review. This hearing has been fixed in
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  the calendar for quite some time and was intended to be
  used as last-minute preparation for a trial of this
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  matter that is due to commence on 12 January next year.
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  I just record at this stage that, as in previous
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  hearings before me, the petitioners have been
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  represented by Mr Andrew Scott KC and the general
  partner has been represented by Mr Andrew Ayres KC with
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  Mr Scott supported by attorneys from Campbells and
  Mr Ayres supported by attorneys from Walkers.
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    Since this matter is listed for hearing, there has
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  been a very substantial development to (inaudible) such
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a purpose which have largely derailed this matter.
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  The first is that on 5 December, just over 10 business
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  days ago, Chancellor McCormick in Delaware gave judgment
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  on the parallel proceedings between parties dealing with
  certain issues about the general partner's entitlement
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  to make capital calls from the Limited partners, and
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  secondly and perhaps more significantly, on 9 December,
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  the general partner and certain other entities sought
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  Chapter 11 protection in the United States, including as
  part of that protection an automatic stay of proceedings
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  in any other justification.
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    The general partner's intention to seek Chapter 11
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  protection was not foreshadowed in any way either to
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  the limited partners or to the court and indeed on 8 and
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  9 December, at the same time that the general partner in
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  Delaware was preparing its application, its Cayman
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  attorneys were dealing with the court and with the Court
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  of Appeal in relation to an intended expedited appeal
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  against an order I had made in November concerning
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  whether certain documents were or were not to be treated
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  as privileged and as a result incapable of use within
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  the trial.
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     With that short background, the hearing today has
  therefore focused on the consequences of the filing of
13
  the Chapter 11 proceedings in the United States and
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  the impact of the automaticity stay under American law
  of what is happening in the Grand Court. It seems to me
  the first point is the obvious one, that the trial
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cannot proceed on 12 January. That is really for two
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  reasons. First of all, because the (inaudible) parties
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  are able to take steps to prepare for those proceedings
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  whilst the Chapter 11 proceedings are live and in
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  particular that is because the general partner and all
22
  of the exempt Limited partnership assets are based in
23
  the United States and no doubt if the parties were to
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  take steps to progress the matter in the Cayman Islands,
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  there would be arguments that they are in contempt of
1
  the Delaware Court with potentially severe consequences
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  for all of (inaudible) assets. So I do not criticise
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  either party for taking the view that the January trial
  cannot realistically proceed.
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     I note that the limited partners are seeking, first
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  of all, to dismiss the Chapter 11 proceedings, but
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  secondly, also for an order waiving the automatic stay
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  so far as a slimmed down and streamlined trial of
  the issues that are intended to be run before
  the Grand Court is granted so that that trial can
11
  proceed. Those motions in Delaware have not yet been
12
  determined and it appears unlikely that they will be
  determined until some time during January 2026 at
  the earliest, all of which, as I have indicated, is
  inconsistent with the ability to proceed with
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  the intended trial on time for January ^.
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     The second reason why it seems to me that the trial
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  cannot and should not proceed on 1 January is that
  the limited partner's position is that the effect of
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the Chapter 11 filing is that the exempted partnership
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  is now -- under Cayman law and so a number of the issues
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  that were going to be fought out in 12 January trial are
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  no longer really live issues and no longer need to be
  determined by the court, and so I have no hesitation
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  concluding that the trial that was fixed -- that is
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  fixed to commence on 12 January should be vacated.
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    The second question is whether the court should fix
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  a date in January or February 2026 for hearing
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  a streamlined version of the substantive winding up
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  petition presented by the limited partners, which is
  the limited partners position or whether as the general
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  partner argues the court should simply await
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  developments in Delaware and effect essentially ^ take
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  no further steps to move the Cayman disputes forward
  until clarity is obtained on the position in
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  the United States.
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    I do not find the general partner's position to be
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  a particularly attractive one. The parties have
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  throughout sought to advance the resolution of
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  the disputes between them both in Delaware and in
  the Grand Court on an expedited basis. My own view is
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  that an orderly separation of the general partner from
  the limited partner needs to occur sooner rather than
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  later to avoid the continuation of these obviously
  corrosive disputes between the parties on each side. It
  does not seem to me to be productive or a good use of
  the parties' time and resources for this dispute to drag
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on for any longer than absolutely necessary. The only
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  people who are profiting from this dispute at the moment
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  are the lawyers on each side.
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    I therefore conclude that I should fix a date for
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  the trial of what the limited partners have called
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  the paragraph 10(b) issues for the week commencing
  2 February 2026. If for any reason events in Delaware
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  do not progress on a schedule that reasonably allows
6
  the parties to prepare for and conduct that hearing,
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  then the parties can apply to me in mid--to-late-January
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  with a view to adjourning the trial and moving it
  perhaps into March of 2026. But it seems to me that it
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  is far better that I allocate that time and give
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  the parties a date to be working towards now so that my
  calendar does not fill up in the intervening period and
  the parties come back to me following a decision by
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  the Delaware judge on (inaudible) proceedings a carve
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  out for the Grand Court proceedings (inaudible)
  automatic stay so that the parties then come back to me
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  in mid-to late January and find that the earliest date
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  that I can then give them is not until the middle to
  the end of March perhaps even into April 2026. But I am
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  inclined to accept Mr Scott's submissions that it ought
  not to be necessary to get into the question whether
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  the limited partners have lost trust and confidence in
  the general partner's ability to manage the limited
  partnership given the changed position now applies as
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  a consequence of the filing of Chapter 11 proceedings in
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the United States. It seems to me that Mr Scott is
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  right to say that the issue for the court or at least as
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  a preliminary issue for the court, the court can focus
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  on the question of whether there has been a loss of
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  substratum and which on its own would justify the making
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  of a winding-up order without the necessity to get into
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  the guestions of loss and of trust and confidence. But
  it seems to me that two days should be sufficient for
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  the court to determine the paragraph 10(b) issues which
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  are largely matters of law and construction of
  the limited partnership agreement and it seems to me, to
  the extent that there is likely to be any need to
  consider questions of fact, they are likely to be
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  relatively circumscribed in their scope.
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     I note in passing with some admiretion that
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  Justice Kawaley was able to hear a trial -- I note there
17
  are significant difference in the procedural approach of
18
  the US courts to the conduct of trials compared to
  the approach of the Grand Court, but it certainly seems
20
  to me that with goodwill and cooperation on both sides
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  it ought to be feasible to have a hearing of a more
  limited nature proposed by the limited partners within
  a two-day time estimate.
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     I do agree with Mr Ayres on behalf of the general
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  partner that it will be necessary for the limited
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  partner to make amendments to its petition so that it is
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  clear precisely what its case is both for the general
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  partner and also for the court when it comes to deal
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with the hearing of this matter. It also seems to me
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  that Mr Scott is correct that the appropriate procedural
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  way to characterise the hearing in February that it is
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  essentially a trial of the preliminary issue so that if
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  for any reason I determine that the fund(?) ^ substratum
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  has not been loss Mr Scott has the ability to come back
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  and to argue the loss of trust and confidence points at
11
  a later stage if there is any real appetite on either
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  side for the matter to proceed beyond February 2026.
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     However, having said that, I will not make an order
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  at this stage imposing any procedural timeline for
  the preparation of amended proceedings because I am
  conscious that there may well be arguments that
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  the parties are unable to take any such substantive
  steps whilst the stays under Chapter 11 applies to them.
  It does seem to me I understand that the matter is
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  before the Delaware judge this afternoon. It does seem
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  to me that at the very least it would be of real utility
  for the Delaware judge to authorise the preparation of
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  amended pleadings on both sides in order to restate what
  are the issues that the Grand Court needs to determine
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  in due course, and subject to that it also seems to me
  that it would be of real utility for the Delaware judge
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  as soon as possible to determine that the limited issues
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  that the limited partner wishes to put before
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  the Grand Court for determination should be excluded
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  from the scope of the automatic stay so that
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  determination on those issues can be made. It seems to
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me that that is or likely to be of real benefit to
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  the parties but also to the Delaware Court if
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  the Chapter 11 proceedings are not dismissed and
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  continue.
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    For what it is worth, I will conclude by saying that
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  I generally take the view that the conduct of winding up
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  of a Cayman exempted limited partnership and by whom
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  that winding up ought to be carried out are more
  appropriately questions for the Grand Court to determine
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  supported by a Chapter 11 permission in due course
  rather than by Chapter 11 proceedings. It is for
  the Delaware judge to take whatever view of that
  indication that she wishes to take.
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    It also occurs to me without the benefit of
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  enlargement ^ but as a preliminary view that
  the proposal for capital restructuring and
  the introduction of new investors, which is adverted to
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  by Dr Harrison in his declaration (inaudible)
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  the Chapter 11 proceedings appears at first blush to be
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  outside the proper scope of the general partner's powers
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  based on the limited partnership agreement which is
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  binding upon the general partner and also having regard
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  to applicable Cayman law on what a general partner's
  obligations are in the context of a winding-up of
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  a Cayman exempted limited partnership. That will need
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  to be tidied up, my sentences fell to pieces in a few
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  areas, but I hope that gives a sufficient indication,
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  first of all, of my reasons and hopefully
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some useful input for the judge in Delaware
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  this afternoon.
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MR SCOTT: I'm very grateful, my Lord. I've been asked to
  ask your Lordship if the court's audio recording could
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  be shared with Opus 2.
JUSTICE ASIF KC: Yes, of course.
MR SCOTT: I think that means shared right now so that we
  can ensure that corrections are properly made.
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JUSTICE ASIF KC: Yes. As soon as I rise I will ask Ms Wood
  to make that available. Can you make sure that someone
  gives me to give to her or emails her with an email
  address for Opus 2 so that she can (inaudible) as
  quickly as possible.
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MR SCOTT: I'm grateful, my Lord.
    I think in the usual way and in accordance with our
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  duty as counsel it falls to us to draft an order --
JUSTICE ASIF KC: Yes, please.
MR SCOTT: -- to reflect your Lordship's ruling.
JUSTICE ASIF KC: Yes. I think the only actual order is
  that the needs to be vacated.
MR SCOTT: And the direction of preliminary issues.
JUSTICE ASIF KC: Yes, I suppose that's right. Yes, yes.
MR SCOTT: And we would also ask your Lordship to reserve
  the costs of today.
JUSTICE ASIF KC: That's fine. I'm happy to do that.
MR SCOTT: I'm happy to put (inaudible) to do first draft of
  the order.
JUSTICE ASIF KC: For what it's worth, again, it doesn't
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seem to me in a there can be any sensible argument that
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  that is outside the scope of what the judge in Delaware
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  ordered was permissible in the context of what she said
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  in the transcript at page 766 of the hearing bundle
  where she said she'll grant relief from the stay for
  the pre-trial conference to go forward in the Caymans on
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  Wednesday. I don't know, it hasn't really been
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  described to me what would be -- what substantively will
  go forward, what dates will be established by the court
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  and what is really left for the judge to decide, etc.
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  As I indicated to you in the course of argument I read
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  that as indicating that she was content for this court
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  and for the parties to deal with the procedural
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  consequences of the Chapter 11 filing and it seems to me
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  it's actually plain that that must include drawing up an
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  order after the hearing today in order to reflect
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  (inaudible).
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MR SCOTT: Very grateful for that indication.
MR AYRES: Well, the only thing I would say is we have no
  difficulty with the fact that the court needs to make an
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  order. That seems to be obvious. If counsel weren't
  helpful, your Lordship would do it.
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     My Lord, just in relation to the question of whether
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  you're going to make any further directions beyond
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  aindication of the trial, my Lord, I would urge some
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  caution in relation to that, because there may be some
  incongruence in the judgment. You've made it
  clear that there will need to be amendments to
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the pleadings and the pleadings in relation to
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  the preliminary issue can only sense be done once that
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  is filed. So I would ask your Lordship not to --
JUSTICE ASIF KC: Yes, Mr Scott, I did hesitate, because
  when you were asking about that because I wasn't
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  entirely sure. I think it's right that until
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  the pleadings have been amended, it's probably better to
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  hold back on the wording of the order for
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  the preliminary issues. I mean, it seems to me it's
  plain from what's said in paragraph 12 of the skeleton
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  that everyone knows what the issues are intended to be.
MR SCOTT: Indeed, and equally plain that your Lordship has
  just ruled that there will be a trial of those issues.
JUSTICE ASIF KC: Yes.
MR SCOTT: I'm very happy to defer formalising that in an
  order until we have been permitted to go through
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  the process of pleading.
JUSTICE ASIF KC: I think -- I think --
MR SCOTT: But I don't know anybody to be suggesting this
  afternoon in Delaware that it hasn't happened, because
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  it has happened.
JUSTICE ASIF KC: Exactly. No, I think bearing it in mind
  the sensitivities, everyone is concerned about
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  trespassing on the Delaware court, I'm very happy not to
  include that in a form of order at this stage, but
  I have given a very clear indication that that is what I intend to happen and absent something
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  Delaware to derail that, that is what I consider should
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  happen.
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MR SCOTT: So the order within that case provides for 20
the January hearing to be --
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JUSTICE ASIF KC: Vacated.
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MR SCOTT: -- vacated and the to-day hearing to be fixed in 23
the week commencing the 2nd.
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JUSTICE ASIF KC: Yes, and costs reserved.
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MR SCOTT: My Lord, (inaudible) very shortly.
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JUSTICE ASIF KC: All right. Thank you all very much.
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(The hearing concluded)
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