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The following constitutes the ruling of the court and has the force and effect therein described.

Signed March 28, 2022

Macup H. C. Jampe United States Bankruptcy Judge

#### IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS **DALLAS DIVISION**

| In re:  | §<br>8 Chapter 11                    |
|---|--------------------------------------|
|   | § Chapter II                         |
| HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P., <sup>1</sup> | <sup>8</sup> Case No. 19-34054-sgj11 |
| Reorganized Debtor.                             | Ş                                    |
|   | §                                    |
| HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,              | §                                    |
| Plaintiff,                                      | ş                                    |
|   | § Adversary Proceeding No            |
| VS.   | Ş                                    |
|   | § 21-03082-sgj                       |
| HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT FUND                | 8                                    |
| ADVISORS, L.P.                                  | 8                                    |
|   | 8                                    |
| Defendant.                                      | 3                                    |

## **ORDER APPROVING AMENDED STIPULATION REGARDING SCHEDULING ORDER**

Upon consideration of the Amended Stipulation Regarding Scheduling Order [Docket No.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Reorganized Debtor's last four digits of its taxpayer identification number are (6725). The headquarters and service address for the above-captioned Reorganized Debtor is 100 Crescent Court, Suite 1850, Dallas, TX 75201.

15] (the "<u>Amended Stipulation</u>")<sup>2</sup> entered into between Highland Capital Management, L.P., the reorganized debtor<sup>3</sup> ("<u>Highland</u>") in the above-captioned chapter 11 case ("<u>Bankruptcy Case</u>") and the plaintiff in the above-captioned adversary proceeding (the "<u>Adversary Proceeding</u>"), and Highland Capital Management Fund Advisors, L.P. ("<u>HCMFA</u>", and together with Highland, the "Parties"), it is **HEREBY ORDERED THAT**:

1. The Amended Stipulation, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, is **APPROVED**.

2. The Amended Stipulation shall become effective immediately upon entry of this Order.

3. With respect to the Adversary Proceeding, the Parties shall abide by the following amended pretrial schedule (the "<u>Amended Pretrial Schedule</u>") in lieu of the pretrial schedule previously set forth in the Court's *Order Approving Stipulation Regarding Scheduling Order* [Docket No. 9]:

| Amended Pretrial Schedule            |                |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Event                                | Deadline       |
| 1. Completion of Document Production | March 28, 2022 |
| 2. Completion of Fact Depositions    | April 25, 2022 |
| 3. Expert Disclosures                | May 2, 2022    |
| 4. Completion of Expert Depositions  | May 27, 2022   |
| 5. Dispositive Motions               | May 27, 2022   |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Order shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Stipulation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> On February 22, 2021, the Bankruptcy Court entered the Order (i) Confirming the Fifth Amended Plan of Reorganization (as Modified) and (ii) Granting Related Relief [Bankr. Docket No. 1943] (the "Confirmation Order") which confirmed the Fifth Amended Plan of Reorganization of Highland Capital Management, L.P., as modified (the "Plan"). The Plan went Effective (as defined in the Plan) on August 11, 2021, and Highland is the Reorganized Debtor (as defined in the Plan) since the Effective Date. See Notice of Occurrence of Effective Date of Confirmed Fifth Amended Plan of Highland Capital Management, L.P. [Bankr. Docket No. 2700].

| 6. Exhibit and Witness Lists     | June 27, 2022                   |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 7. Joint Pretrial Order          | July 1, 2022                    |
| 8. Proposed Findings of Fact and | July 1, 2022                    |
| Conclusions of Law               |                                 |
| 9. Trial Docket Call             | July 11, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. (CT) |

4. The Amended Pretrial Schedule set forth in this Order shall only be modified in a writing signed by the Parties or upon the entry of an order of the Court entered upon notice to the Parties.

5. The Court shall retain jurisdiction over all disputes arising out of or otherwise concerning the interpretation and enforcement of this Order, subject to any objection to the Court's jurisdiction or core jurisdiction and subject to any motion for the withdrawal of the reference, with respect to which all parties reserve their rights, if any.

# ###End of Order###

# **EXHIBIT A**

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| In re:  | §<br>§ | Chapter 11               |
|---|--------|--------------------------|
| HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P., <sup>1</sup> | §<br>§ | Case No. 19-34054-sgj11  |
| Reorganized Debtor.                             | §<br>§ |                          |
| HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,              | §      |                          |
| Plaintiff,                                      | §      |                          |
|   | §      | Adversary Proceeding No. |
| VS.   | §      |                          |
|   | §      | 21-03082-sgj             |
| HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT FUND                | §      |                          |
| ADVISORS, L.P.                                  | §      |                          |
|   | §      |                          |
| Defendant.                                      | _      |                          |

<sup>1</sup> The Reorganized Debtor's last four digits of its taxpayer identification number are (6725). The headquarters and service address for the above-captioned Reorganized Debtor is 100 Crescent Court, Suite 1850, Dallas, TX 75201.

#### AMENDED STIPULATION REGARDING SCHEDULING ORDER

This amended stipulation (the "<u>Amended Stipulation</u>") is made and entered into by and between Highland Capital Management, L.P., as the reorganized debtor ("<u>Highland</u>" or "<u>Plaintiff</u>"), and Highland Capital Management Fund Advisors, L.P. ("<u>HCMFA</u>" or "<u>Defendant</u>", and together with Highland, the "Parties"), by and through their respective undersigned counsel.

#### **RECITALS**

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2019 (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"), Highland filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>") in the Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, Case No. 19-12239 (CSS) (the "<u>Delaware Court</u>");

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2019, the Delaware Court entered an order transferring venue of Highland's bankruptcy case (the "<u>Bankruptcy Case</u>") to this Court;

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2021, Highland filed its *Fifth Amended Plan of Reorganization of Highland Capital Management, L.P. (as Modified)* [Bankr. Docket No. 1808] (the "<u>Plan</u>");

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2021, the Bankruptcy Court entered the Order Confirming the Fifth Amended Plan of Reorganization of Highland Capital Management, L.P. (as Modified) and (ii) Granting Related Relief [Bankr. Docket No. 1943] (the "<u>Confirmation Order</u>") which confirmed Highland's Plan;

WHEREAS, on August 11, 2021, the Plan became Effective (as defined in the Plan), and Highland became the Reorganized Debtor (as defined in the Plan). See Notice of Occurrence of Effective Date of Confirmed Fifth Amended Plan of Reorganization of Highland Capital Management, L.P. [Bankr. Docket No. 2700];

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2021, Highland commenced the above-captioned adversary

proceeding (the "<u>Adversary Proceeding</u>") against HCMFA by filing its complaint [Docket No. 1]<sup>2</sup> (the "<u>Complaint</u>");

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2021, the Court issued its Order Regarding Adversary Proceedings Trial Setting and Alternative Scheduling Order [Docket No. 3] (the "<u>Alternative</u> <u>Scheduling Order</u>");

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2021, HCMFA filed its answer to Highland's Complaint [Docket No. 5] (the "<u>Answer</u>");

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2021, the Parties filed the *Stipulation and Proposed Scheduling Order* [Docket No. 6] (the "<u>Stipulation</u>");

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2021, the Court entered its Order Approving Stipulation Regarding Scheduling Order [Docket No. 9] (the "Order");

WHEREAS, the Parties have conferred and desire to enter into a mutually agreeable proposed amended scheduling order (the "<u>Proposed Amended Scheduling Order</u>"), as specifically set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby stipulated and agreed, and upon approval of this Stipulation by the Court, it shall be SO ORDERED:

| <b>Proposed Joint Scheduling Order</b> |                |  |
|--|----------------|--|
| Event                                  | Deadline       |  |
| 1. Completion of Document Production   | March 28, 2022 |  |
| 2. Completion of Fact Depositions      | April 25, 2022 |  |
| 3. Expert Disclosures                  | May 2, 2022    |  |
| 4. Completion of Expert Depositions    | May 27, 2022   |  |
| 5. Dispositive Motions                 | May 27, 2022   |  |
| 6. Exhibit and Witness Lists           | June 27, 2022  |  |
| 7. Joint Pretrial Order                | July 1, 2022   |  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Refers to the docket maintained in the Adversary Proceeding.

| 8. Proposed Findings of Fact and<br>Conclusions of Law | July 1, 2022                    |
|--|---------------------------------|
| 9. Trial Docket Call                                   | July 11, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. (CT) |

1. If approved by the Court, the Proposed Amended Scheduling Order shall only be modified in a writing signed by the Parties or upon the entry of an order of the Court entered upon notice to the Parties.

2. The Court shall retain jurisdiction over all disputes arising out of or otherwise concerning the interpretation and enforcement of this Amended Stipulation, subject to any objection to the Court's jurisdiction or core jurisdiction and subject to any motion for the withdrawal of the reference, with respect to which all parties reserve their rights, if any.

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Dated: March 22, 2022.

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United States Bankruptcy Court

Northern District of Texas

Highland Capital Management, L.P.,

Plaintiff

District/off: 0539-3

Highland Capital Management Fund Advisor,

Defendant

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# NOTICE CERTIFICATION

I, Joseph Speetjens, declare under the penalty of perjury that I have sent the attached document to the above listed entities in the manner shown, and prepared the Certificate of Notice and that it is true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

Meeting of Creditor Notices only (Official Form 309): Pursuant to Fed .R. Bank. P.2002(a)(1), a notice containing the complete Social Security Number (SSN) of the debtor(s) was furnished to all parties listed. This official court copy contains the redacted SSN as required by the bankruptcy rules and the Judiciary's privacy policies.

Date: Mar 30, 2022

Signature:

/s/Joseph Speetjens

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