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**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
RICHMOND DIVISION**

In re:

HOPEMAN BROTHERS, INC.,

Debtor.

Chapter 11

Case No. 24-32428 (KLP)

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE AND REQUEST FOR SERVICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company and First State Insurance Company (together, “Hartford”) enter their appearance by counsel, James W. Burke and Joshua D. Weinberg of Ruggeri Parks Weinberg LLP, in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 1109(b) and Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9010.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to, *inter alia*, 11 U.S.C. §§ 102(1) and 342 and Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 2002 and 9007, Hartford requests that all notices given or required to be given in this case and all papers served or required to be served in this case be given to and served upon Hartford at the following address:



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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1109(b), the foregoing request includes not only notices and papers referred to in the Bankruptcy Rules specified above, but also includes, without limitation, all orders, notices of conferences or hearings, applications, motions, petitions, pleadings, requests, complaints, disclosure documents of any kind, or demands, whether formal or informal, whether written or oral, and whether transmitted or conveyed by mail, delivery, telephone, facsimile, e-mail, or otherwise, which affect or seek to affect in any way any rights or interest of Hartford with respect to the Debtor, or any related entity, or property or proceeds in which the Debtor may claim an interest.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 3017(a), Hartford requests service of any and all disclosure statements and plans or reorganization.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the undersigned hereby requests that the names and addresses set forth herein be added to the mailing matrix in this case.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the foregoing simply constitutes a notice of appearance and request for service and does not constitute Hartford's consent to jurisdiction or a waiver of any rights. Without limitation, this filing shall not be deemed or construed to be a waiver of Hartford's rights (i) to have final orders in non-core matters entered only after de novo review by a District Judge, (ii) to trial by jury in any proceeding so triable in this case or any case, controversy, or proceeding related to this case, (iii) to have the District Court withdraw the

reference in any matters subject to mandatory or discretionary withdrawal, (iv) to have any claims constitutionally required to be determined by the District Court be determined thereby, or (v) to have any matter heard by an arbitrator, or of any other rights, claims, actions, defenses, setoffs, or recoupments to which Hartford may be entitled, in law or in equity, all of which rights, claims, actions, defenses, setoffs, and recoupments Hartford expressly reserves.

Dated: July 7, 2025

/s/ James W. Burke

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this date, I submitted the foregoing through the Court's CM/ECF system, causing a true and correct copy to be electronically delivered and served on all parties registered to receive electronic notices in this case via that system.

Dated: July 7, 2025

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