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## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA RICHMOND DIVISION

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| In re: | : | Chapter 11 |

HOPEMAN BROTHERS, INC., : Case No. 24-32428 (KLP)

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Debtor.

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# ORDER AUTHORIZING RETENTION OF STOUT RISIUS ROSS, LLC AS FINANCIAL ADVISOR FOR THE DEBTOR

Upon the application (the "Application") of Hopeman Brothers, Inc. (the "Debtor"), for entry of an order (this "Order") authorizing the Debtor to retain Stout Risius Ross, LLC, together with its wholly owned subsidiaries and independent contractors ("Stout") as financial advisor; and upon the Declaration of Ronald Van Epps in support of the Application (the "Van Epps Declaration"); and the Court having reviewed the Application; and the Court having jurisdiction to consider the Application and the relief requested therein in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1334 and the Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, dated August 15, 1984; and the Court having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2) and that the Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Application in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and the Court

being satisfied, based on the representations made in the Application and the Van Epps Declaration that Stout is "disinterested" as such term is defined in section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code, as supplemented by section 1107(b) of the Bankruptcy Code; and the Court having found that the terms and conditions of Stout's employment including, but not limited to, the fee and expense structure set forth in the Engagement Letter and the Application, are reasonable under section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code; and it appearing that proper and adequate notice of the Application has been given and that no other or further notice is necessary; and upon the record herein; and after due deliberation thereon; and the Court having determined that there is good and sufficient cause for the relief granted in this order, it is hereby

### ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

- 1. The Application is granted as set forth herein.
- 2. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Application.
- 3. In accordance with section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtor is authorized to employ and retain Stout as its financial advisor, effective as of as of June 30, 2024, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Engagement Letter attached to the Application as <a href="Exhibit A">Exhibit A</a>, as modified by this Order.
- 4. The terms of the Engagement Letter including, without limitation, the indemnification provisions, are reasonable and the conditions of employment are approved in all respects, as modified by this Order.
- 5. Subject to the Court's approval, Stout shall be compensated for its services and reimbursed for reasonable and necessary fees and expenses and shall file interim and final fee applications for allowance of its compensation and reimbursement of its expenses pursuant to sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code and in accordance with the Bankruptcy Rules,

Bankruptcy Local Rules 2016-1 and 2016-2, any interim compensation order entered in this chapter 11 case as well as any other orders entered by the Court.

- 6. Stout is entitled to reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses, including legal fees related to this retention application and future fee applications as approved by the court.
  - 7. The following indemnification provisions are approved:
    - a) subject to the provisions of subparagraphs (b) and (c) below, the Debtor is authorized to indemnify, and shall indemnify, Stout for any claims arising from, related to, or in connection with the services to be provided by Stout as specified in the Application, but not for any claim arising from, related to, or in connection with Stout's post-petition performance of any other services other than those in connection with the engagement, unless such post-petition services and indemnification therefore are approved by this Court; and
    - b) the Debtor shall have no obligation to indemnify Stout for any claim or expense that is either (i) judicially determined (the determination having become final) to have arisen primarily from Stout's gross negligence, willful misconduct, bad faith, or fraud, or (ii) settled prior to a judicial determination as to Stout's gross negligence, willful misconduct, bad faith, or fraud, but determined by this Court, after notice and a hearing, to be a claim or expense for which Stout is not entitled to receive indemnity under the terms of this Application; and
    - c) if, before the earlier of (i) the entry of an order confirming a chapter 11 plan in this case (that order having become a final order no longer subject to appeal), and (ii) the entry of an order closing this chapter 11 case, Stout believes that it is entitled to the payment of any amounts by the Debtor on account of the Debtor's indemnification obligations under the Application, including, without

limitation, the advancement of defense costs, Stout must file an application in

this Court, and the Debtor may not pay any such amounts to Stout before the

entry of an order by this Court approving the payment. This subparagraph (c)

is intended only to specify the period of time under which the Court shall have

jurisdiction over any request for fees and expenses by Stout for indemnification,

and not as a provision limiting the duration of the Debtor's obligation to

indemnify Stout.

7. The relief granted herein shall be binding upon any chapter 11 trustee appointed in

this chapter 11 case, or upon any chapter 7 trustee appointed in the event of a subsequent

conversion of this chapter 11 case to a case under chapter 7.

8. To the extent there is any inconsistency between the terms of the Engagement

Letter, the Application, and this Order, the terms of this Order shall govern.

9. Stout shall use its reasonable efforts to avoid any unnecessary duplication of

services provided by any retained professionals in this chapter 11 case.

10. The Debtor is authorized to take all actions necessary or appropriate to implement

the relief granted in this Order in accordance with the Motion.

11. The Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising or related to

the implementation and/or interpretation of this order.

Dated: , 2024
Richmond, Virginia /s/ Keith L Phillips

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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#### WE ASK FOR THIS:

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United States Trustee

# CERTIFICATION OF ENDORSEMENT UNDER LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULE 9022-1(C)

I hereby certify that the foregoing proposed order has been endorsed by or served upon all necessary parties.

/s/ Henry P. (Toby) Long, III
Henry P. (Toby) Long, III

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In re: Case No. 24-32428-KLP

Hopeman Brothers, Inc. Chapter 11

Debtor

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intp Liberty Mutual Insurance Company
unk Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors

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# **NOTICE CERTIFICATION**

I, Gustava Winters, 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: Sep 11, 2024 Signature: /s/Gustava Winters

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