## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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### MOTION FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF DEADLINE TO OBJECT TO CLAIMS

Drivetrain LLC, in its capacity as trustee of the liquidating trust (the "Liquidating Trustee") for the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), hereby moves this Court (the "Motion") for the entry of an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (the "Proposed Order"), further extending the time period to file and serve objections to claims (the "Claims Objection Deadline") through and including December 31, 2024, without prejudice to the rights of the Liquidating Trustee to seek additional extensions. The current deadline to object to claims is July 1, 2024. In support of the Motion, the Liquidating Trustee respectfully represents as follows:

### **Jurisdiction and Venue**

1. The United States District Court for the District of Delaware has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334, which was referred to the United States Bankruptcy

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Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court") under 28 U.S.C. § 157 pursuant to the Amended Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, dated February 29, 2012, and Article XI of the First Amended Joint Plan of Liquidation of Sequential Brands Group, Inc. and its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code (together with all exhibits thereto, and as may be amended, modified, or supplemented, the "Plan"). This matter is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2), and the Liquidating Trustee consents pursuant to Rule 9013-1(f) of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Local Rules") to the entry of a final order by the Court in connection with this Motion to the extent that it is later determined that the Court, absent consent of the parties, cannot enter final orders or judgments in connection herewith consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution.

- 2. Venue in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
- 3. The statutory bases for the relief requested herein are section 105 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), Rule 9006 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), and Local Rule 9006–2.

### **Background**

- 4. On August 31, 2021 (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"), the Debtors commenced these cases by filing voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors have continued in the possession of their property and have continued to operate and manage their business as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. No trustee, examiner, or committee has been appointed in the Debtors' chapter 11 cases.
- 5. The factual background regarding the Debtors, including their historical business operations and the events precipitating their chapter 11 filings, is set forth in detail in the

Declaration of Lorraine DiSanto in Support of the Debtors' Chapter 11 Petitions and Requests for First Day Relief [Docket No. 3] (the "First Day Declaration"), which is fully incorporated herein by reference.<sup>2</sup>

- 6. On October 4, 2021, the Court entered an order [Docket No. 162] (the "Bar Date Order") establishing certain dates by which parties holding prepetition claims against the Debtors must file proofs of claim ("Proofs of Claim"), including claims by governmental units, claims arising under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code, Rejection Damages Claims, and requests for payment of certain Administrative Claims.
- 7. On November 3, 2021, the Court entered four orders approving the sale of substantially all of the Debtors' assets (the "Sale Transactions") to Gainline Galaxy Holdings LLC, Centric Brands, LLC, With You Inc., and JJWHP, LLC ("collectively, the "Buyers"). The Sale Transactions with the Buyers were consummated on November 9, 2021 and November 12, 2021.
- 8. On February 22, 2022, the Court entered an order [Docket No. 486] (the "Confirmation Order"), confirming the Plan [Docket No. 380] attached as Exhibit A to the Confirmation Order.
- 9. The Confirmation Order appointed Drivetrain LLC as the Liquidating Trustee of the SBGI Liquidating Trust as of the Effective Date, which occurred on March 3, 2022.
- 10. Pursuant to the Plan, the Claims Objection Deadline was initially "180 days after the Effective Date, subject to extension as set forth in Section V.L. of the Plan." (Plan at Art. I.A.24.) Accordingly, the Claims Objection Deadline was initially August 30, 2022.
- 11. The Liquidating Trustee has previously obtained orders to extend the Claims Objection Deadline. Most recently, on December 14, 2023, the Liquidating Trustee filed

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

the *Motion for Further Extension of Deadline to Object to Claims* [Docket No. 698]. On January 18, 2024, the Court entered an Order [Docket No. 706] granting the motion and extending the Claims Objection Deadline to July 1, 2024, without prejudice to the rights of the Liquidating Trustee to request further extensions of the Claims Objection Deadline.

- 12. As of the date hereof, the Liquidating Trustee has commenced a claims reconciliation process that includes identifying particular categories of claims that may be targeted for disallowance and expungement, reduction and allowance, or reclassification and allowance. In connection therewith, the Liquidating Trustee intends to file omnibus objections to administrative and priority claims.
- 13. The Liquidating Trustee has continued to engage in the claims reconciliation process in the time since the previous extension of the Claims Objection Deadline. The Liquidating Trustee seeks more time to complete its final review of the claims, complete and document any resolution, wind down the claims reconciliation process, and, if necessary, oppose formally any claims not otherwise consensually resolved.

#### **Relief Requested**

14. By this Motion, the Liquidating Trustee respectfully requests entry of the Proposed Order: (a) extending the Claims Objection Deadline by approximately 180 days, through and including December 31, 2024, without prejudice to the rights of the Liquidating Trustee to request further extensions of the Claims Objection Deadline to the extent provided by the Plan; and (b) granting related relief.<sup>3</sup>

Pursuant to Local Rule 9006–2, since this Motion was filed before the expiration of the Claims Objection Deadline, the time is automatically extended until the Court acts on the Motion.

#### **Basis for Relief**

15. Section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code provides that the Court may "issue any order . . . necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of this title." 11 U.S.C. § 105(a). Moreover, Bankruptcy Rule 9006(b) provides, in relevant part:

[W]hen an act is required or allowed to be done at or within a specified period by these rules or by a notice given thereunder or by order of court, the court for cause shown may . . . order the period enlarged . . . .

Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9006(b).

- 16. Cause exists to extend the Claims Objection Deadline as requested herein because claims are still under review by the Liquidating Trustee.
- 17. The Liquidating Trustee has analyzed and, in many cases, resolved or deemed satisfied the proofs of claim filed against the Debtors in these cases. The Liquidating Trustee's review and reconciliation process is still ongoing, and the Liquidating Trustee wishes to pursue claim objections in a cost-efficient manner. This requires further efforts at informal resolution to minimize the administrative expenses associated with pursuing formal objections to claims. Consequently, the Liquidating Trustee requests additional time to engage in a process of further review, reconciliation, and settlement discussions to minimize the number of claims that will be the subject of any formal objections.
- 18. Accordingly, the Liquidating Trustee requests an extension of the Claims Objection Deadline from July 1, 2024 through and including December 31, 2024.

#### **Notice**

19. The Liquidating Trustee will serve copies of this Motion on: (a) the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware; (b) counsel to Bank of America N.A., as administrative and collateral agent under the BoA Credit Agreement; (c) counsel to Wilmington

Trust, N.A.; and (d) any party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002. The Liquidating Trustee submits that, in light of the nature of the relief requested, no other or further notice need be given.

WHEREFORE, the Liquidating Trustee respectfully requests that the Court enter the Proposed Order: (a) granting the Motion; (b) extending the deadline by which the Liquidating Trustee may file any objections to claims through and including December 31, 2024, without prejudice to the Liquidating Trustee's rights to request further extensions; and (c) granting such other and further relief as the Court deems appropriate.

Dated: June 27, 2024 PACHULSKI STANG ZIEHL & JONES LLP

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# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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In re:	) Chapter 11
SEQUENTIAL BRANDS GROUP, INC.,1	) Case No. 21-11194 (JTD)
Debtor.	) (Jointly Administered)
Objection Deadline, L	_ ) Hearing Date: To Be Scheduled If Necessary ulv 11, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time

# NOTICE OF MOTION FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF DEADLINE TO OBJECT TO CLAIMS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on June 27, 2024, Drivetrain LLC, in its capacity as trustee of the liquidating trust (the "Liquidating Trustee") for the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), filed the *Motion for Further Extension of Deadline to Object to Claims* (the "Motion") with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, 824 North Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 (the "Bankruptcy Court"). A copy of the Motion is attached hereto.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any response or objection to the entry of an order with respect to the relief sought in the Motion must be filed with the Bankruptcy Court on or before July 11, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that at the same time, you must also serve a copy of the response or objection upon: (a) the Office of the United States Trustee for the District

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of Delaware (Attn: Richard Schepacarter, Esq. (richard.schepacarter@usdoj.gov); (b) counsel to the Liquidating Trustee, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP (Attn: Laura Davis Jones, Esq. (ljones@pszjlaw.com) and Timothy P. Cairns, Esq. (tcairns@pszjlaw.com)); (c) counsel to Bank of America N.A., as administrative and collateral agent under the BoA Credit Agreement, (i) Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, One Federal Street, Boston, MA 02110-1726 (Attn: Julie Frost-**Davies** (julia.frost-davies@morganlewis.com) and Christopher L. Carter (christopher.carter@morganlewis.com)), and (ii) Robinson & Cole LLP, 1201 N. Market Street, Suite 1406, Wilmington, DE 19801 (Attn: Jamie L. Edmonson (jedmonson@rc.com) and James L. Lanthrop (jlathrop@rc.com)), and 1650 Market Street, Suite 3600, Philadelphia, PA 19103 (Attn: Rachel Jaffe Mauceri (rmauceri@rc.com)); (d) counsel to Wilmington Trust, N.A., (i) Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP, 1201 N. Market Street, 16th Floor, Wilmington, DE 19801 Derek C. Abbott (dabbott@morrisnichols.com), Curtis S. (Attn: Miller (cmiller@morrisnichols.com), and Paige N. Topper (ptopper@morrisnichols.com)), and (ii) James-Bateman-Brannan-Groover LLP, Buckhead Tower at Lenox Square, 3399 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1700, Atlanta, GA 30326 Doroteya Wozniak (Attn: N. (dwozniak@jamesbatesllp.com)); and (e) any party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE COURT MAY GRANT THE RELIEF DEMANDED BY THE MOTION WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE OR HEARING.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT A HEARING TO CONSIDER
THE RELIEF SOUGHT IN THE MOTION WILL BE HELD, IF NECESSARY, AT A DATE
AND TIME TO BE DETERMINED BEFORE THE HONORABLE JOHN T. DORSEY,

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE, AT THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE, 824 MARKET STREET, 5TH FLOOR, COURTROOM NO. 5, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE 19801. YOU WILL RECEIVE FURTHER NOTICE IF A HEARING IS SCHEDULED.

Dated: June 27, 2024 PACHULSKI STANG ZIEHL & JONES LLP

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# EXHIBIT A

**Proposed Order** 

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	) Ref. Docket No.
Debtor.	) (Jointly Administered)
SEQUENTIAL BRANDS GROUP, INC.,1	) Case No. 21-11194 (JTD)
In re:	) Chapter 11

#### ORDER FURTHER EXTENDING DEADLINE TO OBJECT TO CLAIMS

Upon consideration of the *Motion for Further Extension of Deadline to Object to Claims* (the "Motion") filed by Drivetrain LLC, in its capacity as trustee of the liquidating trust (the "Liquidating Trustee") for the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession, and it appearing that good cause exists to grant the relief requested by the Motion;

#### IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Motion is GRANTED as set forth herein.
- 2. The time period to file and serve objections to claims in these cases (the "<u>Claims Objection Deadline</u>") is extended through and including **December 31, 2024**, without prejudice to the rights of the Liquidating Trustee to request further extensions.

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- 3. All time periods set forth in this Order shall be calculated in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 9006(a).
- 4. The Liquidating Trustee is authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Order in accordance with the Motion.
- 5. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from or related to the implementation of this Order.