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> UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

## SANTA ROSA DIVISION

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Debtor.

LEFEVER MATTSON, a California

KS MATTSON PARTNERS, LP,

corporation, et al.

In re

Attorneys for Debtor and Debtor in Possession

Case No. 24-10545 CN (Lead Case)

(Jointly Administered)

Chapter 11

DECLARATION OF SAVANNAH WELLANDER IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION OF DEBTOR FOR ORDER AUTHORIZING EMPLOYMENT OF W REAL ESTATE AS REAL ESTATE BROKER

[No Hearing Requested]

<sup>1</sup> The last four digits of LeFever Mattson's tax identification number are 7537. The last four digits of the tax identification number for KS Mattson Partners, LP ("KSMP") are 5060. KSMP's address for service is c/o Stapleton Group, 514 Via de la Valle, Solana Beach, CA 92075. The address for service on LeFever Mattson and all other Debtors is 6359 Auburn Blvd., Suite B, Citrus Heights, CA 9562. Due to the large number of debtor entities in these Chapter 11 Cases, a complete list of the Debtors and the last four digits of their federal tax identification numbers is not provided herein. A complete list of such information may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' claims and noticing agent at https://veritaglobal.net/LM.

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I, Savannah Wellander, hereby declare as follows:

- 1. I am a real estate agent with W Real Estate Sonoma ("<u>W Real Estate</u>"). I submit this declaration on behalf of W Real Estate (the "<u>Declaration</u>") in support of the application (the "<u>Application</u>") of the above-captioned debtor (the "<u>Debtor</u>") for an order authorizing the employment and retention of W Real Estate as real estate broker under the terms and conditions set forth in the Application. Except as otherwise noted, I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein and, if called as a witness, I would testify thereto.
- 2. The Debtor has retained W Real Estate in these Chapter 11 Cases, subject to approval of this Court, to market and sell the Debtor's real property listed on Exhibit B to the Application (the "Properties").
- 3. I have been a Sonoma resident for 12 years and have a deep understanding of wine country real estate. I played a major role in growing and operating a local short term property management company that was one of the highest grossing companies on the West Coast.
- 4. W Real Estate's commission will be (i) 1.15% of the final sale price for any property sold for \$8 million or less, and (ii) 1.0% of the sale price for any property sold for more than \$8 million, in both cases payable at the close of escrow.
- 5. W Real Estate has assigned agents (the "Assigned Agent") to each Property. Because W Real Estate is a large brokerage firm, it is possible that a different W Real Estate agent than the Assigned Agent may represent the buyer. In that case, the Assigned Agent and the buyer's agent will evenly split the maximum commission amount. However, the Assigned Agent may not represent both the Debtor and the buyer without prior written consent from the Debtor.
- 6. The general practice of W Real Estate, like other real estate brokers who provide similar services, is to be paid on a contingency fee basis. W Real Estate thus does not keep detailed time records similar to those prepared by attorneys.
  - 7. W Real Estate received from the Debtor a schedule of key parties in interest in these

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Application.

Chapter 11 Cases, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

- 8. To check and clear potential conflicts of interest in these Chapter 11 Cases, as well as to identify all "connections" (as such term is used in Bankruptcy Rule 2014) to the Debtor, its creditors, other parties in interest, their respective attorneys and accountants, the United States Trustee for the Northern District of California (the "U.S. Trustee"), any person employed in the office of the U.S. Trustee, W Real Estate conducted a review of the parties listed on Exhibit A to determine whether it has or had any relationships with any entity represented thereon. A summary of such relationships that W Real Estate identified during this process is set forth on **Exhibit B** to this Declaration.
- 9. I have determined that (a) there is no connection, as such term is used in section 101(14)(C) of the Bankruptcy Code, as modified by section 1107(b) and Bankruptcy Rule 2014(a), between W Real Estate and any party in interest in these Chapter 11 Cases, including the Debtor, its creditors, the U.S. Trustee, any person employed in the office of the U.S. Trustee, or any other party with an actual or potential interest in these Chapter 11 Cases or their respective attorneys or accountants, except as otherwise disclosed on **Exhibit B**; (b) W Real Estate is not a creditor, equity security holder, or insider of the Debtor; (c) W Real Estate is not, and has not within two years of the Petition Date, been a director, officer, or employee of the Debtor; and (d) W Real Estate neither holds nor represents an interest adverse to the Debtor, its estate, or any class of creditors or equity security holders by reason of any direct or indirect relationship to, connection with, or interest in the Debtor, or for any other reason. For the foregoing reasons, W Real Estate is a "disinterested person," as defined in section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 10. I will amend or supplement this declaration to the extent I learn that (a) any of the within representations are incorrect or (b) there is any change of circumstances relating thereto.

I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on August [\*\*\*], 2025.



Savannah Wellander

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EXHIBIT A 1 Parties-in-Interest Reviewed for Current and Recent Former Relationships. 2 1. Debtor 3 K.S. Mattson Partners, LP 4 5 2. Non-Debtor Affiliate/Subsidiary Companies 6 Perris Freeway Partners, LP Specialty Property Partners, LP 7 Treehouse Investments, LP 8 3. Debtor's Professionals 9 Hogan Lovells US LLP 10 Stapleton Group, a part of J.S. Held Robbin L. Itkin 11 12 4. Insiders 13 14 Kenneth Mattson Stacy Mattson 15 K S Mattson Company, LLC 16 5. Unsecured Creditors 17 Sonoma County Tax Collector 18 San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector Auditor-Controller's Agency Almeda County 19 State Farm Citrus Heights - Water 20 City Of Del Mar - Water 21 City Of Sonoma - Water David Wenzel 22 **EDCO** McPhail Fuel Company 23 Recology 24 Sonoma Garbage Collectors Stapleton Group 25 Vom Water District 26 6. Secured Creditors 27 Axos Bank 28

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Bank of America NA
     Bank of New York, Trustee, on behalf the Alternative Loan Trust 2007
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     Citadel Environmental Services, Inc.
     Company, Trustee for Residential Accredit Loans
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     Dept of Child Support Services
     Deutsche Bank Trust Company
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     Employment Development Department
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     Flagstar Bank
     Hampton Mortgage Group Inc.
     JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
     LAFM Loan Owners, LLC
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     MERS, Nominee for BOFI Federal Bank
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     ReProp Financial Mortgage Investors, LLC
     Robert Bass LLC
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     Socotra
     Socotra - for HFS Fund IV, LLC
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     Socotra Capital Inc.
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     Socotra Opportunity Fund, LLC
     Socotra Opportunity REIT I LLC
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     Socotra REIT I LLC
     Sonoma County Tax Collector
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     Sonoma Ranch Homeowners Association
     Sylva Family Properties
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     The Mercato Association
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     Trustee of the John and Mary Metallinos Living Trust
     Trustee, Gerald and Carol Shiffman Joint Trust
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     WE Alliance Secured Income Fund, LLC
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         7. Litigation Claims
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     Brad Driver, by and through the Personal Representative and Administrator of His Estate, Mariah
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     Driver, Plaintiff
     Mark Nielsen, Plaintiff
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     Tina M. Stott, as an Individual and Trustee to the Tina M. Stott Family Trust Dated 3/17/2017,
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     Plaintiff
     Jeanne Wondra, as Trustee for the James Hurley Trust, et al., Plaintiff
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     Timothy Lefever, Plaintiff
     Tamara D. Migliozzi, Plaintiff
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     Andrew Tubley, Plaintiff
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     Benedetti Farms, Inc., Plaintiff
     Securities & Exchange Commission, Plaintiff
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         8. Bankruptcy Judges
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     Chief Judge Stephen L. Johnson
     Judge Hannah L. Blumenstiel
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Judge M. Elaine Hammond 1 Judge William Lafferty Judge Dennis Montali 2 Judge Charles Novack 3 9. Bankruptcy Court Staff 4 5 Ruby Bautista Dina Kakalia 6 Ardie Ermac Venice Tamplin-Henderson 7 Teresa Mkhitarian 8 Cindy Fan 9 10. United States Trustee Staff 10 Christina Goebelsmann 11 Mike Chow Ianthe V. Del Rosario 12 Nychelle G. Rivera Phillip Shine 13 Yung Nor Wong Jared Day 14 Deanna Hazelton 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

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1 EXHIBIT B 2 Parties-in-Interest Noted for Court Disclosure 3 Relationships in Matters Related to These Proceedings 4 5 I previously held a listing agreement with the Debtor for 230 E Napa St, Sonoma and 1549 E Napa St, Sonoma prior to the bankruptcy filing. The property did not sell, and no compensation was earned. I do not hold any financial interest in the Debtor's estate and do not represent any adverse interest. 8 I have had a casual friendship with Aubree Mattson, an in-law of Ken Mattson. 9 Relationships in Unrelated Matters - Current 10 None. 11 Relationships in Unrelated Matters - Former 12 I previously held a listing agreement with Hannah Mattson, Ken Mattson's daughter in 2024. The 13 property address was 476 W Spain St., Sonoma. The property did not sell and I helped her to place a tenant there long term. I do not manage the rental or tenant. 14 Additionally, I represented the buyer in the sale of 368 5th St. W, Sonoma, CA (Zachary Mattson's 15 property) which was listed on the MLS in April 2024. 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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