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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:

VILLAGE ROADSHOW ENTERTAINMENT GROUP USA INC., *et al.*,¹

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 25-10475 (TMH)

(Jointly Administered)

Hearing Date: April 21, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. (ET) Obj. Deadline: April 14, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. (ET)

DEBTORS' APPLICATION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER (I) AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION AND EMPLOYMENT OF KURTZMAN CARSON CONSULTANTS, LLC DBA VERITA, GLOBAL AS ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISOR TO THE DEBTORS, EFFECTIVE AS OF THE PETITION DATE; AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

The above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>") respectfully state the following in support of this application (the "<u>Application</u>").²

RELIEF REQUESTED

1. By this Application, the Debtors request entry of an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u> (the "<u>Proposed Order</u>") (a) authorizing the Debtors to employ and retain Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global ("<u>Verita</u>") as administrative advisor (the "<u>Administrative Advisor</u>") in the Debtors' chapter 11 cases effective as of the Petition Date (as defined below), and (b) granting related relief. In support of this Application, the Debtors

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submit the Declaration of Evan Gershbein in Support of the Debtors' Application for Entry of an Order (I) Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global, as Administrative Advisor to the Debtors, Effective as of the Petition Date; and (II) Granting Related Relief (the "Gershbein Declaration"), attached hereto as Exhibit B. In further support of the Application, the Debtors respectfully represent as follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "<u>Court</u>") has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334, and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference* from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, dated as of February 29, 2012. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2), and the Debtors confirm their consent pursuant to Rule 9013-1(f) of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedures of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "<u>Local Rules</u>"), 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 the consent of the parties, cannot enter final orders or judgments in connection herewith consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution.

3. Venue is proper in the Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

4. The statutory and legal predicates for the relief requested herein are sections 327(a) and 328(a) of title 11 of the United States Code (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>"), Rules 2014(a) and 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure (the "<u>Bankruptcy Rules</u>"), and Local Rules 2014-1 and 2016-1. Compensation will be in accordance with sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code.

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BACKGROUND

5. On March 17, 2025 (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"), each of the Debtors filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors are managing their properties and operating their businesses as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. On March 27, 2025, the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware (the "<u>U.S. Trustee</u>") appointed an Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "<u>Committee</u>") [Docket No. 103]. No request for the appointment of a trustee or examiner has been made in these chapter 11 cases.

6. Additional information regarding the Debtors, their business, capital structure, and the circumstances leading to the commencement of these chapter 11 cases is set forth in the *Declaration of Keith Maib in Support of First Day Relief* [Docket No. 2] (the "<u>First Day Declaration</u>"), which is fully incorporated herein by reference.

VERITA'S RETENTION

7. The terms of retention and employment of Verita are set forth in that certain engagement agreement (the "<u>Engagement Agreement</u>"), attached hereto as <u>Exhibit C</u>. Pursuant to this application, the Debtors seek to retain Verita to assist with, among other things, the following bankruptcy administrative services (collectively, the "<u>Administrative Services</u>"):

- (a) assisting with, among other things, the preparation of the Debtors' schedules of assets and liabilities, schedules of executory contracts and unexpired leases, and statements of financial affairs;
- (b) generating, providing, and assisting with claims objections, exhibits, claims reconciliation, and related matters;
- (c) assisting with, among other things, solicitation, balloting, tabulation, and calculation of votes, as well as preparing any appropriate reports required in furtherance of confirmation of any chapter 11 plan;

- (d) generating an official ballot certification and testifying, if necessary, in support of the ballot tabulation results for any chapter 11 plan(s) in these chapter 11 cases; and
- (e) providing such other claims processing, noticing, solicitation, balloting, and administrative services, but not included in the Section 156(c) Application,³ as may be requested by the Debtors from time to time.

8. Verita is one of the country's leading chapter 11 administrators, and Verita's professionals have experience in noticing, claims administration, solicitation, balloting, and facilitating other administrative aspects of chapter 11 cases. Verita has substantial experience providing the Administrative Services in numerous cases of comparable size, including several before the Court. See, e.g., Fisker Inc. et al., Case No. 24-11390 (TMH) (Bankr. D. Del. Jun 19, 2024); In re Supply Source Enters., Inc., et al., Case No. 24-11054 (BLS) (Bankr. D. Del. Jun. 13, 2024); In re ProSomnus, Inc., et al., Case No. 24-10972 (JTD) (Bankr. D. Del. May 9, 2024); In re Sticky's Holding LLC, et al., Case No. 24-10856 (JKS) (Bankr. D. Del. Apr. 26, 2024); In re SC Healthcare Holding, LLC, et al., Case No. 24-10443 (TMH) (Bankr. D. Del. Mar. 22, 2024); In re Cano Health, Inc., et al., Case No. 24-10164 (KBO) (Bankr. D. Del. Mar. 5, 2024); In re InVivo Therapeutics Corp., et al., Case No. 24-10137 (MFW) (Bankr. D. Del. Feb. 22, 2024); In re AN Global LLC, et al., Case No. 23-11294 (JKS) (Bankr. D. Del. Oct. 3, 2023); In re Proterra Inc, et al., Case No. 23-11120 (BLS) (Bankr. D. Del. Aug. 7, 2023); In re Novan, Inc., et al., Case No. 23-10937 (LSS) (Bankr. D. Del. July 19, 2023); In re Lordstown Motors Corp., et al., Case No. 23-10831 (MFW) (Bankr. D. Del. June 28, 2023); In re KDC Agribusiness LLC, et al., Case

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No. 23-10786 (CTG) (Bankr. D. Del. June 21, 2023); *In re PGX Holdings, Inc., et al.*, Case No.23-10718 (CTG) (Bankr. D. Del. June 6, 2023); *In re Plastiq Inc., et al.*, Case No. 23-10671 (BLS) (Bankr. D. Del. May 25, 2023); *In re Christmas Tree Shops, LLC, et al.*, Case No. 23-10576 (TMH) (Bankr. D. Del. May 9, 2023); *In re Structurlam Mass Timber U.S., Inc., et al.*, Case No. 23-10497 (CTG) (Bankr. D. Del. Apr. 26, 2023); *In re Catalina Mktg. Corp.*, Case No. 23-10620 (KBO) (Bankr. D. Del. Mar. 31, 2023); *CBCRC Liquidating Corp., et al.*, Case No. 23-10245 (KBO) (Bankr. D. Del. Mar. 3, 2023); *In re Starry Grp. Holdings, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 23-10219 (KBO) (Bankr. D. Del. Feb. 22, 2023); *In re Stanadyne LLC, et al.*, Case No. 23-10207 (TMH) (Bankr. D. Del. Feb. 22, 2023); *In re Tricida*, Case No. 23-10024 (JTD) (Bankr. D. Del. Jan. 23, 2023); *In re Carestream Health, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 22-10778 (JKS) (Bankr. D. Del. July 1, 2022); *In re Zosano Pharma Corp.*, Case No. 22-10506 (JKS) (Bankr. D. Del. June 6, 2022).

9. The Debtors chose Verita to perform the Administrative Services because of Verita's experience, reputation, familiarity with these chapter 11 cases, and the competitiveness of its fees. The Debtors submit that using Verita to provide the Administrative Services is the most cost-effective and efficient method to administer these chapter 11 cases and will allow the Debtors and their other professionals to focus on key aspects of the Debtors' chapter 11 efforts. Accordingly, the Debtors believe that Verita is qualified to provide the Administrative Services and that Verita's retention in such capacity is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates and their creditors.

COMPENSATION AND DISINTERESTEDNESS

10. The fees Verita will charge in connection with its services to the Debtors are set forth in the pricing schedule attached to the Engagement Agreement. The Debtors respectfully

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submit that Verita's rates are competitive and comparable to the rates Verita's competitors charge for similar services and are reasonable given the quality of Verita's services and Verita's bankruptcy expertise. Additionally, Verita will seek reimbursement from the Debtors for reasonable and documented expenses in accordance with the terms of the Engagement Agreement.

11. Prior to the Petition Date, the Debtors provided Verita a retainer in the amount of \$45,000. Verita seeks first to apply the retainer to all prepetition invoices and thereafter to hold the retainer under the Engagement Agreement during the cases as security for payment of fees and expenses incurred under the Engagement Agreement.

12. Verita intends to apply to the Court for allowance of compensation and reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred after the Petition Date in connection with the services that it provides as the Administrative Advisor in these chapter 11 cases in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and any other applicable orders of the Court.

13. The Gershbein Declaration represents that, to the best of its knowledge, Verita is not connected with the Debtors, their creditors, and that, to the best of Verita's knowledge, after due inquiry, Verita does not by reason of any direct or indirect relationship to, have a connection with or interest in the Debtors, hold or represent any interest materially adverse to the Debtors, their estates or any class of creditors or equity interest holders with respect to the matters upon which it is to be engaged. Further, Verita has performed a comprehensive conflict search in connection the Application. Based upon the Gershbein Declaration, Verita is a "disinterested person," as that term is defined in section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code.

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INDEMNIFICATION

14. As part of the overall compensation payable to Verita under the terms of the Engagement Agreement, the Debtors have agreed to certain indemnification obligations as set forth in the Engagement Agreement, to the extent permitted by applicable law and as modified in the Proposed Order.

15. The terms of the Engagement Agreement and indemnification provisions included therein were negotiated at arm's-length between the Debtors and Verita, and the Debtors respectfully submit that these provisions of the Engagement Agreement are reasonable and in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, and their creditors. Moreover, consistent with the practice in this jurisdiction, the Debtors request, and Verita has agreed, that the Court approve the indemnification provisions reflected in the Engagement Agreement subject to the modifications set forth in the Proposed Order. The Debtors believe that the proposed modifications to the indemnification provisions of the Engagement Agreement are appropriate under the circumstances, consistent with recent orders entered in this jurisdiction and, therefore, should be approved.

BASIS FOR RELIEF

I. Retention and Employment of Verita as the Administrative Advisor is Permitted.

16. The Debtors seek approval of the employment and retention of Verita as Administrative Advisor pursuant to sections 327(a) and 328(a) of the Bankruptcy Code. Section 327(a) provides that a debtor "may employ one or more . . . professional persons, that do not hold or represent an interest adverse to the estate, and that are disinterested persons, to represent or assist" the debtor in carrying out its duties. 11 U.S.C. § 327(a).

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17. In addition, section 328(a) of the Bankruptcy Code provides, in relevant part, that debtors "with the court's approval, may employ or authorize the employment of a professional person under section 327 . . . on any reasonable terms and conditions of employment, including on a retainer, on an hourly basis, on a fixed or percentage fee basis, or on a contingent fee basis." 11 U.S.C. § 328(a).

18. Bankruptcy Rule 2014(a) requires that an application for retention include:

"[S]pecific facts showing the necessity for the employment, the name of the [firm] to be employed, the reasons for the selection, the professional services to be rendered, any proposed arrangement for compensation, and, to the best of the applicant's knowledge, all of the [firm's] connections with the debtor, creditors, any other party in interest, their respective attorneys and accountants, the United States trustee, or any person employed in the office of the United States trustee."

Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2014(a).

19. Additionally, Local Rule 2014-1 requires an entity seeking approval of employment under section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code to file a motion, supporting affidavit and proposed order, all of which have been satisfied by this Application, the Gershbein Declaration, and the Proposed Order. Further, in accordance with Local Rule 2014-1, Verita acknowledges its continuing duty to supplement the Gershbein Declaration with additional material information relating to the employment of Verita, if necessary.

20. In light of the size of these chapter 11 cases, the Debtors respectfully submit that employing and retaining Verita pursuant to the terms of the Engagement Agreement, as modified by the Proposed Order, is necessary and in the best interests of the Debtors' estates and all parties in interest. The Debtors also believe that the terms and conditions of the Engagement Agreement, as modified by the Proposed Order are reasonable. Further, Verita will comply with the

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applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules and any other procedures or orders of the Court.

II. Relief Effective as of the Petition Date is Appropriate.

21. Pursuant to the Debtors' request, Verita has agreed to serve as Administrative Advisor on and after the Petition Date with assurances that the Debtors would seek approval of its employment and retention effective as of the Petition Date, so that Verita may be compensated for its pre-Application services. The Debtors believe that no party in interest will be prejudiced by the granting of employment as of the Petition Date, as provided in this Application, because Verita has provided and continues to provide valuable services to the Debtors' estates in the interim period. Courts in this district have routinely approved employment effective as of the Petition Date similar to that requested herein in matters comparable to this matter.

22. Accordingly, to help manage administrative tasks with respect to the numerous notice parties that are expected to be involved in these chapter 11 cases, and the complexity of such cases, the Debtors respectfully request entry of an order authorizing the Debtors to employ and retain Verita as Administrative Advisor effective as of the Petition Date.

NOTICE

23. Notice of this Application will be provided to: (a) the U.S. Trustee; (b) the holders of the 20 largest unsecured claims against the Debtors (on a consolidated basis); (c) counsel to the ABS Trustee; (d) counsel to the DIP Lenders; (e) counsel to the Vine Alternative Investments Group, LLC; (f) the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Delaware; (g) the state attorneys general for all states in which the Debtors conduct business; (h) the Internal Revenue Service; (i) the United States Department of Justice; and (j) any party that has requested notice

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pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002. In light of the nature of the relief requested herein, the Debtors submit that no other or further notice is necessary.

WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request entry of the Proposed Order,

substantially in the form attached hereto as **<u>Exhibit A</u>**, granting the relief requested herein and granting such other relief as is just and proper.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dated: March 31, 2025

<u>/s/ Keith Maib</u> Keith Maib Chief Restructuring Officer

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>") filed the *Debtors' Application for Entry of an Order (I) Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global, as Administrative Advisor to the Debtors, Effective as of the Petition Date; and (II) Granting Related Relief (the "<u>Application</u>") with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "<u>Court</u>").*

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that that any objections to the Application must be filed on or before <u>April 14, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. (ET)</u> (the "<u>Objection Deadline</u>") with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, 3rd Floor, 824 North Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801. At the same time, you must serve a copy of the objection upon the undersigned proposed counsel to the Debtors so as to be received on or before the Objection Deadline.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that copies of the Application and other information regarding these chapter 11 cases are available for inspection free of charge on the case website at https://www.veritaglobal.net/vreg.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT A HEARING TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION WILL BE HELD ON <u>APRIL 21, 2025, AT 1:00 P.M. (ET)</u> BEFORE THE HONORABLE THOMAS M. HORAN, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE, 824 N. MARKET STREET, 3RD FLOOR, COURTROOM NO. 7, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE 19801.

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

Dated: March 31, 2025 Wilmington, Delaware

/s/ Benjamin C. Carver

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<u>EXHIBIT A</u>

Proposed Order

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ORDER AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION AND EMPLOYMENT OF KURTZMAN CARSON CONSULTANTS, LLC DBA VERITA GLOBAL, AS ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISOR TO THE DEBTORS, EFFECTIVE AS OF THE PETITION DATE

Upon the application (the "<u>Application</u>")² of the Debtors for entry of an order (this "<u>Order</u>") authorizing the Debtors retain Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global ("<u>Verita</u>") as their Administrative Advisor in these chapter 11 cases, effective as of the Petition Date, as more fully described in the Application; and upon the *Declaration of Evan Gershbein in Support of the Debtors' Application for Entry of an Order (I) Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global, as Administrative Advisor to the Debtors, Effective as of the Petition Date; and (II) Granting Related Relief* (the "<u>Gershbein Declaration</u>"); and this Court having reviewed the Application and the relief

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requested therein in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware*, dated February 29, 2012; and this Court having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2) and that this Court may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and this 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 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 this Court having determined that the relief requested in the Application is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and good and sufficient cause appearing therefor,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The relief requested in the Application is hereby GRANTED as set forth herein.

2. The Debtors are authorized under section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code to employ and retain Verita as their Administrative Advisor in accordance with the terms set forth in the Application and the Engagement Agreement effective as of the Petition Date. Notwithstanding the terms of the Engagement Agreement, the Application is approved solely as set forth in this Order.

3. Verita is authorized to perform the Administrative Services described in the Application and set forth in the Application and the Engagement Agreement, and to take such other action to comply with all duties set forth in the Application and the Engagement Agreement.

4. In addition to the services set forth in the Application and the Engagement Agreement, Verita is authorized to provide other bankruptcy administration services as the Debtors and the Clerk of the Court may request from time to time.

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5. Verita shall apply to the Court for allowance of compensation and reimbursement of expenses incurred after the Petition Date in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules and any orders entered in the chapter 11 cases regarding professional compensation and reimbursement of expenses.

6. Verita shall first apply its retainer to all prepetition invoices, and thereafter, to have the retainer replenished to the original retainer amount, and thereafter, to hold the retainer under the Engagement Agreement during the cases as security for the payment of fees and expenses incurred under the Engagement Agreement.

7. The Debtors are authorized to indemnify Verita under the terms of the Engagement

Agreement, subject to the following modifications:

- a. Verita shall not be entitled to indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement pursuant to the Engagement Agreement for services other than the Services provided under the Engagement Agreement, unless such services and the indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement therefor are approved by this Court;
- b. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Engagement Agreement, the Debtors shall have no obligation to indemnify Verita, or provide contribution or reimbursement to Verita, for any claim or expense that is either: (i) judicially determined (the determination having become final and no longer subject to appeal) to have arisen from Verita's gross negligence, willful misconduct, or fraud; (ii) for a contractual dispute in which the Debtors allege the breach of Verita's contractual obligations if this Court determines that indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement would not be permissible pursuant to *In re United Artists Theatre Co.*, 315 F.3d 217 (3d Cir. 2003); or (iii) settled prior to a judicial determination under (i) or (ii), but determined by this Court, after notice and a hearing, to be a claim or expense for which the Claims and Noticing Agent should not receive indemnity, contribution, or reimbursement under the terms of the Engagement Agreement as modified by this Order;
- c. If before the earlier of: (i) the entry of an order confirming a chapter 11 plan in these chapter 11 cases (that order having become a final order no longer subject to appeal); or (ii) the entry of an order closing these chapter 11 cases, Verita believes that it is entitled to the payment of any amounts by the Debtors on account of the Debtors' indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement obligations under the Engagement Agreement (as modified

by this Order), including the advancement of defense costs, Verita must file an application therefor with this Court, and the Debtors may not pay any such amounts to Verita before the entry of an order by this Court approving the payment. This paragraph is intended only to specify the period of time under which this Court shall have jurisdiction over any request for fees and expenses by Verita for indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement, and not a provision limiting the duration of the Debtors' obligation to indemnify Verita. All parties in interest shall retain the right to object to any demand by Verita for indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement.

8. The Debtors and Verita are authorized to take all steps necessary or appropriate to carry out this Order.

9. In the event of any inconsistency between the Engagement Agreement, the Application, and this Order, the terms of this Order shall govern.

10. Notice of the Application as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of such Application and the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and the Local Rules are satisfied by such notice.

11. Notwithstanding any term in the Engagement Agreement to the contrary, this Court shall retain exclusive jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, or enforcement of this Order.

<u>EXHIBIT B</u>

Gershbein Declaration

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DECLARATION OF EVAN GERSHBEIN IN SUPPORT OF THE DEBTORS' APPLICATION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER (I) AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION AND EMPLOYMENT OF KURTZMAN CARSON CONSULTANTS, LLC DBA VERITA GLOBAL AS ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISOR TO THE DEBTORS, EFFECTIVE <u>AS OF THE PETITION DATE; AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF</u>

I, Evan Gershbein, being duly sworn, state the following under penalty of perjury:

1. I am an Executive Vice President of Corporate Restructuring Services for Kurtzman

Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global ("Verita"), whose offices are located at 222 N. Pacific

Coast Highway, 3rd Floor, El Segundo, California 90245. Except as otherwise noted, I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein, and if called and sworn as a witness, I could and would testify competently thereto.

2. This declaration (this "Declaration") is made in support of the Debtors' Application

for Entry of an Order (I) Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Kurtzman Carson

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Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global as Administrative Advisor to the Debtors, Effective as of the Petition Date; and (II) Granting Related Relief (the "Application").²

3. This Declaration incorporates the *Declaration of Evan Gershbein in Support of Debtors' Application Entry of an Order (I) Approving the Retention and Appointment of Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global, as Claims and Noticing Agent Effective as of Petition Date, and (II) Granting Related Relief* attached as **Exhibit B** to the Section 156(c) Application.

4. As Administrative Advisor, Verita will perform the Administrative Services specified in the Application and the Engagement Agreement.

5. Verita has substantial experience providing the Administrative Services in numerous cases in this Court. *See, e.g., Fisker Inc. et al.*, Case No. 24-11390 (TMH) (Bankr. D. Del. Jun 19, 2024); *In re Supply Source Enters., Inc., et al.*, Case No. 24-11054 (BLS) (Bankr. D. Del. Jun. 13, 2024); *In re ProSomnus, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 24-10972 (JTD) (Bankr. D. Del. May 9, 2024); *In re Sticky's Holding LLC, et al.*, Case No. 24-10856 (JKS) (Bankr. D. Del. Apr. 26, 2024); *In re SC Healthcare Holding, LLC, et al.*, Case No. 24-10443 (TMH) (Bankr. D. Del. Mar. 22, 2024); *In re Cano Health, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 24-10164 (KBO) (Bankr. D. Del. Mar. 5, 2024); *In re InVivo Therapeutics Corp., et al.*, Case No. 24-10137 (MFW) (Bankr. D. Del. Feb. 22, 2024); *In re AN Global LLC, et al.*, Case No. 23-11294 (JKS) (Bankr. D. Del. Oct. 3, 2023); *In re Proterra Inc, et al.*, Case No. 23-1120 (BLS) (Bankr. D. Del. Aug. 7, 2023); *In re Novan, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 23-10831 (MFW) (Bankr. D. Del. June 28, 2023); *In re PGX Holdings, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 23-10786 (CTG) (Bankr. D. Del. June 6, 2023); *In re Plastiq Inc., et al.*, Case No. 23-10671 (BLS)

² Capitalized terms used herein but not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Application.

(Bankr. D. Del. May 25, 2023); *In re Christmas Tree Shops, LLC, et al.*, Case No. 23-10576 (TMH)
(Bankr. D. Del. May 9, 2023); *In re Structurlam Mass Timber U.S., Inc., et al.*, Case No. 23-10497
(CTG) (Bankr. D. Del. Apr. 26, 2023); *In re Catalina Mktg. Corp.*, Case No. 23-10620 (KBO)
(Bankr. D. Del. Mar. 31, 2023); *CBCRC Liquidating Corp., et al.*, Case No. 23-10245 (KBO)
(Bankr. D. Del. Mar. 3, 2023); *In re Starry Grp. Holdings, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 23-10219 (KBO)
(Bankr. D. Del. Mar. 3, 2023); *In re Starry Grp. Holdings, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 23-10219 (KBO)
(Bankr. D. Del. Feb. 22, 2023); *In re Stanadyne LLC, et al.*, Case No. 23-10207 (TMH) (Bankr. D. Del. Feb. 22, 2023); *In re Tricida*, Case No. 23-10024 (JTD) (Bankr. D. Del. Jan. 23, 2023); *In re Carestream Health, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 22-10778 (JKS) (Bankr. D. Del. Aug. 26, 2022); *In re First Guar. Mortg. Corp., et al.*, Case No. 22-10584 (CTG) (Bankr. D. Del. July 1, 2022); *In re Zosano Pharma Corp.*, Case No. 22-10506 (JKS) (Bankr. D. Del. June 6, 2022).

6. Verita is a "disinterested person" as that term is defined in section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code, as modified by section 1107(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, in that Verita and its professional personnel:

- (a) are not creditors, equity security holders or insiders of the Debtors;
- (b) are not and were not, within two years before the date of the filing of the chapter11 cases, directors, officers or employees of the Debtors; and
- (c) do not have an interest materially adverse to the interest of the Debtors' estates or of any class of creditors or equity security holders, by reason of any direct or indirect relationship to, connection with or interest in the, the Debtors.

7. I caused to be submitted for review by our conflicts system the names of identified potential parties in interest (the "<u>Potential Parties in Interest</u>") in these chapter 11 cases. The list of Potential Parties in Interest was provided by the Debtors and is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 1</u>. Verita is not aware of any relationship that would present a disqualifying conflict of interest.

8. The Debtors have many creditors and, accordingly, Verita may have rendered and may continue to render services to certain of these creditors in matters unrelated to these chapter

11 cases, either as vendors or in cases where Verita serves in a neutral capacity as a bankruptcy

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claims and noticing agent or class action settlement administrator. Verita has not and will not represent the separate interests of any such creditor in these chapter 11 cases. To the best of my knowledge, neither Verita, nor any of its professional personnel, has any relationship with the Debtors that would impair Verita's ability to serve as Administrative Advisor. Verita has working relationships with certain of the professionals retained by the Debtors and other parties herein, but such relationships, except to the extent that Verita and counsel to the Debtors have communicated concerning the preparations for these chapter 11 cases, are unrelated to these chapter 11 cases. In addition, Verita personnel may have relationships with some of the Debtors' creditors. Such relationships are, however, of a personal or financial nature and are unrelated to these chapter 11 cases and has and will continue to have relationships in the ordinary course of its business with certain vendors and professionals in connection with matters unrelated to these chapter 11 cases.

9. To the best of my knowledge, and except as disclosed herein and in the Section 156(c) Application, Verita neither holds nor represents any interest materially adverse to the Debtors' estates in connection with any matter on which it would be employed and that it is a "disinterested person" within the meaning of section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code, as would be required by section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code. Verita has performed a comprehensive conflicts check in connection with the Section 156(c) Application and will continue to supplement its disclosure to the Court if any facts or circumstances are discovered that would require disclosure.

10. On May 1, 2023, funds affiliated with GCP Capital Partners LLC ("<u>GCP</u>") indirectly acquired a controlling equity interest in Verita (the "<u>Acquisition</u>"). Pursuant to the Acquisition, an indirect, non-controlling, beneficial minority interest in Verita was acquired by funds affiliated with J.P. Morgan Investment Management Inc. ("<u>JPMIM</u>"). GCP is a middle-

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market private equity investment firm based in New York. GCP has made investments in a number of industries, including tech-enabled business services, payments, and select financials. JPMIM is a U.S. registered investment adviser. Designees of GCP are members of the Board of Managers (the "<u>Board</u>") of Verita's ultimate parent company, KCC Parent LLC ("<u>Parent</u>"). Parent wholly owns Verita Intermediate LLC, which in turn wholly owns Verita Global, LLC, which in turn wholly owns Verita Global Services, LLC, which in turn wholly owns Verita. One representative of JPMIM is entitled to attend and observe (but not vote) at all meetings of the Board, but no designee of JPMIM is a member of the Board.

11. Verita searched all entities listed in the list of Potential Parties in Interest against an internal database that includes (i) Verita's parent entities, affiliates, and subsidiaries and (ii) GCP, GCP's funds, and each such fund's respective portfolio companies and investments as set forth in the list most recently provided to Verita by GCP. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. is listed as a lienholder on the Potential Parties in Interest List. There are information barriers between JPMIM and the line of business where JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. may be associated with the Debtors. Based solely on the foregoing search, Verita has determined, to the best of its knowledge, that there are no material connections.

12. To the extent Verita learns of any other material connections between the funds or investments included in the above-described conflicts search and the Debtor, Verita will promptly file a supplemental disclosure. In addition, Verita may have had, may currently have, or may in the future have business relationships unrelated to the Debtor with one or more GCP or JPMIM entities including, among others, portfolio companies of GCP.

13. Verita has no contract or relationship with XClaim Inc. or with any other party under which Verita provides or will provide exclusive access to claims data and/or under which Verita will be compensated for claims data that is made available by Verita.

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14. Verita has informed the Debtors that, subject to Court approval, it will invoice the Debtors at its standard hourly rates, which are set forth in the Engagement Agreement.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge and belief.

Dated: March 31, 2025

/s/ Evan Gershbein Evan Gershbein Executive Vice President Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC DBA Verita Global 222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, 3rd Floor El Segundo, California 90245 Telephone: (310) 823-9000

Proposed Administrative Advisors to the Debtors

EXHIBIT 1

Potential Parties in Interest

Village Roadshow Entertainment Group USA Inc.

Potential Parties in Interest

<u>Banks</u>

Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited City National Bank

Consultants

Amelia Belle Brian Gilbert Debra Manwiller Frank N. Magid Associates, Inc. Oliver Brack Todd Berger

Contract Counterparties

78 Home, Inc. f/s/o John Stuart Newman Aaron Priest Literary Agency Aftershock Comics, LLC Agberg Ltd. An MLR Original, Inc. f/s/o Marja-Lewis Ryan Barrett Brothers Entertainment LLC f/s/o Jack Barrett and Max Barrett Barstool Sports, Inc. Bento Rights, LLC Blackbird Films f/s/o Adam Small BPM Associates, LLC f/s/o Michael Scott McAda Bruce Schoenfeld Bruce Schoenfeld, Individually Chris Cullari CHRIS CULLARI and JENNIFER RAITE Circle of Confusion CJ ENM Co., Ltd. Clark & Palattella, LLC Clark Palattella, PLLC Columbus Rose Ltd f/s/o David Baldacci Darkling Entertainment Inc. f/s/o Matthew Arnold and Travis Rooks David Grossman David Hollander December Films Inc. Derek Sanderson

Elaine Murphy Elkins Law, P.C. EuropaCorp Everheart Productions, Inc. Fourward, Inc. f/s/o Jonathan Levin Gochman Law Group, PC Grand Central Publishing Hansen, Jacobson, Teller, Hoberman, Newman, Warren, Richman, Rush, Kaller, Gellman, Meigs & Fox, LLC Harold Sipe Hart Properties, Inc. Hector Casanova HG Literary Hub Australia Pty Ltd Iliza Shlesinger Ink Fish Ltd. J.T. Petty Jacob V. Hart James V. Hart Jane Gilmartin Janklow & Nesbit Associates Jason Kaleko Jennifer Raite Jerome Loving Joel Golby Jonathan Levin Jose Nateras Julie B. Dixon f/k/a Julie Strasser or J.B. Strasser Kalista Sy Katzner Pictures, Inc. f/s/o Oren Moverman Kendall Milton Kevin Kelly Kleinberg Lange Cuddy & Carlo LLP Kubier Entertainment, Inc. Lana Harper Lauren Billings Luhrs and Christina Venstra p/k/a Christina Hobbs Light Work Content, Inc. f/s/o Eric Amadio Lily Drew Detweiler Lindsay Harbert

LSE International IV, LLC Macrosoft Media Ltd. Magid Majordomo Media f/s/o Dave Chang, Chris Ying, and Chris Chen Mark Neveldine and Royal Street Holdings, Inc. f/s/o Jamil Stefan Mati Diop McKuin Frankel Whitehead LLP Mediabrat Productions, Inc. f/s/o Will Pascoe Mike Freeman Minor Demons, Inc. f/s/o Michael Dougherty Missing Linc Corporation Mr. Jason Kaleko Mukoma Wa Ngugi Murray Weiss and Bill Hoffmann Myman Greenspan Nicholas Adams Nick Foster Patrick Cunnane Paul Hastings LLP PCG Pedialaw LLC f/s/o JT Hunster Penguin Random House LLC Peter Sample Peter Seymour Pius Ailemen Pocono Pictures, a California Corporation f/s/o Robert Nelson Jacobs, Charlie Jacobs, and Alexander Jacobs Principle Communications Group LLC Raj Balu Renato Baccaro and Daniel Baccaro Richard Edlund Films, Inc. Richard Edlund Films, Inc. f/s/o Richard Edlund Rob Hart **Robert Silverberg** Rolling Stone LLC Rolling Stone LLC f/s/o Any Employees Acting on Behalf of Owner Roman Lupi Sadamantium, Inc. f/s/o Mike Lawrence Sammy Mo, Inc. f/s/o Sam Morril

SawSee Films, Inc. f/s/o Fax Bahr Say When Productions f/s/o Allie Romano Sean Cook Serendipity Point Films Inc. Seven Seas Films Limited Signpost Up Ahead, Inc. f/s/o Jill Blotevogel Skylight Films, LLC f/s/o Kassandra Clementi and Jacqueline Toboni Sloss Eckhouse Dasti Haynes LawCo LLP Sony Pictures Television Inc. (SPT) Stately Plump Buck Mulligan, LLC f/s/o Neil Strauss **Stefanie Williams** Story Paradox Corporation f/s/o Rob Hart Texas Monthly LLC The Law Office of Renee Farrell The Wicker Room The Wicker Room, Inc. f/s/o Chris McCoy Three River Entertainment, Inc. Travis Klune (aka T.J. Klune) United Talent Agency Upper Press, LLC Vine Entertainment International Corp. Vine Entertainment LP Vine Eton Library Company LP Vine Gaylord Company LP Vine LSE International IV, LLC Vine LSE IV, LP Vine Manchester Library Company LP Vine Rysher Company LP VMAC Productions, Inc. f/s/o Vanessa McCarthy Westside Stories LLC d/b/a Rebelle Media Xerox Financial Services LLC Yo Productions, LLC

Debtors

Crescent Film Holdings Limited Village Roadshow Distribution (BVI) Limited Village Roadshow Distribution Pty Ltd Village Roadshow Distribution UK Limited Village Roadshow Distribution USA Inc. Village Roadshow Entertainment Group (BVI) Limited

Village Roadshow Entertainment Group Asia Limited Village Roadshow Entertainment Group USA Inc. Village Roadshow Film Administration Management Pty Ltd Village Roadshow Films (BVI) Limited Village Roadshow Films Global Inc. Village Roadshow Films North America Inc. Village Roadshow Holdings USA Inc. Village Roadshow Pictures Entertainment Inc. Village Roadshow Pictures North America Inc. Village Roadshow Productions (BVI) Ltd Village Roadshow Productions Inc. Village Roadshow VS Films LLC VR DTE Distribution USA Inc. **VR DTE Productions Limited** VR Films Holdings (BVI) Limited VR Funding LLC VR Zoo Distribution USA Inc. VR Zoo Productions Ltd VREG Films Ltd **VREG Funding LLC** VREG IP Global LLC VREG J2 Global LLC VREG MM2 IP Global LLC VREG OP Global LLC VREG Production Services Inc. VREG Television Inc. VREG Wonka IP Global LLC VREG WW IP Global LLC

Directors and Officers

Adam Rhodes Carlos Andres Abadi Christina Norman Edward Truitt Harvey Tepner James Patrick Moore Kevin Berg Lee Sienna Louis Santor Matthew White Nicholas Messum Peter Nankivell Ruth Bradley Ted Francis

Employees (Current)

Joy Taylor, Manager, Treasury & Cash Management Kevin Berg, General Counsel Louis Santor, COO Rosemarie Spadavecchia, Executive Assistant Teronna Taylor, Senior Vice President, Human Resources Dilani Chandrahasan Veronica Gruba Marsha Setiono Lauren Shaw Jesse Spike Glenn Taylor **Employees (Former)** Alix Jaffe Cory Lanier Shannon Hawes Perry Alice Shoshana Highman Ameer Wafer Amelia Amy Belle Silbert-Geiger Anne H MacKay Ara Joseph Rice Arianna G. Johnson Asha Norman-Hunt Brianna Hennessey Bryan R Greenwood Caitlyn McHugh Charlene M Feliciano Chase Evans Chloe Rose Sesar Christina C. Steele Christine L Ricardo Dante Bailev Daron D Jackson Dylan Kane Eamon Frank Anthony Schiro Elizabeth Gale Cuzzupoli Ethan Obergfoll Gabrielle A Scurlark Gavin J Citron Isabella Salma Samman Jackson G Gibbon Jacob Bradley

Jake L Robbins Jake Jashni Jason K Buckley Jeffrey M Pendo Jesse J Paul Jillian A Apfelbaum Jordan Leigh Sharkey Kelso Meeks Keyon E Tehrani Laura Elizabeth Lynch Marchione Macy Muxlow Marley L Abbott Michael J Lechner Michael J Linowes Murphy Stack Nicolas J Gordon Peter H Schlessel Robert Corzo **Roland Feliciano** Shan Howerton Stephen M Mosko Tristen A Tuckfield Zola Anisceta Franchi

Equity Holders

Village Roadshow Limited Village Roadshow Pictures International Pty Ltd Falcon Strategic Partners IV LP Vine Media Opportunities - Fund III, LP Vine Media Opportunities - Fund III-A, LP Vine Media Opportunities - Fund III-B, LP Vine Westcon SPV, LP 1397225 Ontario Limited

<u>Guilds</u>

Directors Guild of America SAG-AFTA Writers Guild of America Writers Guild of America, West, Inc. Writers Guild of America, East, Inc. Motion Picture Association, Inc.

Insurance Carriers

Accredited Insurance (Europe) Limited ACE American Insurance Company

Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. Arch Specialty Insurance Company Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services LLC Ascot Specialty Insurance Company Atlantic Specialty Insurance Company AXA XL - Professional Insurance Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Chubb Group of Insurance Companies Chubb International Advantage Coalition Insurance Solutions, Inc. (CRC Insurance Services, Inc.) Coalition, Inc. Convex North American Insurance Services, Inc. Federal Insurance Company Firemans Fund Indemnity Corporation Fortegra Specialty Insurance Company Howden Intact Insurance Entertainment Intact Insurance Group USA LLC Intact Specialty Entertainment Lloyds Lloyds Syndicate (Rising Edge Ltd) National Fire & Marine Insurance Company **OBI** National Insurance Company **QBE** Insurance Corporation Rising Edge Ltd **Risk Placement Services**, Ins. Underwriters at Lloyds, London Victor Insurance Exchange XL Professional Insurance XL Specialty Insurance Company

Lessors

10100 Santa Monica, Inc. Xerox Financial Services LLC Allen Matkins Leck Gamble Mallory & Natsis LLP

Lienholders

Columbia Pictures Industries, Inc. Cooperatieve Rabobank U.A. Cortland Capital Market Services LLC JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. Loompala Pictures, LLC Magnum Films SPC U.S. Bank National Association Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB

Litigation Counterparties

Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc. Warner Bros. Production Limited WAV Distribution LLC

Miscellaneous

Abso Lutely Productions, Inc. f/s/o Tim Heidecker, Eric Wareheim, Dave Kneebone Alternate Side Productions, LLC f/s/o Jerry Angelo Brooks (a.k.a. JB Smoove) Chris Case DBA Dixon Cox Productions Inc Content Cartel, LLC f/s/o Kevin Garnett, Murithi "Mike" Marangu, and Any Other Employees of ProdCo Content Cartel, LLC f/s/o Kevin Garnett, Murithi "Mike" Marangu, and Any Other Employees of ProdCo Dixon Cox Production f/s/o Christopher Case EP Abso LLC f/s/o Time Heidecker, Eric Wareheim, Dave Kneebone Happy Madison TV, Inc. f/s/o Adam Sandler, Matthew Mosko, and Any Other Employees of ProdCo McGuffin Entertainment Media Inc. f/s/o Paul Bernard, James Scura, and Any Other Employees Moonshot Entertainment, Inc. f/s/o Bryan Cranston, James Degus and Any Other Employees, or Independent Contractors Acting on Behalf of ProdCo Three River Entertainment, Inc. f/s/o David Hollander Roger Pliakas, Esq. Gursey Schneider LLP A. N. Pane

Non-Debtor Affiliates

Humanoids Holding Zoo Film Partners L.P. DTE Film Partners LP Zoo Films LLC DTE Films LLC

Potential Purchasers

CP Ventura LLC Content Partners, LLC Easttree Media Limited Alcon Entertainment

Professionals

Accordion Partners, LLC Barnes & Thornburg LLP Kirkland & Ellis LLP Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global Goldman Sachs Latham & Watkins LLP Maples & Calder LLP Milbank LLP Morrison & Foerster LLP O'Melveny & Myers LLP Paul Hastings LLP Seward & Kissell LLP Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP Solic Capital Advisors, LLC Thomson Geer Virtu Global Advisors, LLC Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP

<u>Studios</u>

Amazon MGM Studios Netflix, Inc. Universal Pictures Walt Disney Studios New Regency Entertainment Paramount Pictures Corporation Sony Pictures Entertainment Inc. Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc.

Taxing Authorities

Australian Taxation Office British Virgin Islands Financial Services Commission British Virgin Islands Inland Revenue Department California Franchise Tax Board California Department of Tax and Fee Administration California State Board of Equalization Delaware Division of Revenue HM Revenue and Customs Internal Revenue Service Los Angeles County Tax Collector Los Angeles Office of Finance

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Richenderfer, Linda Schepacarter, Richard Selber Silberstein, Laurie Serrano, Edith A. Shannon, Brendan L. Sierra-Fox, Rosa Stickles, J. Kate Subda, Paula Thomas, Elizabeth Walker, Jill Walrath, Mary F. Washington, Nikki Wynn, Dion Yeager, Demitra

Utility Providers

AT&T MOBILITY Cogent Communications, Inc. Cogent Communications, LLC DivergeIT Mitel Mitel Cloud Services, Inc. Mitel Deutschland GmbH Mitel France SAS Mitel Networks Limited RingCentral Inc.

Vendors

Active Wellness American Express Christopher W. Taylor Eisner LLP Excel Federal Express LoopUp Magnolia Picures LLC Marlin Lease Corporation Mickey Hargitay Plants **PWGA** Pension Fund Sparkletts WGA Health Fund Contribtuion Green Hasson & Janks LLP (GHJ) Ansarada **CT** Corporation Dropbox Inc. GoDaddy Operating Company, LLC Harneys Corporate Services Limited Iron Mountain Motion Picture Association, Inc. Studio System Vistra (BVI) Limited

<u>EXHIBIT C</u>

Engagement Agreement

This Agreement is entered into as of the 17 day of February 2025, between Village Roadshow Entertainment Group (BVI) Limted (together with its affiliates and subsidiaries, the "Company"),¹ and Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global (together with its affiliates and subcontractors, "Verita"). In consideration of the premises set forth herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

Terms and Conditions

I. SERVICES

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A. Verita agrees to provide the Company with consulting services regarding noticing, claims management and reconciliation, plan solicitation, balloting, disbursements and any other services agreed upon by the parties or otherwise required by applicable law, government regulations or court rules or orders.

B. Verita further agrees to provide (i) computer software support and training in the use of the support software, (ii) Verita's standard reports as well as consulting and programming support for the Company requested reports, (iii) program modifications, (iv) data base modifications, and/or (v) other features and services in accordance with the fees outlined in a pricing schedule provided to the Company (the "Verita Fee Structure").

C. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Verita may, upon request by the Company, (i) provide a communications plan including, but not limited to, preparation of communications materials, dissemination of information and a call center staffed by Verita and/or (ii) provide confidential on-line workspaces or virtual data rooms and publish documents to such workspaces or data rooms (which publication shall not be deemed to violate the confidentiality provisions of this Agreement).

D. The price listed for each service in the Verita Fee Structure represents a bona fide proposal for such services, which may be accepted in whole or in part. Services will be provided when requested by the Company or required by applicable law, government regulations or court rules or orders. Services are mutually exclusive and are deemed delivered and accepted by the Company when provided by Verita.

E. The Company acknowledges and agrees that Verita will often take direction from the Company's representatives, employees, agents and/or professionals (collectively, the "Company Parties") with respect to the services being provided under this Agreement. The parties agree that Verita may rely upon, and the Company agrees to be bound by, any requests, advice or information provided by the Company Parties to the same extent as if such requests, advice or information were provided by the Company. The Company agrees and understands that Verita shall not provide the Company or any other party with any legal advice.

II. PRICES, CHARGES AND PAYMENT

A. Verita agrees to charge and the Company agrees to pay Verita for its services at the rates and prices set by Verita that are in effect as of the date of this Agreement and in accordance with the Verita Fee Structure. Verita's prices are generally adjusted periodically to reflect changes in the business and economic environment and are inclusive of all charges. Verita reserves the right to reasonably increase its

¹ The term Company shall include, to the extent applicable, the Company, as debtor and debtor in possession in its chapter 11 case, together with any affiliated debtors and debtors in possession whose chapter 11 cases are jointly administered with the Company's chapter 11 case.

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prices, charges and rates; provided, however, that if any such increase exceeds 15%, Verita will give thirty (30) days written notice to the Company.

B. In addition to fees and charges for services, the Company agrees to pay Verita's reasonable transportation, lodging, and meal expenses incurred in connection with services provided under this Agreement.

C. In addition to all fees for services and expenses hereunder, the Company shall pay to Verita (i) any fees and charges related to, arising out of, or as a result of any error or omission made by the Company or the Company Parties, as mutually determined by Verita and the Company, and (ii) all taxes that are applicable to this Agreement or that are measured by payments made under this Agreement and are required to be collected by Verita or paid by Verita to a taxing authority.

D. Where the Company requires services that are unusual or beyond the normal business practices of Verita, or are otherwise not provided for in the Verita Fee Structure, the cost of such services shall be charged to the Company at a competitive rate.

E. Verita agrees to submit its invoices to the Company monthly and the Company agrees that the amount invoiced is due and payable upon the Company's receipt of the invoice. Verita's invoices will contain reasonably detailed descriptions of charges for both hourly (fees) and non-hourly (expenses) case specific charges. Where total invoice amounts are expected to exceed \$10,000 in any single month and Verita reasonably believes it will not be paid, Verita may require advance payment from the Company due and payable upon demand and prior to the performance of services hereunder. If any amount is unpaid as of thirty (30) days from the receipt of the invoice, the Company further agrees to pay a late charge, calculated as two and one-half percent (2-1/2%) of the total amount unpaid every thirty (30) days. In the case of a dispute in the invoice by the Company. The undisputed portion of the invoice will remain due and payable immediately upon receipt of the invoice. Late charges shall not accrue on any amounts in dispute or any amounts unable to be paid due to Court order or applicable law. Unless otherwise agreed to in writing, the fees for print notice and media publication (including commissions) must be paid at least three (3) days in advance of those fees and expenses being incurred.

F. In the event that the Company files for protection pursuant to chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code (a "Chapter 11 Filing"), the parties intend that Verita shall be employed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 156(c) to the extent possible and otherwise in accordance with applicable Bankruptcy law and that all amounts due under this Agreement shall, to the extent possible, be paid as administrative expenses of the Company's chapter 11 estate. As soon as practicable following a Chapter 11 Filing (and otherwise in accordance with applicable law and rules and orders of the Bankruptcy Court), the Company shall cause pleadings to be filed with the Bankruptcy Court seeking entry of an order or orders approving this Agreement (the "Retention Order"). The form and substance of the pleadings and the Retention Order shall be reasonably acceptable to Verita. If any Company chapter 11 case converts to a case under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code, Verita will continue to be paid for its services in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. The parties recognize and agree that if there is a conflict between the terms of this Agreement and the terms of the Retention Order, the terms of the Retention Order shall govern during the chapter 11 or other proceeding.

G. To the extent permitted by applicable law, Verita shall receive a retainer in the amount of \$45,000 (the "Retainer") that may be held by Verita as security for the Company's payment obligations under the Agreement. The Retainer is due upon execution of this Agreement. In the event of a Chapter 11 Filing,

Verita will first apply the Retainer to all pre-petition invoices, and thereafter, will have the Retainer replenished to the original amount. Verita shall be entitled to hold the Retainer until the termination of the Agreement. Following termination of the Agreement, Verita shall return to the Company any amount of the Retainer that remains following application of the Retainer to the payment of unpaid invoices.

III. RIGHTS OF OWNERSHIP

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A. The parties understand that the software programs and other materials furnished by Verita pursuant to this Agreement and/or developed during the course of this Agreement by Verita are the sole property of Verita. The term "program" shall include, without limitation, data processing programs, specifications, applications, routines, and documentation. The Company agrees not to copy or permit others to copy the source code from the support software or any other programs or materials furnished pursuant to this Agreement.

B. The Company further agrees that any ideas, concepts, know-how or techniques relating to data processing or Verita's performance of its services developed or utilized during the term of this Agreement by Verita shall be the exclusive property of Verita. Fees and expenses paid by the Company do not vest in the Company any rights in such property, it being understood that such property is only being made available for the Company's use during and in connection with the services provided by Verita under this Agreement.

IV. NON-SOLICITATION

The Company agrees that neither it nor its subsidiaries or other affiliated companies shall directly or indirectly solicit for employment, employ or otherwise retain employees of Verita during the term of this Agreement and for a period of twelve (12) months after termination of this Agreement unless Verita provides prior written consent to such solicitation or retention.

V. CONFIDENTIALITY

Each of Verita and the Company, on behalf of themselves and their respective employees, agents, professionals and representatives, agrees to keep confidential all non-public records, systems, procedures, software and other information received from the other party in connection with the services provided under this Agreement; provided, however, that if either party reasonably believes that it is required to produce any such information by order of any governmental agency or other regulatory body it may, upon not less than five (5) business days' written notice to the other party, release the required information.

VI. SUSPENSION OF SERVICE AND TERMINATION

A. This Agreement shall remain in force until terminated or suspended by either party (i) upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party or (ii) immediately upon written notice for Cause (defined herein). As used herein, the term "Cause" means (i) gross negligence or willful misconduct of Verita that causes serious and material harm to the Company's reorganization under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, (ii) the failure of the Company to pay Verita invoices for more than sixty (60) days from the date of invoice, or (iii) the accrual of invoices or unpaid services in excess of the retainer held by Verita where Verita reasonably believes it will not be paid.

B. In the event that this contract is terminated, regardless of the reason for such termination, Verita shall coordinate with the Company and, to the extent applicable, the clerk of the Bankruptcy Court, to

maintain an orderly transfer of record keeping functions and Verita shall provide all necessary staff, services and assistance required for an orderly transfer. The Company agrees to pay for such services in accordance with Verita's then existing prices for such services. If such termination occurs following entry of the Retention Order, the Company shall immediately seek entry of an order (in form and substance reasonably acceptable to Verita) that discharges Verita from service and responsibility in the Company's bankruptcy case.

C. Any data, programs, storage media or other materials furnished by the Company to Verita or received by Verita in connection with the services provided under the terms of this Agreement may be retained by Verita until the services provided are paid for, or until this Agreement is terminated with the services paid in full. The Company shall remain liable for all fees and expenses imposed under this Agreement as a result of data or physical media maintained or stored by Verita. Verita shall dispose of the data and media in the manner requested by the Company. The Company agrees to pay Verita for reasonable expenses incurred as a result of the disposition of data or media. If the Company has not utilized Verita's services under this Agreement for a period of at least ninety (90) days, Verita may dispose of the data or media, and be reimbursed by the Company for the expense of such disposition, after giving the Company thirty (30) days' notice. Notwithstanding any term herein to the contrary, following entry of the Retention Order, the disposition of any data or media by Verita shall be in accordance with any applicable instructions from the clerk of the Bankruptcy Court, local Bankruptcy Court rules and orders of the Bankruptcy Court.

VII. SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

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Verita strives to provide continuous improvements in the quality of service to its clients. Verita, therefore, reserves the right to make changes in operating procedure, operating systems, programming languages, general purpose library programs, application programs, time period of accessibility, types of terminal and other equipment and the Verita data center serving the Company, so long as any such changes do not materially interfere with ongoing services provided to the Company in connection with the Company's chapter 11 case.

VIII. BANK ACCOUNTS

At the Company's request and subject to Court approval following any chapter 11 filing, Verita may be authorized to establish accounts with financial institutions in the name of and as agent for the Company. To the extent that certain financial products are provided to the Company pursuant to Verita's agreement with financial institutions, Verita may receive compensation from such financial institutions for the services Verita provides pursuant to such agreement.

IX. LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION

A. The Company shall indemnify and hold Verita, its affiliates, members, directors, officers, employees, consultants, subcontractors and agents (collectively, the "Indemnified Parties") harmless, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, judgments, liabilities and expenses (including reasonable counsel fees and expenses) (collectively, "Losses") resulting from, arising out of or related to Verita's performance under this Agreement. Such indemnification shall exclude Losses resulting from Verita's gross negligence or willful misconduct. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Losses include any liabilities resulting from claims by any third-parties against any Indemnified Party. The Company shall notify Verita in writing promptly upon the assertion, threat or commencement of any claim, action, investigation or proceeding that the Company becomes aware of with

respect to the services provided by Verita under this Agreement. The Company's indemnification obligations hereunder shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

B. Except as provided herein, Verita's liability to the Company or any person making a claim through or under the Company for any Losses of any kind, even if Verita has been advised of the possibility of such Losses, whether direct or indirect and unless due to gross negligence or willful misconduct of Verita, shall be limited to the total amount billed or billable to the Company for the portion of the particular work which gave rise to the alleged Loss. In no event shall Verita be liable for any indirect, special or consequential damages such as loss of anticipated profits or other economic loss in connection with or arising out of the services provided for in this Agreement. In no event shall Verita's liability to the Company for any Losses, whether direct or indirect, arising out of this Agreement exceed the total amount billed to the Company and actually paid to Verita for the services contemplated under the Agreement; provided, however, that this limitation shall not apply to the Company during any chapter 11 case in which the Company is a debtor.

C. The Company is responsible for the accuracy of the programs, data and information it or any Company Party submits for processing to Verita and for the output of such information. Verita does not verify information provided by the Company and, with respect to the preparation of schedules and statements, all decisions are at the sole discretion and direction of the Company. The Company reviews and approves all schedules and statements filed on behalf of, or by, the Company; Verita bears no responsibility for the accuracy or contents therein. The Company agrees to initiate and maintain backup files that would allow the Company to regenerate or duplicate all programs and data submitted by the Company to Verita.

D. The Company agrees that except as expressly set forth herein, Verita makes no representations or warranties, express or implied, including, but not limited to, any implied or express warranty of merchantability, fitness or adequacy for a particular purpose or use, quality, productiveness or capacity.

X. FORCE MAJEURE

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Verita will not be liable for any delay or failure in performance when such delay or failure arises from circumstances beyond its reasonable control, including without limitation acts of God, acts of government in its sovereign or contractual capacity, acts of public enemy or terrorists, acts of civil or military authority, war, riots, civil strife, terrorism, blockades, sabotage, rationing, embargoes, epidemics, pandemics, outbreaks of infectious diseases or any other public health crises, earthquakes, fire, flood, other natural disaster, quarantine or any other employee restrictions, power shortages or failures, utility or communication failure or delays, labor disputes, strikes, or shortages, supply shortages, equipment failures, or software malfunctions.

XI. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS

The Company and Verita are and shall be independent contractors of each other and no agency, partnership, joint venture or employment relationship shall arise, directly or indirectly, as a result of this Agreement.

XII. NOTICES

All notices and requests in connection with this Agreement shall be given or made upon the respective parties in writing and shall be deemed as given as of the third day following the day it is deposited in the U.S. Mail, postage pre-paid or on the day it is given if sent by facsimile or electronic mail or on the day after the day it is sent if sent by overnight courier to the appropriate address set forth below:

KCC/Verita Global, LLC 222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, 3rd Floor El Segundo, CA 90245 Attn: Drake D. Foster Tel: (310) 823-9000 Fax: (310) 823-9133 E-Mail: dfoster@veritaglobal.com Village Roadshow Entertainment Group (BVI) Limited 10100 Santa Monica Boulevard, Suite 200 Los Angeles, CA 90067 Attn: Kevin Berg Tel: (310) 385-4333 E-Mail: kevin.berg@vreg.com

Or to such other address as the party to receive the notice or request so designates by written notice to the other.

XIII. APPLICABLE LAW

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The validity, enforceability, and performance of this Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

XIV. ENTIRE AGREEMENT/ MODIFICATIONS

Each party acknowledges that it has read this Agreement, understands it, and agrees to be bound by its terms and further agrees that it is the complete and exclusive statement of the agreement between the parties, which supersedes and merges all prior proposals, understandings, other agreements, and communications oral and written between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. The Company represents that it has the authority to enter into this Agreement, and the Agreement is non-dischargeable under any applicable statute or law. If any provision of this Agreement shall be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall in no way be affected or impaired thereby. This Agreement may be modified only by a written instrument duly executed by an authorized representative of the Company and an officer of Verita.

XV. COUNTERPARTS; EFFECTIVENESS

This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement will become effective when one or more counterparts have been signed by each of the parties and delivered to the other parties, which delivery may be made by exchange of copies of the signature page by facsimile or electronic mail.

XVI. ASSIGNMENT

This Agreement and the rights and duties hereunder shall not be assignable by the parties hereto except upon written consent of the other, with the exception that this Agreement can be assigned without written consent by Verita to a wholly-owned subsidiary or affiliate of Verita.

XVII. ATTORNEYS' FEES

In the event that any legal action, including an action for declaratory relief, is brought to enforce the performance or interpret the provisions of this Agreement, the parties agree to reimburse the prevailing party's reasonable attorneys' fees, court costs, and all other related expenses, which may be set by the court in the same action or in a separate action brought for that purpose, in addition to any other relief to which the prevailing party may be entitled.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement effective as of the first date mentioned above.

Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global

Evan J. Gershbein

BY: Evan Gershbein DATE: 17-Feb-2025 | 10:03:17 PM EST TITLE: EVP, Corporate Restructuring Services

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BY: Kevin Berg TITLE: General Counsel

DATE:

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Fee Structure

Consulting Services & Rates¹

Position	Hourly Rate
Analyst	\$25.50 - \$51.00

The Analyst processes incoming mail, including proofs of claim, ballots, creditor correspondence and returned mail. Also assists with the generation of mailing services.

Technology/Programming Consultant ²	\$29.75 - \$80.75
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The Technology/Programming Consultant assists with complex system requests, including unique claim/ballot reporting and custom website updates.

Consultant/Senior Consultant/Director	\$55.25 - \$204.00

The Consultant is the day-to-day contact for mailings, including the preparation and filing of affidavits of service (a critical due process component). He/she also responds to creditor and counsel inquiries, maintains the public access website, identifies actionable pleadings (i.e., claims objections, notices of transfer, withdrawals, etc.) and updates the official claims register. Verita's Consultants average over six years of experience.

The Senior Consultant manages the various data collection processes required by the chapter 11 process. This includes, among other things, compiling the creditor matrix and Schedules/SOFAs (and generating drafts of same for counsel and advisors), reviewing and processing claims, overseeing contract review, overseeing all mailings and generating custom claim and ballot reports. Verita's Senior Consultants average over seven years of experience.

The Director is the primary contact for the company, counsel and other professionals and oversees and supports the entirety of an engagement. Verita's Directors average over twelve years of experience and are generally former practitioners.

Securities/Solicitation Consultant	\$208.25
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The Securities Director/Solicitation Consultant is the day-to-day contact and acts as advisor on transactions including balloting with treatment election, rights offers, exchange offers and complex plan distributions. This position handles service of related materials to banks, brokers and agents and manages tabulation and audit processes, preparing detailed reporting of results. In addition, the Solicitation Consultant provides support on all voting, tabulation, Schedule and SOFA services and other additional complex consulting tasks.

Securities Director/Solicitation Lead	\$212.50	
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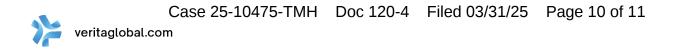
The Solicitation Lead/Securities Director oversees all activities of the group and provides counsel with respect to solicitation and noticing events ensuring that processes employed are effective and practical for securities depositories, bank, brokers, nominees and their agents. In addition, the Solicitation Lead provides counsel on all voting, tabulation, Schedule and SOFA services and other additional complex consulting tasks.

Weekend, holidays and overtime

Waived

¹ Please note that additional professional services not covered by this proposal will be charged at hourly rates, including any outsourced services performed under our supervision and control.

² Certain technology development fees may be applicable.



Printing & Noticing Services

Service	Fee
Printing	\$0.12 per image (volume discounts apply)
Document folding and inserting	Waived
Envelopes	Varies by size
E-mail noticing	Waived ³
Fax noticing	\$0.05 per page
Public Securities Events	Varies by Event
Claim Acknowledgement Card	Waived
Insert creditor information into customized documents	Waived
Newspaper	Quote prior to publishing

Claims Administration & Management Expenses

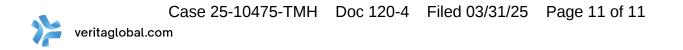
Service	Fee
License fee and data storage	\$0.10 per record per month
Database and system access (unlimited users)	Waived
Custom client reports	Waived
Access to Verita CaseView (secure, password protected)	Waived

Proprietary, secured, password protected portal for unlimited users. Comprehensive case data, including extensive real time analytics on claim, solicitation and processing information. Functionality to run or request customized reports summarizing case analytics

Verita eServices

Service	Fee
Case website set up & hosting	Waived
Automated updates of case docket and claims register	Waived
Online claims filing (ePOC)	Waived

³ A set-up fee for email services larger than 50 parties may apply. This set-up fee varies depending on the total number of parties



Document Management/Imaging

Service	Fee
Electronic imaging (scanning & bar coding)	\$0.10 per imaged page
Virtual Data Room	Quote prior to VDR set-up
CD-ROMS (mass document storage)	Varies upon requirements

Call Center Support Services

Service	Fee
Case-specific voice-mail box for creditors	Waived
Interactive Voice Response ("IVR")	Set-up and per minute fee waived
Monthly maintenance charge	Waived
Management of call Center	Standard hourly rates

Disbursements

Service	Fee
Check issuance	Quote prior to printing
W-9 mailing and maintenance of TIN database	See hourly rates and noticing charges

Fund and Distribution Services⁴

Service	Fee
363 Sale Escrow Fee Per Bidder	\$1,500
Smaller Asset Sale Escrows	Fees TBD based off volume

⁴ Fees and charges are subject to increase based on market conditions, including the addition of bank fees. Verita will provide prior written notice of the effective date of any such increase or addition.