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The following constitutes the order of the Court.  
Signed: August 22, 2025

Charles Novack  
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**

**NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

**SANTA ROSA DIVISION**

In re  
LEFEVER MATTSON, a California  
corporation, et al.  
Debtors.<sup>1</sup>

Case No. 24-10545 CN (Lead Case)  
(Jointly Administered)  
Chapter 11

In re  
KS MATTSON PARTNERS, LP,  
Debtor.

**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE  
RETENTION AND EMPLOYMENT OF  
STAPLETON GROUP A PART OF J.S.  
HELD LLC AS OPERATIONS AND  
ASSET MANAGER, EFFECTIVE AS OF  
THE RELIEF DATE**

<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>.



1           Upon consideration of the *Debtor's Motion For an Order Authorizing The Retention And*  
2 *Employment of Stapleton Group a Part of J.S. Held LLC as Operations And Asset Manager, Effective as*  
3 *of The Relief Date* (the "Motion"), filed by the above-captioned debtor and debtor in possession (the  
4 "Debtor") in this Chapter 11 Case, for entry of an order pursuant to pursuant to sections 105 and 363  
5 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") and Rule 6004 of the Federal Rules of  
6 Bankruptcy Procedure, (the "Bankruptcy Rules"); and the Court having reviewed the Motion, the  
7 Bergthold Declaration, the Itkin Declaration, and all other filings in support of the Motion, and the  
8 arguments made at the hearing on the Motion (the "Hearing"); and the Court having found that (i) the  
9 Court has jurisdiction to consider the Motion and the relief requested therein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§  
10 157 and 1334, and the *Order Referring Bankruptcy Cases and Proceedings to Bankruptcy Judges*,  
11 General Order 24 and Rule 5011-1(a) of the Bankruptcy Local Rules for the United States District  
12 Court for the Northern District of California (the "Bankruptcy Local Rules"); (ii) venue is proper in  
13 this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; (iii) this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C.  
14 § 157(b); (iv) notice of the Motion and the Hearing was sufficient under the circumstances; and (v)  
15 good cause exists to waive the requirements imposed by Bankruptcy Rules 6004(a) and 6004(h), to  
16 the extent either is applicable; and after due deliberation the Court having determined that the relief  
17 requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtor, its estates, and its creditors; and good and  
18 sufficient cause having been shown;

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22           **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

- 23           1.     The Motion is granted.
- 24           2.     The Debtor is authorized to employ and retain Stapleton Group, a part of J.S. Held  
25 LLC ("Stapleton JSH") as operations and asset manager under sections 363(b) and 1005(a) of the  
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1 Bankruptcy Code, effective as of the Relief Date, under the terms of the Stapleton JSH  
2 Engagement Letter.

3 3. The terms of the Engagement Letter, including the compensation and  
4 indemnification provisions, are reasonable terms and conditions of employment and are hereby  
5 approved.  
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7 4. Stapleton JSH shall file with the Court and provide reports of compensation earned  
8 and expenses incurred on a monthly basis (the “Compensation Reports”) to: (a) the U.S. Trustee;  
9 (b) the Responsible Individual; (c) counsel to any future claimants’ representative appointed by  
10 the Court; and (d) counsel to any statutory committee appointed in this chapter 11 case. The  
11 Compensation Reports shall summarize the services provided and identify the compensation  
12 earned and expense incurred by Stapleton JSH personnel. The foregoing parties shall have ten days  
13 after each Compensation Report is served upon them to file an objection with the Court and notice  
14 such objection for hearing under the applicable Bankruptcy Local Rule, and the portion of the  
15 compensation and expenses objected to will be subject to Court review.  
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17 5. Stapleton JSH is authorized to apply the Retainer first to pre-Relief Date invoices.

18 6. The Debtor and Stapleton JSH are authorized to take all actions necessary to  
19 effectuate the relief granted pursuant to this Order in accordance with the Motion.  
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21 7. In the event of any inconsistency between the Engagement Letter, the Motion, and  
22 this Order, this Order shall govern.

23 8. Notice of the Motion as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice  
24 of such Motion and the requirements of the Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Bankruptcy Rules are  
25 satisfied by such notice.

26 9. Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), the terms and conditions of this Order  
27 are immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.  
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1           10.     Notwithstanding any term in the Engagement Letter to the contrary, the Court shall  
2 retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from or related to the implementation,  
3 interpretation, and/or enforcement of this Order.  
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