

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CIVIL ACTION NO. 6:21-cv-694-CEM-DCI

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

HARBOR CITY CAPITAL CORP.,
HARBOR CITY VENTURES LLC,
HCCF-1 LLC,
HCCF-2 LLC,
HCCF-3 LLC,
HCCF-4 LLC,
HCCF-5 LLC,
HARBOR CITY DIGITAL VENTURES INC.,
HCC MEDIA FUNDING LLC,
JONATHAN P. MARONEY,

Defendants,

and

CELTIC ENTERPRISES LLC and
TONYA L. MARONEY,

Relief Defendants.

ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION'S
UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF RECEIVER

THIS CAUSE came before the Court on Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission's Unopposed Motion and Memorandum of Law for Appointment of Receiver [DE 60]. The Court has carefully reviewed the Motion and finds that,

based on the record in these proceedings, the appointment of a receiver is necessary and appropriate for purposes of marshaling and preserving all assets of defendants Harbor City Capital Corp., Harbor City Ventures LLC, HCCF-1 LLC, HCCF-2 LLC, HCCF-3 LLC, HCCF-5 LLC, Harbor City Digital Ventures Inc., HCC Media Funding LLC, and relief defendant Celtic Enterprises LLC (“Receivership Entities”) as well as those assets of the Receivership Entities that: (a) are attributable to funds derived from investors or clients of the Receivership Entities; (b) are held in constructive trust for the Receivership Entities; (c) were fraudulently transferred by the Receivership Entities; and/or (d) may otherwise be includable as assets of the estates of the Receivership Entities.

The Receivership Entities have consented to the appointment of a receiver, the Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action and personal jurisdiction over the Receivership Entities, and venue properly lies in this District. Therefore, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Motion [DE 60] is **GRANTED** as follows:

1. The Court takes exclusive jurisdiction and possession of the assets, of whatever kind and wherever situated, of the Receivership Entities.
2. Until further Order of this Court, Katherine C. Donlon is appointed to serve without bond as receiver (the “Receiver”) for the estates of the

Receivership Entities and is given authority to retain Nicole D. Newlon of Johnson, Cassidy, Newlon & DeCort, as counsel.

I. Asset Freeze

3. Except as otherwise specified herein, all Receivership Assets are frozen until further order of the Court. Accordingly, all persons and entities with direct or indirect control over any Receivership Assets, other than the Receiver, are hereby restrained and enjoined from directly or indirectly transferring, setting off, receiving, changing, selling, pledging, assigning, liquidating or otherwise disposing of or withdrawing such assets. This freeze shall include, but not be limited to, Receivership Assets in the form of real estate and funds that are on deposit with financial institutions such as banks, brokerage firms, and mutual funds.

II. General Powers and Duties of Receiver

4. The Receiver shall have all powers, authorities, rights and privileges heretofore possessed by the officers, directors, managers, members and general and limited partners of the Receivership Entities under applicable state, federal, or foreign law, by the governing charters, by-laws, articles and/or agreements in addition to all powers and authority of a receiver at equity, and all powers conferred upon a receiver by the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §§ 754, 959 and 1692, and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 66.

5. The trustees, directors, officers, managers, employees, investment advisors, accountants, attorneys, and other agents of the Receivership Entities are hereby dismissed and the powers of any general partners, directors, members and/or managers are hereby suspended. Such persons and entities shall have no authority with respect to the Receivership Entities' operations or assets, except to the extent as may hereafter be expressly granted by the Receiver. The Receiver shall assume and control the operation of the Receivership Entities and shall pursue and preserve all their claims.

6. No person holding or claiming any position of any sort with any of the Receivership Entities shall possess any authority to act by or on behalf of any of the Receivership Entities.

7. Subject to the specific provisions in Sections III through XIV, below, the Receiver has the following general powers and duties:

A. To use reasonable efforts to determine the nature, location and value of all property interests of the Receivership Entities, including, but not limited to, monies, funds, securities, credits, effects, goods, chattels, lands, premises, leases, claims, rights and other assets, together with all rents, profits, dividends, interest or other income attributable thereto, of whatever kind, which the Receivership Entities own, possess, have a beneficial interest in, or control directly or indirectly ("Receivership Property" or, collectively, the "Receivership Estates");

B. To take custody, control and possession of all Receivership Property and records relevant thereto from the Receivership Entities; to sue for and collect, recover, receive and take into possession from third parties all Receivership Property and records relevant thereto;

C. To manage, control, operate and maintain the Receivership Estates and hold in Receiver's possession, custody and control all Receivership Property, pending further Order of the Court;

D. To use Receivership Property for the benefit of the Receivership Estates, making payments and disbursements and incurring expenses as may be necessary or advisable in the ordinary course of business in discharging Receiver's duties;

E. To take any action which, prior to the entry of this Order, could have been taken by the officers, directors, partners, members, managers, trustees and agents of the Receivership Entities;

F. To engage and employ persons in Receiver's discretion to assist Receiver in carrying out Receiver's duties and responsibilities hereunder, including, but not limited to, accountants, attorneys, securities traders, registered representatives, financial or business advisers, liquidating agents, real estate agents, forensic experts, brokers, traders or auctioneers;

G. To take such action as necessary and appropriate for the preservation of Receivership Property or to prevent the dissipation or concealment of Receivership Property;

H. The Receiver is authorized to issue subpoenas for documents and testimony consistent with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure;

I. To bring such legal actions based on law or equity in any state, federal, or foreign court as the Receiver deems necessary or appropriate in discharging Receiver's duties;

J. To pursue, resist and defend all suits, actions, claims and demands which may now be pending or which may be brought by or asserted against the Receivership Estates; and,

K. To take such other action as may be approved by the Court.

III. Access to Information

8. The Receivership Entities and the past and/or present officers, directors, agents, members, managers, general and limited partners, trustees,

attorneys, accountants and employees of the Receivership Entities, as well as those acting in their place, are ordered and directed to preserve and turn over to the Receiver forthwith all paper and electronic information of, and/or relating to, the Receivership Entities and/or all Receivership Property; such information shall include but not be limited to books, records, documents, accounts and all other instruments and papers.

9. The Receivership Entities and the Receivership Entities' past and/or present officers, directors, agents, attorneys, members, managers, shareholders, employees, accountants, debtors, creditors, managers and general and limited partners, and other appropriate persons or entities shall answer under oath to the Receiver all questions which the Receiver may put to them and produce all documents as required by the Receiver regarding the business of the Receivership Entities, or any other matter relevant to the operation or administration of the receivership or the collection of funds due to the Receivership Entities. In the event the Receiver deems it necessary to require the appearance of the aforementioned persons or entities, the Receiver shall make its discovery requests in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

10. The Receiver is authorized to issue subpoenas, to compel testimony of persons or production of records, consistent with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and applicable Local Rules, except for the provisions of Federal Rule of

Civil Procedure 26(d)(1), concerning any subject matter within the powers and duties granted by this Order.

IV. Access to Books, Records and Accounts

11. The Receiver is authorized to take immediate possession of all assets, bank accounts or other financial accounts, books and records and all other documents or instruments relating to the Receivership Entities. All persons and entities having control, custody, or possession of any Receivership Property are hereby directed to turn such property over to the Receiver.

12. The Receivership Entities and the Receivership Entities' past and/or present officers, directors, agents, attorneys, members, managers, shareholders, employees, accountants, debtors, creditors, managers and general and limited partners, and other appropriate persons or entities shall cooperate with and assist the Receiver in the performance of Receiver's duties.

13. The Receivership Entities, as well as their agents, servants, employees, attorneys, any persons acting for or on behalf of the Receivership Entities, and any persons receiving notice of this Order by personal service, facsimile transmission or otherwise, having possession of the property, business, books, records, accounts or assets of the Receivership Entities are directed to deliver the same to the Receiver or the Receiver's agents and/or employees.

14. All banks, brokerage firms, financial institutions, and other persons or entities that have possession, custody or control of any assets or funds held by, in the name of, or for the benefit of, directly or indirectly, the Receivership Entities that receive actual notice of this Order by personal service, email, overnight delivery, mail, facsimile transmission or otherwise shall:

A. Not liquidate, transfer, sell, convey, or otherwise transfer any assets, securities, funds, or accounts in the name of or for the benefit of the Receivership Entities except upon instructions from the Receiver;

B. Not exercise any form of set-off, alleged set-off, lien, or any form of self-help whatsoever, or refuse to transfer any funds or assets to the Receiver's control without the permission of this Court;

C. Within five (5) business days of receipt of that notice, serve on the Receiver and counsel for the Commission a certified statement setting forth, with respect to each such account or other asset, the balance in the account or description of the assets as of the close of business on the date of receipt of the notice; and,

D. Cooperate expeditiously in providing information and transferring funds, assets and accounts to the Receiver or at the direction of the Receiver.

V. Access to Real and Personal Property

15. The Receiver is authorized to take immediate possession of all personal property of the Receivership Entities, wherever located, including, but not limited to, electronically stored information, computers, laptops, hard drives, external storage drives, and any other such memory, media or electronic storage devices, books, papers, data processing records, evidence of indebtedness, bank

records and accounts, savings records and accounts, brokerage records and accounts, certificates of deposit, stocks, bonds, debentures, and other securities and investments, contracts, mortgages, furniture, office supplies and equipment.

16. The Receiver is authorized to take immediate possession of all real property of the Receivership Entities, wherever located, including but not limited to all ownership and leasehold interests and fixtures. Upon receiving actual notice of this Order by personal service, email, overnight delivery, mail, facsimile transmission or otherwise, all persons other than law enforcement officials acting within the course and scope of their official duties, are (without the express written permission of the Receiver) prohibited from: (a) entering such premises; (b) removing anything from such premises; or, (c) destroying, concealing or erasing anything on such premises.

17. In order to execute the express and implied terms of this Order, the Receiver is authorized to change door locks to the premises described above. The Receiver shall have exclusive control of the keys. The Receivership Entities, or any other person acting or purporting to act on their behalf, are ordered not to change the locks in any manner, nor to have duplicate keys made, nor shall they have keys in their possession during the term of the receivership.

18. The Receiver is authorized to open all mail directed to or received by or at the offices or post office boxes of the Receivership Entities, and to inspect all

mail opened prior to the entry of this Order, to determine whether items or information therein fall within the mandates of this Order.

VI. Notice to Third Parties

19. The Receiver shall promptly give notice of Receiver's appointment to all known officers, directors, agents, employees, shareholders, creditors, debtors, members, managers and general and limited partners of the Receivership Entities, as the Receiver deems necessary or advisable to effectuate the operation of the receivership.

20. All persons and entities owing any obligation, debt, or distribution with respect to an ownership interest to any Receivership Entity shall, until further ordered by the Court, pay all such obligations in accordance with the terms thereof to the Receiver and its receipt for such payments shall have the same force and effect as if the Receivership Entity had received such payment.

21. In furtherance of Receiver's responsibilities in this matter, the Receiver is authorized to communicate with, and/or serve this Order upon, any person, entity or government office that he deems appropriate to inform them of the status of this matter and/or the financial condition of the Receivership Estates. All government offices which maintain public files of security interests in real and personal property shall, consistent with such office's applicable procedures, record this Order upon the request of the Receiver or the Commission.

22. The Receiver is authorized to instruct the United States Postmaster to hold and/or reroute mail which is related, directly or indirectly, to the business, operations or activities of any of the Receivership Entities (the "Receiver's Mail"), including all mail addressed to, or for the benefit of, the Receivership Entities. The Postmaster shall not comply with, and shall immediately report to the Receiver, any change of address or other instruction given by anyone other than the Receiver concerning the Receiver's Mail. The Receivership Entities shall not open any of the Receiver's Mail and shall immediately turn over such mail, regardless of when received, to the Receiver. All personal mail of any Receivership Entities, and/or any mail appearing to contain privileged information, and/or any mail not falling within the mandate of the Receiver, shall be released to the named addressee by the Receiver. The foregoing instructions shall apply to any proprietor, whether individual or entity, of any private mailbox, depository, business or service, or mail courier or delivery service, hired, rented or used by the Receivership Entities. The Receivership Entities shall not open a new mailbox or take any steps or make any arrangements to receive mail in contravention of this Order, whether through the U.S. mail, a private mail depository or courier service.

23. Subject to payment for services provided, any entity furnishing water, electric, telephone, sewage, garbage or trash removal services to the Receivership

Entities shall maintain such service and transfer any such accounts to the Receiver unless instructed to the contrary by the Receiver.

VII. Injunction Against Interference with Receiver

24. The Receivership Entities and all persons receiving notice of this Order by personal service, email, overnight delivery, mail, facsimile or otherwise, are hereby restrained and enjoined from directly or indirectly taking any action or causing any action to be taken, without the express written agreement of the Receiver, which would:

A. Interfere with the Receiver's efforts to take control, possession, or management of any Receivership Property; such prohibited actions include but are not limited to, using self-help or executing or issuing or causing the execution or issuance of any court attachment, subpoena, replevin, execution, or other process for the purpose of impounding or taking possession of or interfering with or creating or enforcing a lien upon any Receivership Property;

B. Hinder, obstruct or otherwise interfere with the Receiver in the performance of Receiver's duties; such prohibited actions include but are not limited to, concealing, destroying or altering records or information;

C. Dissipate or otherwise diminish the value of any Receivership Property; such prohibited actions include but are not limited to, releasing claims or disposing, transferring, exchanging, assigning or in any way conveying any Receivership Property, enforcing judgments, assessments or claims against any Receivership Property or any Receivership Entity, attempting to modify, cancel, terminate, call, extinguish, revoke or accelerate (the due date), of any lease, loan, mortgage, indebtedness, security agreement or other agreement executed by any Receivership Entity or which otherwise affects any Receivership Property; or,

D. Interfere with or harass the Receiver or interfere in any manner with the exclusive jurisdiction of this Court over the Receivership Entities.

25. The Receiver shall promptly notify the Court and Commission counsel of any failure or apparent failure of any person or entity to comply in any way with the terms of this Order.

VIII. Stay of Litigation

26. As set forth in detail below, the following proceedings, excluding the instant proceeding and all police or regulatory actions and actions of the Commission related to the above-captioned enforcement action, are stayed until further Order of the Court:

All civil legal proceedings of any nature, including, but not limited to, bankruptcy proceedings, arbitration proceedings, foreclosure actions, default proceedings, or other actions of any nature involving: (a) the Receiver, in Receiver's capacity as Receiver; (b) any Receivership Property, wherever located; (c) any of the Receivership Entities, including subsidiaries and partnerships; or, (d) any of the Receivership Entities' past or present officers, directors, managers, agents, or general or limited partners sued for, or in connection with, any action taken by them while acting in such capacity of any nature, whether as plaintiff, defendant, third-party plaintiff, third-party defendant, or otherwise (such proceedings are hereinafter referred to as "Ancillary Proceedings").

27. The parties to any and all Ancillary Proceedings are enjoined from commencing or continuing any such legal proceeding, or from taking any action, in connection with any such proceeding, including, but not limited to, the issuance or employment of process.

28. All Ancillary Proceedings are stayed in their entirety, and all courts having any jurisdiction thereof are enjoined from taking or permitting any action until further Order of this Court. Further, as to a cause of action accrued or accruing in favor of one or more of the Receivership Entities against a third person or party, any applicable statute of limitation is tolled during the period in which this injunction against commencement of legal proceedings is in effect as to that cause of action.

IX. Managing Assets

29. For each of the Receivership Estates, the Receiver shall establish one or more custodial accounts at a federally insured bank to receive and hold all cash equivalent Receivership Property (the "Receivership Funds").

30. The Receiver's deposit account shall be entitled, together with the name of the action:

- A. Receiver's Account, Estate of Harbor City Capital Corp.
- B. Receiver's Account, Estate of Harbor City Ventures LLC
- C. Receiver's Account, Estate of HCCF-1 LLC
- D. Receiver's Account, Estate of HCCF-2 LLC
- E. Receiver's Account, Estate of HCCF-3 LLC
- F. Receiver's Account, Estate of HCCF-4 LLC
- G. Receiver's Account, Estate of HCCF-5 LLC

H. Receiver's Account, Estate of Harbor City Digital Ventures Inc.

I. Receiver's Account, Estate of HCC Media Funding LLC

J. Receiver's Account, Estate of Celtic Enterprises LLC

31. The Receiver may, without further Order of the Court, transfer, compromise, or otherwise dispose of any Receivership Property, other than real estate, in the ordinary course of business, on terms and in the manner the Receiver deems most beneficial to the Receivership Estate, and with due regard to the realization of the true and proper value of such Receivership Property.

32. Subject to Paragraph 33 immediately below, the Receiver is authorized to locate, list for sale or lease, engage a broker for sale or lease, cause the sale or lease, and take all necessary and reasonable actions to cause the sale or lease of all real property in the Receivership Estates, either at public or private sale, on terms and in the manner the Receiver deems most beneficial to the Receivership Estate, and with due regard to the realization of the true and proper value of such real property.

33. Upon further Order of the Court, pursuant to such procedures as may be required by this Court and additional authority such as 28 U.S.C. §§ 2001 and 2004, the Receiver will be authorized to sell, and transfer clear title to, all real property in the Receivership Estates.

34. The Receiver is authorized to take all actions to manage, maintain, and/or wind-down business operations of the Receivership Estates, including making legally required payments to creditors, employees, and agents of the Receivership Estates and communicating with vendors, investors, governmental and regulatory authorities, and others, as appropriate.

35. The Receiver shall take all necessary steps to enable the Receivership Funds to obtain and maintain the status of a taxable "Settlement Fund," within the meaning of Section 468B of the Internal Revenue Code and of the regulations, when applicable.

36. Upon request by the Receiver, any company providing telephone services to the Corporate Defendants or Relief Defendants shall provide a reference of calls from any number presently assigned to the Defendants and Relief Defendants to any such number designated by the Receiver or perform any other changes necessary to the conduct of the receivership.

37. In the event the Receiver discovers that funds of persons who have invested in HARBOR CITY CAPITAL CORP., HARBOR CITY VENTURES LLC, HCCF-1 LLC, HCCF-2 LLC, HCCF-3 LLC, HCCF-4 LLC, HCCF-5 LLC, HARBOR CITY DIGITAL VENTURES INC., or HCC MEDIA FUNDING LLC, have been transferred to other persons or entities, the Receiver shall apply to this Court for an Order giving the Receiver possession of such funds and, if the Receiver deems it

advisable, extending this receivership over any person or entity holding such investor funds.

X. Investigate and Prosecute Claims

38. Subject to the requirement, in Section VII above, that leave of this Court is required to resume or commence certain litigation, the Receiver is authorized, empowered and directed to investigate, prosecute, defend, intervene in or otherwise participate in, compromise, and/or adjust actions in any state, federal or foreign court or proceeding of any kind as may in Receiver's discretion, and in consultation with Commission counsel, be advisable or proper to recover and/or conserve Receivership Property.

39. Subject to Receiver's obligation to expend receivership funds in a reasonable and cost-effective manner, the Receiver is authorized, empowered and directed to investigate the manner in which the financial and business affairs of the Receivership Entities were conducted and (after obtaining leave of this Court) to institute such actions and legal proceedings, for the benefit and on behalf of the Receivership Estate, as the Receiver deems necessary and appropriate; the Receiver may seek, among other legal and equitable relief, the imposition of constructive trusts, disgorgement of profits, asset turnover, avoidance of fraudulent transfers, rescission and restitution, collection of debts, and such other relief from this Court as may be necessary to enforce this Order. Where

appropriate, the Receiver should provide prior notice to Counsel for the Commission before commencing investigations and/or actions.

40. The Receiver hereby holds, and is therefore empowered to waive, all privileges, including the attorney-client privilege, held by all Receivership Entities.

41. The receiver has a continuing duty to ensure that there are no conflicts of interest between the Receiver, Receiver's Retained Personnel (as that term is defined below), and the Receivership Estate.

XI. Bankruptcy Filing

42. The Receiver may seek authorization of this Court to file voluntary petitions for relief under Title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") for the Receivership Entities. If a Receivership Entity is placed in bankruptcy proceedings, the Receiver may become, and may be empowered to operate each of the Receivership Estates as, a debtor in possession. In such a situation, the Receiver shall have all the powers and duties as provided a debtor in possession under the Bankruptcy Code to the exclusion of any other person or entity. Pursuant to Paragraph 4 above, the Receiver is vested with management authority for all Receivership Entities and may therefore file and manage a Chapter 11 petition.

43. The provisions of Section VIII above bar any person or entity, other than the Receiver, from placing any of the Receivership Entities in bankruptcy proceedings.

XII. Liability of Receiver

44. Until further Order of the Court, the Receiver shall not be required to post bond or give an undertaking of any type in connection with Receiver's fiduciary obligations in this matter.

45. The Receiver and Receiver's agents, acting within scope of such agency ("Retained Personnel"), are entitled to rely on all outstanding rules of law and Orders of the Court and shall not be liable to anyone for their own good faith compliance with any order, rule, law, judgment, or decree. In no event shall the Receiver or Retained Personnel be liable to anyone for their good faith compliance with their duties and responsibilities as Receiver or Retained Personnel, nor shall the Receiver or Retained Personnel be liable to anyone for any actions taken or omitted by them except upon a finding by the Court that they acted or failed to act as a result of malfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence, or in reckless disregard of their duties.

46. The Court shall retain jurisdiction over any action filed against the Receiver or Retained Personnel based upon acts or omissions committed in their representative capacities.

47. In the event the Receiver decides to resign, the Receiver shall first give written notice to the Commission's counsel of record and the Court of its intention, and the resignation shall not be effective until the Court appoints a successor. The Receiver shall then follow such instructions as the Court may provide.

XIII. Recommendations and Reports

48. The Receiver is authorized, empowered, and directed to develop a plan for the fair, reasonable, and efficient recovery and liquidation of all remaining, recovered, and recoverable Receivership Property (the "Liquidation Plan").

49. Within ninety (90) days of the entry date of this Order, the Receiver shall file the Liquidation Plan in the above-captioned action, with service copies to counsel of record.

50. Within thirty (30) days after the end of each calendar quarter, the Receiver shall file and serve a full report and accounting of each Receivership Estate (the "Quarterly Status Report"), reflecting (to the best of the Receiver's knowledge as of the period covered by the report) the existence, value, and location of all Receivership Property, and of the extent of liabilities, both those claimed to exist by others and those the Receiver believes to be legal obligations of the Receivership Estates.

51. The Quarterly Status Report shall contain the following:

- A. A summary of the operations of the Receiver;
- B. The amount of cash on hand, the amount and nature of accrued administrative expenses, and the amount of unencumbered funds in the estate;
- C. A schedule of all the Receiver's receipts and disbursements (attached as Exhibit A to the Quarterly Status Report), with one column for the quarterly period covered and a second column for the entire duration of the receivership;
- D. A description of all known Receivership Property, including approximate or actual valuations, anticipated or proposed dispositions, and reasons for retaining assets where no disposition is intended;
- E. A description of liquidated and unliquidated claims held by the Receivership Estate, including the need for forensic and/or investigatory resources; approximate valuations of claims; and anticipated or proposed methods of enforcing such claims (including likelihood of success in: (i) reducing the claims to judgment; and, (ii) collecting such judgments);
- F. A list of all known creditors with their addresses and the amounts of their claims;
- G. The status of Creditor Claims Proceedings, after such proceedings have been commenced; and,
- H. The Receiver's recommendations for a continuation or discontinuation of the receivership and the reasons for the recommendations.

52. On the request of the Commission, the Receiver shall provide the Commission with any documentation that the Commission deems necessary to meet its reporting requirements, that is mandated by statute or Congress, or that is otherwise necessary to further the Commission's mission.

XIV. Fees, Expenses and Accountings

53. Subject to Paragraphs 54-59 immediately below, the Receiver need not obtain Court approval prior to the disbursement of Receivership Funds for expenses in the ordinary course of the administration and operation of the receivership. Further, prior Court approval is not required for payments of applicable federal, state or local taxes.

54. Subject to Paragraph 55 immediately below, the Receiver is authorized to solicit persons and entities (“Retained Personnel”) to assist Receiver in carrying out the duties and responsibilities described in this Order. Except for counsel retained by the Receiver pursuant to Paragraph 2 of this Order, the Receiver shall not engage any Retained Personnel without first obtaining an Order of the Court authorizing such engagement.

55. The Receiver and Retained Personnel are entitled to reasonable compensation and expense reimbursement from the Receivership Estates as described in the “Billing Instructions for Receivers in Civil Actions Commenced by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission” (the “Billing Instructions”) agreed to by the Receiver. Such compensation shall require the prior approval of the Court.

56. Within forty-five (45) days after the end of each calendar quarter, the Receiver and Retained Personnel shall apply to the Court for compensation and expense reimbursement from the Receivership Estates (the “Quarterly Fee

Applications”). At least thirty (30) days prior to filing each Quarterly Fee Application with the Court, the Receiver will serve upon counsel for the Commission a complete copy of the proposed Application, together with all exhibits and relevant billing information in a format to be provided by Commission staff.

57. All Quarterly Fee Applications will be interim and will be subject to cost benefit and final reviews at the close of the receivership. At the close of the receivership, the Receiver will file a final fee application, describing in detail the costs and benefits associated with all litigation and other actions pursued by the Receiver during the receivership.

58. Quarterly Fee Applications may be subject to a holdback in the amount of 20% of the amount of fees and expenses for each application filed with the Court. The total amounts held back during the receivership will be paid out at the discretion of the Court as part of the final fee application submitted at the close of the receivership. Each Quarterly Fee Application shall:

A. Comply with the terms of the Billing Instructions agreed to by the Receiver; and,

B. Contain representations (in addition to the Certification required by the Billing Instructions) that: (i) the fees and expenses included therein were incurred in the best interests of the Receivership Estate; and, (ii) with the exception of the Billing Instructions, the Receiver has not entered into any agreement, written or oral, express or implied, with any person or entity concerning the amount of compensation

paid or to be paid from the Receivership Estate, or any sharing thereof.

59. At the close of the Receivership, the Receiver shall submit a Final Accounting, in a format to be provided by Commission staff, as well as the Receiver's final application for compensation and expense reimbursement.

DONE AND ORDERED in Orlando, Florida on August __, 2021.

CARLOS E. MENDOZA
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

cc: counsel of record